

INFORMATION & RULES

The New Bern Historical Society invites individuals or groups to enter the Gingerbread House Contest! This year we have a theme and special prize for the entry that best reflects the theme: Historic New Bern Christmas. Or use your imagination in gingerbread and build anything from a simple cottage to an elaborate historic reproduction. All houses will be displayed downtown in select merchant windows during Beary Merry Christmas. Prizes will be awarded.

Review the contest details and submit your completed entry form and fee to the Historical Society office, 511 Broad St. New Bern NC, 28560 by **November 5, 2018**. Entry forms are available at www.NewBernHistorical.org or at the Historical Society Office. Follow our Facebook Group, Gingerbread New Bern.



Categories and Entry Fee

- ◆ Youth up to age 14 – fee \$5.00 (groups may work together with adult supervision)
- ◆ Adults age 15 and up – fee \$15.00
- ◆ Business/Professionals – fee \$15.00 For example: bakers, chefs, caterers, engineers, artists or super-experienced builders.

House Rules

- ◆ Houses should be on a sturdy base of plywood (or similar) or multi-layered cardboard base up to 18” square. Base edges can be decorated in non-edible materials.
- ◆ All materials used in actual house and the presentation area (top surface of the base) must be edible. However, battery operated light kits are encouraged.
- ◆ Use of a fixative spray allowed.
- ◆ Use of a commercial kit allowed only in Youth category.
- ◆ Entries may be created by individuals or groups. In Youth category there may be adult supervision.

Delivery/Pickup

- ◆ All Houses must be delivered to display locations on **Friday, November 16, Saturday November 17, or Sunday, November 18**. You will be notified of specific time and location.
- ◆ Pickup must be no later than 4pm Tuesday, **December 18, 2018**. Houses not picked up will be donated or discarded. (Just a few of the merchants have asked to have the houses stay until Jan 2. If that is possible, let us know on the Entry Form.)

Judging and Prizes

- ◆ Criteria for prizes: *Originality and Creativity, Overall Appearance and Appeal, Effective use of materials, Neatness and Use of Detail.*
- ◆ First 50 entries will receive a hand-crafted pottery ornament.
- ◆ Youth - First Prize \$100, Runner-up special gift cards from select merchants.
- ◆ Adults - First Prize \$200.00, Runner-up special gift cards from select merchants.
- ◆ Business/Professional - First Prize \$200.00, Runner-up special gift cards from select merchants.
- ◆ Best Reflection of Theme - The Nancy Chiles Heritage Award, \$250.
- ◆ People’s Choice Award - All entries are eligible. Winner is the one with the most votes! Basket of prizes.
- ◆ Judging will be “blind” as entries will be identified only by number until after judging is complete.
- ◆ Winners announced and awards presented at the New Bern Christmas Tree Lighting on **November 24th**.