

# NORTHPORT GINGERBREAD HOUSE COMPETITION 2023

## COMPETITION GUIDELINES

### Entry Criteria

**Participation:** There is no age requirement for participation. Entries may be completed by an individual, a team, or a business, all entries should identify participants. Advertising and marketing on tables is permitted as long as it fits within your assigned display area (maximum of 48 inches wide and 36 inches deep).

**Judging:** We will be asking the public to judge on the following five criteria:

1) Overall Appearance, 2) Originality and Creativity, 3) Difficulty, 4) Precision, and 5) Consistency of Theme. Overall Awards will be awarded in the following order, based on the total number of votes:

1) Best in Show, 2) 2nd Place Overall, 3) 3rd Place Overall

Specialty Awards will be awarded in the following categories, based on the total number of votes:

4) Most Festive, 5) Most Innovative, 6) Most Unique Ingredient, 7) Best Pop Culture Theme, 8) Best Literary Theme

Competitors may receive awards in both the Overall Award categories, and the Specialty Award categories. Competitors may be awarded more than one award in the Specialty Awards.

There is no overall theme for the Competition. Although Northport's holiday competition is titled "Northport 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 2023 Competition.

**Size Limitations:** Entry **must be** placed on a board base. Entries combined with a base must not be larger than 36 inches high, 48 inches wide, and 36 inches deep (so it may be placed on a standard buffet table). 1/2" or 3/4" plywood as a base for your entry is recommended. Use of pegs/risers/feet on the bottom of the base is preferred but not required (it makes moving them on the covered tables easier). Weight is not to exceed 50 pounds.

### Materials and Construction - please read carefully.

1. Everything above the base of your entry must be completely covered with edible materials. Competitors are permitted to use machine designed, 3D printed, and laser cut components, as long as they are covered in edible materials, or made of edible materials.
2. Use of graham crackers for structure is allowed.
3. Pre-made, pre-packaged gingerbread kits are prohibited.
4. Edible materials are not limited to candies and icings. Use of gum paste, fondant, pastillage, chocolate, modeling chocolate, royal icing, isomalt, cast sugar, gelatin, and pressed sugar is encouraged. Use of "Disco Dust", "Rainbow Dust", or "Hologram Powder" is permitted.
5. Non-edible materials such as paint and/or ribbon are approved and encouraged to decorate the outer edge of your plywood base only.
6. Due to potential fire hazards, incorporating electronics or electricity is prohibited.

### Terms and Conditions

To be eligible for the competition you understand that you must agree to the following:

1. You must register online at [www.NorthportNutcrackers.com/gingerbread](http://www.NorthportNutcrackers.com/gingerbread), by email

Laura@LordandLadyConstruction.com, or drop-off to Laura at Around the Corner Food and Fun no later than Wednesday, November 22, 2023 and you must submit a signed copy of the Competition Guidelines.

2. You must deliver and assemble your completed entry to the Northport Creek Golf Course Clubhouse by Saturday, November 25, 2023 at 9am. Set-up and any final assembling may begin on Wednesday, November 22, 2023 from 9-12pm. Set-up and any final assembly may continue on Friday, November 24, 2023 from 10-5pm and Saturday, November 25, 2023 from 8am-10am.
3. You acknowledge that your entry will remain on display during the holiday season through December 30, 2023. Your entry may not be picked up prior to December 29, 2023.
4. Awards will be distributed to winners after the event.
5. Competitors that wish to collect their entry after the competition viewing ends, must pick up their entry December 30 between the hours of 10am-1pm (or coordinate times outside this window prior to these dates). Entries remaining after this time will be discarded beginning at 1pm on Friday, December 30, 2023. Additional pickup dates and times may be offered pending inclement weather in the Leelanau area.
6. By entering, you grant permission to the Northport Tree Lighting Committee to print or otherwise duplicate the picture or likeness of your entry and/or yourself with your entry for either internal or external release, this includes print, video, social media, online publications, and television. By participating, each Competitor agrees to be bound by all Guidelines herein. The Tree Lighting Committee reserves the right to refuse entries that are deemed inappropriate for display, to disqualify any Competitor who fails to follow the Guidelines.

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Competitor Name(s) - *please print*

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Competitor Signature(s)

Date