

# THE 2021 A VERY BERRY CHRISTMAS: GINGERBREAD COMPETITION

Application Deadline: 5pm Wednesday, November 24, 2021

Entry Drop Off: 4pm - 6pm Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Awards: 10am Saturday, December 4, 2021 (Optional Zoom in for Awards Event or In-Person)

Gingerbread Display: Friday, December 3, 2021- Wednesday, December 22, 2021

## RULES AND PROCEDURES

Please read the rules and procedures carefully and retain these sheets for your records. Due to space, only a limited number of entries will be accepted into the competition. You are encouraged to submit your entry form early to ensure entry into the competition. The City of Newberry Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Department reserves the right to refuse any entry deemed inappropriate. For additional questions, please contact the City of Newberry Parks, Recreation, and Tourism office at 803-321-1015.

## INDIVIDUAL ENTERING & QUALIFYING GUIDELINES

To be eligible for the competition, a completed and signed copy of the Competitor Entry Form must be received by email, in person delivery, or mail prior to 5 pm on November 24. The Competitor Entry Form must be signed by the individual entering the competition. If the individual is under the age of 18 on the date of the competition, a signature from a parent or legal guardian is required in addition to the minor's signature and date of birth. Competitors will receive a confirmation email upon receipt of completed Competitor Entry Form. Only one entry per person will be accepted.

## TEAM ENTERING & QUALIFYING GUIDELINES

To be eligible for the competition, a completed and signed copy of the Competitor Entry Form and the Team Entry Participant Form must be received by email, in person delivery, or mail prior to 5 pm on November 24. Please submit one completed copy of Competitor Entry Form per team including only the team captain's contact information. Please submit a list of all team participants using Team Entry Participant Form. A signature from a parent or legal guardian will be required for each team member under 18 years of age. In the event a team entry wins a prize, the team captain will be the recipient of any prizes. Distribution of ribbon or splitting of any prize will be left to the team captain to determine. We are not able to supply ribbons for each participant.

## CANCELLATION POLICY

We understand that situations may cause competitors to withdraw from the competition. In the event you are unable to compete, please inform The City of Newberry Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Department by phone 803-321-1015 as soon as possible.

## DESIGN

Entries are not limited to the structure of a house. Competitors are welcome and encouraged to uniquely design their entry for the competition, if the entry is in keeping with the competition rules and procedures and the five judging criteria.

## JUDGING AND CRITERIA

Judging will be held on December 1 at 7pm. All entries should be dropped off between 4pm and 6pm on December 1, no later, to allow staff time to prepare judging documents. The awards will be given on December 4 at 10am. Entries will be judged on 1) Overall Appearance, 2) Originality & Creativity, 3) Difficulty, 4) Precision and 5) Consistency of Theme. Theme should be competitor's own and consistent throughout the entry. Your theme will be determined by your competition entry title (at the discretion of the judges). Entries should be original designs by the competitor. Although imitation is "the greatest form of flattery," judges will be looking for original entries (please note that staff will research your theme entry for possible imitation). Decorative elements that are handmade will carry more weight than similar

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prefabricated items. All rulings by the judges are independent and final. In the event of a tie, the competition Call Judge will be asked to break the tie.

## ENTRY CATEGORIES

The following categories are open for entry into the 2021 A Very Berry Christmas Gingerbread Competition **Please note there is limited entry for both competitions- apply early to ensure your space:**

## NEWBERRY VILLAGE COMPETITION ENTRY RULES:

- Newberry Village: Open to all ages, teams, or individuals (Limited to 10 Entries)

## SIZE LIMITATIONS

- Entry must be placed on a board base.
- Entries combined with a base must not be larger than 24 inches high, 24 inches wide, and 24 inches long.
  - We suggest using ½” or ¾” plywood as a base for your entry. Use of pegs or risers on the bottom of the base is preferred but not required. If you wish to install “legs” on the underside of your base, the legs are considered as part of the base and should not cause the entry’s height to exceed 24 inches.

