



Dear Local Food Artists & Talented Bakers,

You are invited to participate in Monroe Area Council for the Arts' (MACA) upcoming 2018 Christmas Magic (December 15th) at the Hiwassee College. Christmas Magic is an annual holiday event to benefit MACA. This year we celebrate our 2nd show. Visitors will find beautiful holiday decorations, children's activities, and of course, entertainment for the whole family.

We would welcome your contributions to our Gingerbread Village exhibit. This unique village features gingerbread houses deliciously constructed and decorated by people just like you! The Hiwassee College Butcher Auditorium will be transformed into a winter wonderland with this year's theme of Christmas Nativity, which you may use for inspiration or choose another theme of your very own.

The judging categories of gingerbread houses will be large, medium, small, and mini. The Guidelines sheet contains all pertinent information for our prospective Gingerbread Village designers as well as an entry form for you to complete and return. Be sure to leave a blank space approximately 3" x 3" square on the right front corner of your base when you bring your creations for an identifying label to be placed. Your entries should be brought to the Hiwassee College Butcher Auditorium on the Friday prior to the show (December 14th) no sooner than 1p.m. more details to follow. We do not send confirmation letters for your entry. If you wish to confirm your entry has been received, you may contact us by the email or number below. An instruction letter with all remaining details including delivery instructions will be sent the first week in December to all who have submitted entry forms.

Your prompt reply is necessary in order to ensure your participation. Deadline for entries is November 30. Due to space limitations at the village, we will have to enforce limits on the number of houses we can accept and ask that you do not exceed the number of houses you indicate on your entry form. We look forward to receiving your entry and hope you can be a part of Gingerbread Village this year.

Thank you!

Laura Mason - Gingerbread Village



Guidelines & Additional Information for Gingerbread Village Entries

The deadline for all Gingerbread Village Entry Forms is December 14th.

Sizes for Gingerbread Houses

Design and donate one or more gingerbread houses in the following categories:

Large 24" x 24" base

Medium 18" X 18" base Small

12" X 12" base Mini 10" x 10" base

Guidelines for Gingerbread Houses

- Structures may be gingerbread houses, castles, trains or other creations
- Creativity is encouraged to make your house(s) as fanciful as possible. Carry a theme from the house to the landscaping around the house. Unusual application of food items is encouraged.
- House(s) must be full structure, constructed on a firm base of plywood or other solid material to stabilize the house for delivery (base sizes are listed in the categories above). Construction of the house should be as secure as possible to ensure that the house will not fall apart during the exhibit.
- House(s) should be made of non-perishable gingerbread, cookies and/or other cracker-type materials, with icing, candy pretzels and other foodstuffs appropriate to creative gingerbread houses.
- Glue should not be used as a material; only royal icing is recommended for strength and durability. Regular icing is not stable and may spoil and/or cause the house to fall apart. Egg whites work better than meringue powder in the royal icing.
- The base must be covered with foil and fully decorated with icing and other foodstuffs appropriate to scenery around the house.

Hazardous materials are strictly forbidden!



Gingerbread Village Entry Form

Name of Business/Individual: _____

Contact Person: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City _____

State: _____

ZIP: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

1. I wish to enter to MACA's Christmas Magic Gingerbread Competition the following:

Size: Please circle Large (24" x 24")

House

Medium (18" X 18") House

Small (12" X 12") House

Mini (10" X 10") House

Number: _____

2. Please print name AS IT IS TO APPEAR ON SIGN: Competing Designer Baker:

I understand that all Gingerbread Village competitors receive the following:

A. Acknowledgement as a contributor to MACA's Christmas Magic. B. Complimentary ticket to MACA's Christmas Magic. (picked up at delivery to Hiwassee Butcher Auditorium).

Signed: _____

(Competitor)

(Date): _____

Mail to: Christmas Magic-Gingerbread Village, c/o Monroe Area Council for the Arts, P.O. Box 491, Madisonville, TN 37354

Or you can email your entry form to: maca491@gmail.com

You can also drop off your entry form at our office located at 520 Cook Street, Madisonville, TN

CANCELLATION POLICY

MACA understands that situations may cause competitors to withdraw from the competition. In the event you are no longer able to compete, please inform MACA by email at maca491@gmail.com as soon as possible.

ENTRY CATEGORIES

The following categories are open for entry into the 2018 MACA Christmas Magic Gingerbread House Competition:

- Adult Category - Individuals 18 years of age and older entering as a single entrant.
- Teen Category - Individuals between 13 and 17 years of age entering as a single entrant. • Youth Category - Individuals between 9 and 12 years of age entering as a single entrant.
- Child Category - Individuals between 5 and 8 years of age entering as a single entrant.

DESIGN

Although MACA's holiday competition is titled Gingerbread House Competition; entries are not limited to the structure of a house. Competitors are welcome and encouraged to uniquely design their entry for the 2018 competition, as long as the entry is in keeping with the competition rules and procedures and the five judging criteria.

JUDGING AND CRITERIA

Judging will be held on Saturday, December 15, 2018 with an Awards Ceremony held at approximately 5:30pm.

Entries will be judged on 1) Overall Appearance, 2) Originality & Creativity, 3) Difficulty, 4) Precision and 5) Consistency of Theme: Christmas Nativity.

Adult category only: Decorative elements that are handmade will carry more weight than similar prefabricated items.

All rulings by the judges are independent and final. They are in no way influenced by MACA staff or affiliates. In the event of a tie, the competition Call Judge will be asked to break the tie.

PLACING AND PRIZES

MACA will award the title of **Grand Prize** trophy to one entry from the Adult. One ribbon per entry will be awarded to each top winner of the Teen, Youth and Child categories.

People's Choice trophy award for the competitor who received the most votes by visitors to the MACA Christmas Magic between the hours of 9 am – 4 pm on December 15, 2018.