



## COMMUNITY DIVISION Entry Rules and Information

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### 29<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST & EXHIBITION ~ December 6 – December 22, 2019 “Building Community”

Portsmouth Historical Society announces another year of a sweet local tradition. Homemade gingerbread creations will be on display daily for the public throughout December at Discover Portsmouth. Gather your family, friends, and/or co-workers together and craft your own beautiful creation!

The main exhibition will open Friday, Dec. 6 from 9:30 am-8 pm, and run through December 22, from 9:30-5 pm daily. Some specially selected entries will be offered in a raffle. The Professional Division will open Friday, November 29, 2019.

#### Registration:

- To register, visit [www.portsmouthhistory.org](http://www.portsmouthhistory.org)
- Entries must be registered **no later** than **Saturday, November 25, 2019**.

#### 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 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 multiple times before the start of the exhibit).
- Entries must be delivered to Discover Portsmouth between *Sunday, December 1 and Tuesday, December 3, between 10 am and 4 pm.*
- Entries must be made entirely of edible materials, including what “glues” pieces together.
- 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 will be asked to name their entry upon delivery.
- Entrants must choose one entry category:
  - Adult – 19 and older
  - Teen – 14-18
  - Youth – 13 and younger
  - Multi Generation – Adults working with 18 & younger
  - Business/Nonprofit – Adults entering on behalf of their company
- By entering the contest, entrants authorize Portsmouth Historical Society to use their images and images of completed work in promotional materials.

#### Awards:

- A panel of community volunteer judges will select a winning entry in each category.
  - The judges’ awards will be presented at the opening reception held at Discover Portsmouth on **Friday, December 6 from 5-8 pm, with the award announcement at approximately 6 pm.**
- Visitors to the exhibit will vote for the People’s Choice Awards in four categories: “Best in Show,” “Most Creative Building Materials,” “Most Attention to Detail,” and “Most Whimsical.”
- ❖ Be creative! Browse in the grocery store or candy shop for sweet inspiration. Look for unusual colors and shapes of candy, and don’t rule out other foods such as cereals, mints, dried fruits, and cookies.

**Entries & raffle winners must be picked up between 9:30 am - 4:00pm on Monday, December 23 or between 9:30 am - noon on Tuesday, December 24. Any houses unclaimed after December 24<sup>th</sup> will be discarded.**

*Good Luck and*