## MATERIALS & CONSTRUCTION

- Everything above the base of your entry must be constructed and composed completely of edible materials.
- At least 75% of the main structure of your entry must be constructed of homemade gingerbread, some of which should be exposed. Purchased/prefabricated gingerbread will not be accepted.
- 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.
- No artificial display materials, such as Styrofoam or interior lighting, are to be used in the construction or decoration of the entry.
- Candies must be unwrapped, however non-edible materials that come as part of the candy are allowed, for example: lollipop sticks.
- Non-edible materials such as paint and/or ribbon are approved (and encouraged) to decorate the outer edge of your plywood base only (not to exceed the length and/or width of the base).
- All entries must be solely constructed by the individual(s) entering the competition.

# **THE 2021 A VERY BERRY CHRISTMAS: GINGERBREAD COMPETITION KIDS VILLAGE COMPETITION ENTRY RULES:**

- Kids' Village: Open to children ages 6 to 16 (Limited to 10 Entries)

## **SIZE LIMITATIONS**

- Entry must be placed on a board base.
- Entries combined with a base must not be larger than **12 inches high, 12 inches wide, and 12 inches long (NO LARGER PLEASE).** Please note these constructions are to be smaller than that of the Newberry Village entries.
  - We suggest using ½" or ¾" plywood as a base for your entry. Use of pegs or risers on the bottom of the base is preferred but not required. If you wish to install "legs" on the underside of your base, the legs are considered as part of the base and should not cause the entry's height to exceed 12 inches.

## **MATERIALS & CONSTRUCTION**

- Everything above the base of kids' entries must be constructed and composed completely of edible materials.
- At least 50% of the main structure of your entry must be constructed of gingerbread, some of which should be exposed (homemade is not required for Kids Village entries but is highly encouraged).
- Edible materials are not limited to candies and icings. Get creative! Use cake decorating techniques, crackers, even ice cream cones!
- Due to the danger of working with hot sugar, techniques using poured hot sugar or isomalt are reserved for the Newberry Village Category only.
- No artificial display materials, such as Styrofoam or interior lighting, are to be used in the construction or decoration of the entry.
- Candies must be unwrapped, however non-edible materials that come as part of the candy are allowed, for example: lollipop sticks.
- Non-edible materials such as paint and/or ribbon are approved (and encouraged) to decorate the outer edge of your plywood base only (not to exceed the length and/or width of the base). You may paint the top of your base should you wish, however everything above the base must be edible (please note this rule does NOT include Newberry Village Category, where the top of the base is expected to be decorated with edible materials).
- All entries must be constructed by the individual(s) entering the competition. Teen, Youth, and Child competitors may be supervised, for safety precautions, by a parent, legal guardian, or classroom teacher. Acceptable Supervision Example: When Teen, Youth, or Child competitors require assistance with operating the oven and/or stovetop.

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## ENTRY DROP-OFF PROCESS

1. UNLOAD your entry at the Newberry Arts Center (1200 Main) from Caldwell Street. You must promptly move your vehicle to a nearby parking area once you have unloaded your entry. Prior to judging, contestant entries are not to be handled by any staff member, so please be sure to bring help!
2. CHECK-IN will be located at the entrance of the Newberry Arts Center at 1200 Main. At check in you will receive a card with the title of your entry. Please place this on your entry upon arrival. Spaces are first come, first served for placement.
3. PHOTOGRAPHY- You and your entry will be photographed for media purposes; mandatory for all competition entries.
4. YOUR ENTRY SHOULD BE COMPLETE prior to your arrival. You may make small adjustments upon placement with the approval of staff, however additional construction of your entry will not be allowed once placed. We ask that all competitors exit the Newberry Arts Center promptly after placing their entry. You are not permitted to view the other entries at this time in order to keep the registration process moving.

## PLACING & PRIZES

### **NEWBERRY VILLAGE COMPETITION:**

**Best In Show- \$500 & Ribbon**

**1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up- \$300 & Ribbon**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up- \$200 & Ribbon**

### **KIDS VILLAGE COMPETITION:**

**Best Kids Village Entry- Ribbon and Gift Certificate to the Newberry Arts Center**

## **2021 GINGERBREAD DISPLAY**

Entries will be on display at the Newberry Arts Center during the holiday season, beginning Friday, December 3, 2021, through Wednesday, December 22, 2021. Upon delivery to the Newberry Arts Center at no time is there a guarantee of safety or security of the entry. The City of Newberry Parks, Recreation, & Tourism office, of which the Newberry Arts Center is a part, is not held responsible for any damages incurred by the entry during display. However, precautions will be taken to help ensure the safety of entries during display so they can be fully enjoyed during the holiday season.

