

20th Annual

Gingerbread House Contest & Show

Seeking contestants for this year's Gingerbread Show!

Show dates: November 29 – December 15, 2019

Adult Division: Individual adult, age 17 years & up

Child Division: Individual child, age 8-16 years

Family Division: Group of 3-7 individuals of any age
(1 adult/1 child minimum)

Adult Division Prizes

1st Place Adult Division - \$100

2nd Place Adult Division - \$75

3rd Place Adult Division - \$50

Child & Family Division Prizes

1st Place Child Division - \$75

2nd Place Child Division - \$50

3rd Place Child Division - \$25



◆ Ribbons will be awarded for 1st place, 2nd place & 3rd place in all three divisions.

◆ All entries are eligible for The Viewer's Choice Awards which will be awarded to one adult entry, one child entry & one family entry. Winners are selected by viewer voting and each winning entry will receive a \$275 check.

SHOW LOCATION:

Darnall's Chance House Museum
14800 Governor Oden Bowie Drive
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772
301-952-8010



Rules for 2019

- 1) Any structure - real or imaginary – is eligible for entry.
- 2) Entry must be original - no gingerbread kits allowed.
- 3) Entry must have **MAJOR** components, such as roof & walls, made of gingerbread (no graham crackers, cookies, etc).
- 4) All components must be edible. For example, all foil or plastic wrapped candies must be unwrapped; lollipops cannot have paper or plastic stems. **NO** perishable items can be used in the making of the entry.
- 5) You may add electric lighting to your entry.
- 6) Entry must have been constructed in 2019.
- 7) All entries will be judged on: **Originality/Creativity, Overall Appearance, Use of Materials, Difficulty of Design, and Precision.**
- 8) The main structure must be the dominant feature of the entry. The main structure can be **NO smaller than 7" high by 8" wide.**
- 9) Entries must be freestanding and attached to a plywood base that is **NO bigger than 18 inches wide x 24 inches long.** Entries cannot exceed 26" in height. The plywood base must be completely concealed with an edible product; however, the sides of the base do not have to be concealed. We suggest attaching a pretty ribbon around the sides of the base.
- 10) For prize money to be awarded in the Viewer's Choice Competition – a division must have a minimum of five entries.
- 11) The Museum reserves the right not to display an entry, if the entry is not considered of show quality.
- 12) All entries must be delivered to the Museum in completed form on Sunday, November 24, 2019 between the hours of 12 noon - 3 pm.
- 13) Entries must be picked up on Sunday, December 15, 2019 at 5 pm (no earlier) to be eligible for all awards and ribbons.

Registration

Participants must register for the competition by the deadline of **Friday, November 8, 2019**. Entry forms may be obtained by calling Darnall's Chance House Museum or visiting history.pgparcs.com, clicking on Darnall's Chance House Museum, and then clicking on Gingerbread House Contest & Show.

Fee

A registration fee of \$5.00 is due for each entry. Cash, credit card, or check accepted. Checks must be made payable to **M-NCPPC**.

Museum facility of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Department of Parks and Recreation, Natural and Historical Resources Division. The Department of Parks and Recreation encourages and supports the participation of individuals with disabilities. Register at least a minimum of two weeks in advance of the program start date to request and receive a disability accommodation.