

INFORMATION & RULES

The New Bern Historical Society invites you to enter the Gingerbread House Contest!

*Again this year we have a theme and special prize for the entry that best reflects the theme:
Historic New Bern Christmas.*

You do not have to build to the theme. Use your imagination and build any type of gingerbread house that complies with the house rules. All houses will be displayed downtown in select merchant windows during Beary Merry Christmas.

Review the contest details and submit your completed entry form and fee by **November 11, 2019** to the Historical Society office, 511 Broad Street, New Bern NC, 28560 or by email to adminoffice@newbernhistorical.org.

Entry forms are available at www.GingerbreadNewBern.com 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
- ◆ Family – a combination of youth and adults over 15. Adults may assist in building. Enter as a group -- 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 is 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, but not assistance. In the *Family category*, *adults may assist*.





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Delivery

- ◆ All Houses must be delivered to display locations on **Friday, November 22, Saturday November 23.** You will be notified of specific time and location.

Pickup

- ◆ Pickup dates are December 20 & 21. Pickup must be no later than 4pm Saturday **December 21, 2019.** Houses not picked up will be donated or discarded. (A few downtown 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. Reflection of Historic Theme will be judged apart from the general criteria..*
- ◆ Judging on November 26 by panel of outside judges using blind judging (entries identified only by number until after judging is complete).
- ◆ First 50 entries will receive a hand-crafted pottery ornament.
- ◆ Prizes:
 - ◇ Youth - First Prize \$100, Runner-up special gift cards from select merchants.
 - ◇ Adults - First Prize \$150, Runner-up special gift cards from select merchants.
 - ◇ Family - First Prize \$150, Runner-up special gift cards from select merchants.
 - ◇ Business/Professional - First Prize \$150.00, Runner-up special gift cards from select merchants.
 - ◇ Best Reflection of Theme - The Nancy Chiles Heritage Award, \$200.
- ◆ People's Choice Award - All entries are eligible. Judging is by popular vote, in person and on Facebook. Winner is the one with the most votes! Basket of prizes.