



Gingerbread Contest Rules & Guidelines ~ 2025

Dec 6-Jan 3...GINGERBREAD CONTEST - Theme: "heART-ful" (Entries due to Chaffee Dec 3 & 4)

The Chaffee Art Center is excited to announce the dates for the 2025 Gingerbread Contest! Interested bakers, schools, organizations, businesses, families, individuals, and young people are invited to submit their imaginative gingerbread creations. Entries should pre-register.

All entries must be delivered to the Chaffee Art Center on either Wednesday, December 3rd (3pm to 5pm) OR Thursday, December 4th (10am to Noon)...or by appointment. The gingerbread creations will be on display in our historic 1890's mansion from the Gingerbread Showcase Reception on December 6th from Noon to 2pm until January 3rd. *Theme: "heART-ful"*. Awards in a variety of categories for People's Choice!

Complete details and entry form can be found at www.chaffeeartcenter.org, 802-775-0356. *Happy Baking!*

Rules/Guidelines:

- FREE Entry. Registration is not required... but is appreciated.
- Must be made from Gingerbread. NO KITS PERMITTED. Designs may be 2D or 3D.
- Open to all ages, individuals, and groups.
- Awards will be announced in a variety of categories for People's Choice.
- Entries major components must be made of gingerbread. The rest of the display can be constructed and decorated with edible material.
- Internal structural support for large gingerbread entries do not have to be edible as long as it is not visible from any angle. Only 5% of entry can be NOT edible.
- Royal icing strongly recommended. Please remember when choosing your edible materials, that the creations will be on display at room temperature for weeks.
- All structures should be attached to a sturdy base (plywood) enabling it to be free standing. No larger than 14"x14". NOTE: We will be picking up and moving them, sturdy and not extremely heavy is appreciated.
- All entries must be delivered on either **Wednesday, December 3rd (3pm to 5pm) or Thursday, December 4th (10am to Noon)**...Please attach a copy of the entry form to your structure.
- Delivery location is the Chaffee Art Center at 16 South Main Street in Rutland, Vermont.
- All gingerbread creations will be on display from the Gingerbread Showcase Reception on December 6th from Noon to 2pm, until January 3rd.
- Entries can be picked up on Saturday, January 3rd from 11am to 2pm (or by appointment). Entries not picked up by **2pm on 1/3/25** will become the property of the Chaffee Art Center.
- The Chaffee Art Center reserves the right to not display an entry considered to be inappropriate or not showing quality, and to take out a display that is showing signs of deterioration.
- The Chaffee Art Center and staff/volunteers cannot be held responsible for any damages incurred to the displays while on the Chaffee Art Center's property.

Royal Icing Recipe

Makes about 2-1/2 cups

Mix Together:

- 1 lb. powdered sugar
- 3 tbsp. meringue powder
- 1/2 tsp. cream of tartar

Add

- 3-1/2 oz. of water (slightly less than 1/2 cup)

Beat until icing forms stiff peaks & will hold a sharp line when knife is drawn through. Keep covered with a damp cloth to keep icing from drying out.

Work with a small amount of icing at a time. Store unused icing in a tightly closed container.

*Note: Meringue powder can be found at cake decorating or craft stores. Do not use icing recipes containing egg, butter or milk.

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Gingerbread Contest Entry Form

2025 Theme: heART-ful

FREE Entry

Entrant's name: _____

Bakery/School/Organization: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Entry Division for People's Choice Awards (check one)

☐ Professional: Bakeries, Caterers, Professional Bakers

☐ Business: Employees participate together

☐ Family, School and Group: Families and groups participating with children

☐ Adult: ages 18 and up

☐ Teen: ages 13 to 17

☐ Youth: ages 7-12

☐ Child: ages 6 and under

Title/name of display: _____

Description of display (use back if needed):

Electricity needed for display: YES / NO

Do you plan to pick up display on January 3: ☐ YES ☐ NO/dispose or auction the display

NOTE: We may have an auction fundraiser of the Gingerbread Entries that are not being picked up. We will know after we receive all entry forms. All proceeds will go to the Chaffee Art Center.

By signing this form, I agree to abide by all rules set forth in the Rules and Guidelines, and to deliver my gingerbread house display to the Chaffee Art Center on **Wednesday, December 3rd (3pm to 5pm) or Thursday, December 4th (10am to Noon)...**And to pick it up by 2pm on January 3rd or it will be donated to Chaffee Art Center.

Signature of entrant: _____ Date: _____ Delivered: _____

Teen, Youth and Child Divisions:

Signature of parent/guardian: _____ Date: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____