

## 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Gingerbread House Contest

On Display Tuesday, December 10, through Wednesday, December 18, 2024

### **Entries**

Individual or Groups are eligible to enter this contest! There are no age or group limits. Construct your favorite house, barn, or building out of gingerbread. Entries may be **Original Building Design** (either made from a kit or by scratch) or **Building Replica Design** (either made from a kit or by scratch).

### **Registration Dates**

Register and deliver your Gingerbread House at the Hoard Historical Museum Tuesday, December 3-Saturday, December 7 during Museum Hours from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., or *make arrangements for an alternative time with Museum Staff.*

### **Requirements**

1. All Gingerbread House entries must be in the form of a building. Examples include a house, barn, or business.
2. You may enter one of the four categories: Best Original Building Design by Kit; Best Original Building Design by Scratch; Best Building Replica Design by Kit; and Best Building Replica Design by Scratch. Building Replica Designs are inspired by real buildings, such as your own house, a church in town, or the White House in Washington D.C., as well as fictional buildings such as Winnie the Pooh's treehouse, the castle from "Frozen," or the Emerald City from the "Wizard of Oz." Original Building Designs are not found in real life or in fiction. They are your own unique creation.
3. Must adhere to the "Gingerbread House Specifications" listed below.

### **Gingerbread House Specifications**

1. Gingerbread House kits may be used for Original Building Designs or Replica Building Designs categories.
2. All Gingerbread Houses must be placed on a board base not exceeding 24" by 24". We suggest using 1/2- or 3/4-inch plywood or a large cookie sheet or pans as your base. Cardboard bases will not be accepted. NO EXCEPTIONS.
3. Gingerbread Houses plus base cannot weigh more than 40 pounds.
4. You must fill out the entry form on the second page of the instructions. (*see next page*)
5. *All visible materials must be edible. No artificial materials, such as Styrofoam, plastic, or toys may be used to decorate the house/building, but artificial interior support structures may be used.*
6. No electric lighting may be included in your entry.
7. A list of materials used to create your Gingerbread House must be submitted with your registration. *See attached form.*
8. **All entries must be removed from the museum by Saturday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>, or staff will dispose of them.**

**Fee:** No fee to enter the contest.

### **Judging**

Awards will be announced at the Museum's Holiday Open House on Saturday, December 14.

1. Entries will be judged on the following criteria: Overall Appearance, Difficulty, Creativity & Originality, Technique & Skill.
2. There will also be a "People's Choice" award! Penny voting will occur during regular museum hours from Tuesday, December 10, through Friday, December 13, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and Saturday, December 14, from 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. One cent equals one vote; paper currency also accepted as a vote.
3. Cash prizes and ribbons will be awarded for the first place in each of the four categories—Original Building Design by Kit, Original Building Design by Scratch, Building Replica by Kit, and Building Replica by Scratch. Ribbons and certificates will be awarded to the second, third, and honorable mention categories. Prizes are awarded at the discretion of the judges, who are not museum staff. The Hoard Historical Museum assumes no responsibility for loss or damage to entries.



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9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
*Or make arrangements with Museum Staff*

**Hoard Historical Museum**  
401 Whitewater Avenue  
Fort Atkinson, WI 53538  
920/397-9914  
info@hoardmuseum.org

### Exhibit Open

Tuesday, December 10 - Wednesday, December 18, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

### Awards Ceremony

Saturday, December 14

**Exhibit Closes:** Wednesday, December 18, 4:30 p.m.

**Entry Pick up:** Thursday, December 19, - Friday, December 20, during  
Museum hours (9:30 a.m. -4:30 p.m.) *or make arrangements with Museum Staff.*

Entries left after Saturday, December 21, will be disposed of by staff.

**Entry Instructions:** Fill out both blanks for your entry. *Entry form "A" will be attached to front right of the base when displayed.*

#### 2024 Gingerbread House Contest – Entry For Museum Records

Please Print

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Builders: (list all) \_\_\_\_\_

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Materials form submitted:  yes  no

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Original Design—Kit  Building Replica—Kit

Original Design—Scratch  Building Replica - Scratch

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#### A 2024 Gingerbread House Contest – Entry

Please Print

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Builders: (list all) \_\_\_\_\_

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Materials form submitted:  yes  no

Original Design—Kit  Building Replica—Kit

Original Design—Scratch  Building Replica - Scratch

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