

Contest Rules 2021:

1. There is no cost to enter. One entry per family. Open to Bethlehem residents and/or Bethlehem Library cardholders.
2. Design, bake, construct and decorate a gingerbread house, structure or scene. Gingerbread “houses” can also be town buildings, barns, birdhouses, lighthouses, airplanes or any other imaginative dwellings.
3. Store bought houses or kits are not eligible.
4. All entries must be on a wooden or sturdy cardboard base. Styrofoam and other support materials are not permitted.
5. Entries must be constructed of gingerbread and icing, unwrapped candy (i.e. foil must be removed), cookies, pretzels, crackers, cereals, pasta and any other food item. Entire display except for the base must be made of **edible materials**.
6. Use Royal Icing only, as other frostings will turn rancid. Recipes for Gingerbread Dough and Royal Icing may be obtained at the library or online.
7. Please give your entry a special “Holiday Name” such as Winter Wonderland, A Star Wars Christmas or Santa’s workshop, etc. Please do not attach your name to your gingerbread house. Entry forms may be run-off from our website, or you may fill out an entry form at the library when you drop off your house.
8. ** Participants must pick up their Gingerbread House by 7pm Thursday, Dec 30. Entries not picked up by this time will be discarded. **

Judging

1. Bring your gingerbread creation to the Bethlehem Public Library by 1pm Saturday, Dec 11.
2. Entries will be judged on originality, creativity, overall appearance, and adherence to contest rules.
3. Library visitors who vote for their favorite entry between Monday, Dec 13 and Saturday, Dec 18 will select the People’s Choice Winner. Each person may vote only once per day during the voting period.
4. Judging and voting will end on Dec 18 and winners will be announced on Monday, Dec 20.
5. The judges’ decisions are final.