## **DISPLAY VIEWING DAYS**

Entries will be displayed in the windows of the Newberry Arts Center for 24-hour enjoyment. Additionally, the Newberry Arts Center will be open during their regular business hours and for special events. Call 803-597-1125 for details.

## **ENTRY PICK-UP**

Competitors that would like to keep their gingerbread entry after the competition display has ended MUST indicate so on their entry form. **Pick up of entries will be between the hours of 10am and 3pm on Wednesday, December 22, 2021.** All entries left after that time will be discarded.

**PLEASE SEE THE FOLLOWING PAGE FOR THE OFFICIAL 2021 A VERY BERRY CHRISTMAS: GINGERBREAD COMPETITION ENTRY FORM. THIS FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CITY OF NEWBERRY PARKS, RECREATION, AND TOURISM DEPARTMENT BEFORE 5 PM ON NOVEMBER 24. EXCEPTIONS FOR LATE ENTRY FORMS WILL NOT BE MADE. COMPETITORS WILL RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION EMAIL ONCE THE ENTRY FORM HAS BEEN PROCESSED.**

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REQUIRED FOR ALL ENTRIES

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 24, 2021

Please print clearly as Entrant or Team Captain:

Entry Category (circle only one):

NEWBERRY VILLAGE

KIDS VILLAGE

Title/Theme of Gingerbread Entry: \_\_\_\_\_

Optional Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(First)

(Middle Initial)

(Last)

(Mailing address)

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

(Phone)

(Email address)

**Do you wish to keep your entry after the holiday display?  Yes  No** If yes you must pick up your entry between 10am and 3pm on Wednesday, December 22, 2021. Any entries left after this time will be discarded.

I understand that to be eligible for the competition; I must agree to the following as indicated by my signature below:

1. I must return my entry form by email, in person delivery, or mail no later than 5pm on November 24, 2021.
2. I must deliver my completed entry to the Newberry Arts Center on Wednesday, December 1, 2021, between 4pm and 6pm.
3. I must follow all of the Rules and Procedures set forth by The City of Newberry Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Office.
4. I must attend or send someone to attend on my behalf the awards event on December 4 at 10am. Virtual attendance available.
4. My entry will remain on display during the holiday season through 10am, December 22, 2021.
5. I must pick up my entry between the hours of 10am and 3pm on December 22, 2021. Entries not picked up will be discarded.
6. Permission is hereby granted to The City of Newberry Parks, Recreation, and Tourism office to print or otherwise duplicate the picture or likeness of my entry and/or myself with my entry for either internal or external release, this includes print and online publications, plus local and network television. I understand that the image of my entry becomes the property of The City of Newberry. By participating, each competitor agrees to be bound by all of the Rules and Procedures herein, which may be amended from time to time. The City of Newberry reserves the right to refuse entries that are deemed inappropriate for display, to disqualify any competitor who fails to follow the Rules and Procedures contained herein and/or to disqualify any competitor who falsifies any entry form information.
7. General Release: The undersigned does hereby release, acquit and forever discharge the City of Newberry, its agents, its representatives, its employees or contracted staff, of and from all manner of actions, suits, damages, claims or demands whatsoever in law or equity from any loss or damage of any nature of description, known or unknown, in any way relating to the undersigned participation in the A Very Berry Christmas: Gingerbread Competition. I acknowledge that I have read all policies and agree to adhere to them.

Signature of Entrant or Team Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Entrant date of birth (required if under 18): \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

I affirm that the entrant listed above will independently design, construct and decorate the entry to be submitted.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## TEAM ENTRY PARTICIPATION FORM

REQUIRED FOR ALL ENTRIES

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 24, 2021

Printed Name of Entrant \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Signature of Entrant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I affirm that the entrant listed above is \_\_\_\_\_ years of age and will independently design, construct and decorate the entry to be submitted.

Printed Name of Entrant \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Signature of Entrant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I affirm that the entrant listed above is \_\_\_\_\_ years of age and will independently design, construct and decorate the entry to be submitted.

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