

CLEVELAND BOTANICAL GARDEN

Holiday Show Gingerbread House

Entry Form



JOIN IN THE FUN!

The Cleveland Botanical Garden's Holiday Show will showcase the same seasonal decorations that residents of Northeast Ohio have come to love year after year. The focus of this year's show is about the warm hearth of the home and how we use plants to celebrate this magical time of the year.

We will again have 2 different sessions of gingerbread house displays. When signing up for a spot you will be asked to whether you would like to show your house during Session 1 or Session 2 of the exhibit. Dates and details are below.

Be sure to visit the Garden during your chosen session to see your house on display. All gingerbread house submissions will receive 2 general admission tickets to see the exhibit, valid through Sunday, January 2, 2022.

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Entries will be judged by the public therefore prizes will be announced at the end of each session.

1ST PLACE: \$150 | 2ND PLACE: \$100 | 3RD PLACE: \$50

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES ENTRY DEADLINE: November 8

SESSION 1

Drop Off: November 17, from 8am-noon
Display Dates: November 20-December 12
Pick Up: December 13, from 8am-noon

SESSION 2

Drop Off: December 13 from 8am-noon
Display Dates: December 14-January 2
Pick Up: January 3, from 8am-noon

GUIDELINES & LIABILITY

- When signing up you must choose a session - #1 will be on display Nov. 20-Dec. 12 and #2 from Dec. 14-Jan. 2
- There is a limited capacity for each session, so please only sign up if you plan to participate
- House must be received on a flat base that is between 1/4" - 3/4" thick (preferably plywood)•The base should be painted, decorated to create a complementary scene, or covered with foil
- The base for your house should be between 10"x 10" to 15"x 24"
- Drop Off and Pick Up is at the entrance at 11030 East Blvd. between 8am-noon on the designated dates only
- Houses not picked up by noon on their designated Pick Up date will be discarded
- When dropping off your house, the Entry Form must be included
- Holden Forests & Gardens does not guarantee the safety or security of entries and cannot be held responsible for damages incurred during exhibition

Holden Forests & Gardens reserves the right to:

- Refuse any entry it deems inappropriate for display
- Photograph and use images of any or all entries for purposes of promotion

QUESTIONS

For any questions please contact Jillian Slane at jslane@holdenfg.org

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GARDEN HOLIDAY SHOW 2021 GINGERBREAD HOUSE ENTRY FORM – MUST BE DROPPED OFF WITH ENTRY

Title of Gingerbread House: _____

Contact Name: _____

Organization Name (if applicable): _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Phone: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____

[] Check this box if you would like to pick up your gingerbread house after the display session is completed

Cut here and submit form above with entry.



HOW TO MAKE A GINGERBREAD HOUSE

Gingerbread houses are a tradition that you can continue ever year with your loved ones. Building a gingerbread house takes patience and time. The icing is like the glue that makes a gingerbread house sturdy, since it is what binds everything together. The icing takes hours to dry so completing a house can take up to two days. Make sure to have decorative items on hand such as colorful candy, different colored frosting and fun cookie cutter shapes to go along with your house.

STEP 1: PICK YOUR HOUSE STYLE

There are many free patterns online, so search and find one that you like! An important aspect of a good house is a strong, sturdy base—and the best way to do that is with a balanced structure. You need to ensure that the walls can support the roof.

STEP 2: CUT OUT HOUSE SHAPES

Create your patterns and cut them out of cardboard.

STEP 3: MAKE THE DOUGH

You don't want to use dough that is too soft or crumbly, otherwise, the house wouldn't be able to support itself. Leaveners aren't necessary as you don't want the dough to puff up and distort the shapes once cut. Roll the dough and cut each shape out of dough using the patterns and bake as directed.

STEP 4: MAKE THE ROYAL ICING

While the cookies are cooling, prepare the Royal Icing. Immediately transfer icing to a pastry bag fitted with

a pastry tip. Cover any excess icing with a damp paper cloth, and if necessary, beat the icing on high to restore its texture before adding to the piping bag.

STEP 5: ASSEMBLE THE BASE

To assemble the gingerbread house, pipe the icing along the base and edges of the front wall and one side wall. Position the pieces at a 90° angle and place on the plywood base. Prop up the pieces with small jars or cans. Repeat the process with the back wall and a second side. Let icing dry for at least 30 minutes. The exact time will depend on how thick the icing is applied, but it should be dry to the touch.

STEP 6: ATTACH THE ROOF

To attach the roof, pipe icing along the peaked edges of the front and back walls. Position roof pieces into place and let fully dry before decorating.

STEP 7: DECORATE

Now that your house is assembled, it's time to decorate. The way you decorate your house is entirely up to you, but some traditional ways include candy canes, gumdrops, cookie wafers and frosting.

WEBSITE RESOURCES TO CHECK OUT

The Spruce Eats
Sally's Baking Addiction
A Taste of Home
Simply Recipes

SHARE YOUR PHOTOS: Show off your skills!
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