

Gingerbread House Exhibit

Benefiting
The Museum of the Southwest
Christmas at the Mansion 2008

Entry Agreement

Please complete and return this form to the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri, Midland, TX 79701, no later than **Wednesday, November 12th, 2008.**

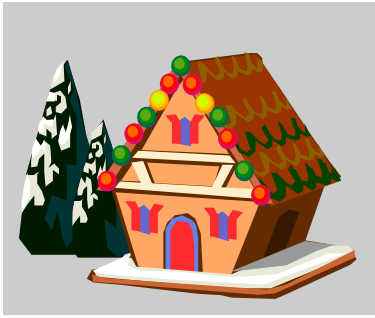
1. Participant: _____
2. Organization/Representative _____
3. Address, City & Zip: _____
4. Phone: _____ (home) _____
5. (email address) _____
6. Division: ___ Adult (ages 18 and up)
 ___ Teen (11-17) ___ Child (10 and under)
7. ***Gingerbread House Exhibit:*** I (we) agree to provide to the Museum of the Southwest a decorated Gingerbread house to be displayed November 18th through December 21st, at the Museum of the Southwest.

I (we) understand that the house must conform to the specifications provided by the Gingerbread House Committee (see exhibit rules) and must be delivered by the participant to Christmas at the Mansion at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri, Midland, TX between **10:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 18th.**

Gingerbread Houses : Owner/creator assumes full liability of the creation while on display.

Participant's Signature _____ date _____

If you have any questions, please contact Anne Gee, Gingerbread House Exhibit Chairman at 218-6370
Or Jean Hoelscher, Marketing Director, at 683-2882.



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ENTRY CATEGORIES

Exhibit Only – Gingerbread houses will be displayed in the Hogan Gallery.

DIVISIONS:

Adult – 18 and over

Teen – 11 to 17 years (can be made from gingerbread or graham crackers)

Children – 10 and under (can be made from gingerbread or graham crackers)

AWARDS: Every entrant will receive a participation certificate.

Exhibit Rules

1. The gingerbread house must be built only of edible materials, no fake trees, benches, animals etc to decorate the lawns or display base - lights ARE acceptable.
2. Gingerbread houses are defined as a structure with walls (not necessarily 4) and a roof, (i.e. building, church, barn, manger scene, adobe dwelling, birdhouse, etc.)
3. The gingerbread house must be on a hard, unbending surface and the base or total display should be no larger than 20 x 20 or 18 x 24.
4. The gingerbread house must have gingerbread incorporated into the design.
5. Deadline for registration is 5:00 p.m. Wednesday November 12th.
6. Houses must be delivered to the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri, Midland between 11:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday November 18th.
7. The owner, creator of each gingerbread house assumes full liability of the creation while on display.
8. Gingerbread houses may be picked up by the owner on or after Monday December 22st and Tuesday December 23rd between the hours of 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Fun Ideas and Suggestions

Suggestions:

- To create a successful Gingerbread House: follow the rules as best you can so that it has good architectural integrity, curb appeal, imaginative use of candy, originality, creativity and overall appearance.
- A sturdy, well-decorated base accentuates your house! Example: Gingerbread Barn – Spotted cow fabric was bunched up around base to add character to appearance. Adding colorful fabric, ribbon, cording, rick-rack and greenery to the base edging is acceptable.

Ingredient Ideas:

- Firewood – tootsie rolls, pretzels
- Sled – graham crackers with candy canes
- Fences – pretzels (heart-shaped or straight), tootsie rolls, rock candy, caramels
- Rope – string licorice
- Trees – iced, upside-down sugar cones. For height, add a breadstick underneath
- Fireplace – caramels, red hots pressed on iced gingerbread, rock candy, hot tamales, jelly beans, peanut log candy, licorice
- Shutters – crackers, cookies (split cookies, use un-filled side), fruit striped gum, sugar wafers
- Sidewalk/patio – Necco wafer candy (whole or broken), Smarties, taffy, peppermints, starburst, small rock candy, crackers, cookies
- Lamppost – press candy into gumdrop base-press gumdrop on top of candy cane for lamp. (gum-drop base holds well in icing on base)
- Shingles – stick gum, thin crackers, cookies (thin layer), M&Ms, red hots, bread sticks, vanilla wafers, Chicklet gum, pretzel, shredded wheat, coconut
- Holiday treatments – life saver wreaths shaped candy canes, silver dragee for door knobs, holiday sprinkles or wreaths
- Cat tails – hard spaghetti, soften tootsie rolls on end of the spaghetti, or dip end of spaghetti into brown icing