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# *Call for Entries!*

27<sup>th</sup> Annual Gingerbread House Contest

December 1-23, 2017

at Discover Portsmouth

*Vintage Christmas in Portsmouth* Kickoff

**Friday, December 1, 2017, 5-8pm**

*Portsmouth, New Hampshire*...Portsmouth Historical Society has issued a Call for Entries for the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Gingerbread House Contest, a feature of *Vintage Christmas in Portsmouth*, the city-wide, month-long celebration anchored by The Music Hall and Strawberry Banke Museum ([www.vintagechristmasnh.org](http://www.vintagechristmasnh.org)).

Portsmouth Historical Society celebrates *Vintage Christmas in Portsmouth* with the kickoff party Friday December 1, 2017 5-8pm when visitors will have the first look at the popular 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Gingerbread House Contest exhibit running until Friday December 23 at Discover Portsmouth at 10 Middle Street. Created by local businesses, artists, families and kids, the gingerbread houses will be nestled into a winter wonderland in the first floor gallery surrounded by large format photographs: David J. Murray's images of *Vintage Christmas in Portsmouth* and photographs of trains in New Hampshire winters by Andy Dolph. The exhibition is free and open to the public and can be seen every day through December 23 from 9:30am – 5pm with extended hours on Friday December 1 and Saturday December 2 until 8pm. We'll announce our jurors' selections at the December 1 Kickoff Party; the public can continue to vote throughout the month. On Monday, December 18 the **People's Choice Award** will be announced at noon via FaceBook Live. Come see these magical creations and find holiday gifts in the Museum Shop! According to Robin Albert, Welcome Center Coordinator, who is overseeing the exhibit, "We are gearing up for what has become a wonderful tradition. Both past participants and newcomers are encouraged to enter, so get your family and friends and co-workers together and craft your own beautiful creation!"

**To register and view rules**, visit <http://portsmouthhistory.org/gingerbread-hous...call-for-entries/>

**OR: Registration:**

- To register, visit [www.portsmouthhistory.org](http://www.portsmouthhistory.org)
- Entries must be registered **no later** than Saturday, November 18, 2017.

**Rules:**

- Entries must be built on a sturdy base **no larger than 15” x 15”**.  
*Entries larger than 15” x 15” will **not** be accepted this year due to space constraints.*
  - Please be sure base is durable and can be moved (Gingerbread House Contest Volunteers need to be able to move and position entries one or more times before the start of the exhibit).
- Entries must be delivered to Discover Portsmouth between Sunday, November 19 and Sunday, November 26, between 10 am and 4 pm (Discover Portsmouth is closed Thanksgiving Day).
- Entries must be made entirely of edible materials. Pre-made, edible gingerbread houses/kits are allowed.
- Electric plug-in lighting may be used. Battery operated lighting is not allowed, as the batteries run out.
- Entrants must name their entry prior to arrival.
- Entrants must specify whether they are entering as an adult, family, youth or youth group under 18, or a business/nonprofit.
- By entering the contest, entrants authorize the Portsmouth Historical Society to use images of you and your completed work in promotional materials.

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**Portsmouth Historical Society**, founded in 1917, is a tax-exempt 501©3 nonprofit devoted to championing the history, arts, and culture of the Portsmouth region through acquisitions, preservation, museum exhibitions, programs, and publications. It operates two facilities, the John Paul Jones House and Garden and Discover Portsmouth. **Discover Portsmouth** is a cultural gateway that houses a welcome center for residents and visitors interested in the city’s history, arts and culture; a museum of exhibitions and programs (on site and in elementary schools) devoted to Portsmouth history; a museum shop of unique Portsmouth gifts and books, including those offered by its in-house publishing division, and Historic Tours. A gathering place for Portsmouth nonprofits, it is a popular location for event rentals. Discover Portsmouth, located at 10 Middle Street, Portsmouth, NH is open April – December daily from 9:30-5pm, and remains open until 8pm for Art Round Town, the first Friday of each month. For further information please call 603-436-8433 or visit PortsmouthHistory.org.