

CHRISTMASTOWN, USA

2023 GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST

We are pleased to announce the 3rd Annual Christmastown USA Gingerbread exhibit and competition.

Businesses, organizations, families, teams, individuals, and kids are invited to submit imaginative gingerbread houses

and displays. Any structure is eligible, display in the design based on Shelton Christmastown or

KEY DATES

NOV 27 - DEC 1 Deliver entries to Shelton Chamber office, 215 W Railroad Ave, Shelton

DEC 1 - DEC 21 Entries on display in Shelton windows, must pick up before 5 PM on DEC 21.

Structures left after this date may be chicken food unless prior arrangements have been made.



CONTEST GUIDELINES

Entries are encouraged to fit into the following thematic areas: 1) a design based on Christmastown USA, or 2) a traditional holiday design. The entry does not necessarily have to be in the shape of a "house." Scenes or other types of structures are allowed.

The entry's major components (such as sides, roofs, etc.) to be constructed of gingerbread. The rest of the display can be decorated with any edible material. All visible components of the display must be edible. For example, plastic wrapped candies must be unwrapped; paper or plastic stems of lollipops should be removed or concealed; tin foil bases should be entirely covered with edible materials, etc. Any internal structural support for large gingerbread houses does not have to be edible as long as it is not visible from any angle. The entry must be delivered in completed form attached to a sturdy base (plywood recommended) enabling it to be freestanding. Bases should be concealed with an edible product except for side edges, which can be trimmed with ribbon or other material. Write your name, address, and name of your structure on the underside of your base.

All completed gingerbread structures must be delivered to 215 W Railroad Ave, Shelton, during business hours and should remain on display through DEC 21. The organizers reserve the right to not display an entry considered to be inappropriate or not show quality. The location of gingerbread displays in the will be determined by event volunteers. The event cannot be held responsible for any damages incurred to the displays, but volunteers will take extra precautions to help ensure the safety of each entry. Entries not picked up by 5 PM on DEC 21 may be discarded.

Entries will be judged based on the following criteria: Overall Appearance, Originality and Creativity, Difficulty and Precision, Use of Materials; and People's Choice. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd cash prizes will be awarded in each age category with one overall best of show award.

The event reserves the right to use any photographs of the gingerbread houses for publicity purposes without compensation.

Check ONE of the following categories:

- Youth (under 16) _____ age
- Family (two or more family members)
- Adult Individual
- Business/Non-Profit or Build Team
- Professional Baker/Caterer/ Restaurant

Baker/Creator Name(s): _____

Contact Person Name (for group entries or guardians of minor children offering permission to enter):

Phone:* _____ Email:* _____

Mailing Address:* _____

Name of Gingerbread Structure:* _____

I have read and agree to follow the RULES for this contest. Initial _____