



Heritage Square 15th Annual Gingerbread House Contest

How much icing would it take to build the White House, or the Eiffel Tower? This is your chance to showcase your skills in the sweet art of gingerbread architecture! Whether you're a child, adult, part of a group, or representing an organization, the Friends of Heritage Square invite you to create your very own edible masterpiece. Let your imagination run wild as you transform gingerbread, icing, and other edible delights into a dazzling display of creativity.

Official Rules & Guidelines

1. Who Can Enter:

This contest is open to individuals (children or adults), businesses, organizations, and professionals.

2. Delivery Dates & Locations:

Deliver your gingerbread creation to **Heritage Square Hall (731 South A Street, Oxnard)** on **Saturday, December 7, between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.** alternatively, you can drop off your entry at **230 West Seventh Street, Suite F** (Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) before **December 10**.

- Creations will be displayed at Heritage Square Hall through **January 11, 2025**, unless requested for early return.

3. Entry Information:

Include the title of your creation, along with your name and contact information, clearly labeled on the back of your entry.

4. Construction Requirements:

- Your creation must consist of **at least 75% edible materials**, such as gingerbread, icing, and other food items.
- To ensure stability and longevity, **do not use hot glue or non-edible adhesives**.

5. Base Size:

All entries must be mounted on a sturdy base of cardboard or plywood no larger than **24" x 24"**. For smaller entries, use a base appropriate to the size of your structure.

6. Maintenance:

We reserve the right to remove any entry that begins to show significant signs of disrepair during the exhibit period.

7. Judging Criteria:

Creations will be judged based on:

- **Overall Appearance**
- **Detail of Décor**
- **Structural Design**
- **Creativity**

Judging decisions are final. The public will also have the chance to vote for the **People's Choice Award!**

8. Publicity & Promotion:

By entering the contest, participants agree that their name, photograph, and photos of their creation may be used for promotional purposes without additional compensation.

We can't wait to see what you create! Bring your imagination, your sweet tooth, and your competitive spirit to this cherished holiday tradition. Will your gingerbread masterpiece take home the prize? There's only one way to find out—enter today!