



2020 VIRTUAL GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST

Sponsored by the Jefferson Arts Committee

Theme: Home for Christmas

Five age divisions – 4-5 / 6-8 / 9-12 / 13-16 / 17-adult

~Medals/Ribbons awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd places and Honorable Mention in each category~

To Enter:

Step 1: Fill out the entry form below, attach your \$5 entry check payable to the Jefferson Arts Committee and mail to Jefferson Arts Committee, Gingerbread House Contest, PO Box 2604, Oak Ridge, NJ 07438. Must be received by Friday, December 4, 2020 in order to be eligible.

Step 2: Create your homemade gingerbread house or construct from a purchased kit. Choose any type of structure with landscaping and decorations not to exceed 12" by 12". All materials except the cardboard/wood/plastic base should be edible.

Step 3: Take 4 photographs—1 selfie with the gingerbread house entry and then 3 close-ups of just the house — one showing the front, one showing the right side, and one showing the left side—don't worry about the back!

Step 4: Email all 4 photographs as attachments to artscommittee@jeffersonarts.org with the participant's full name, address, phone number, entrant's age division, and contact email address no later than Friday, December 4. The photos will be matched to your entry form. If all requirements are not met, the entry will not be judged.

Step 5: Read the back page of this entry form for all specific details as to the entry requirements, notifications, awards, etc.

THE SELFIE PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE WINNING ENTRIES WILL BE POSTED ON THE JEFFERSON ARTS COMMITTEE'S FACEBOOK PAGE, THE JEFFERSON CHRONICLE'S WEBSITE, AND DISPLAYED IN THE JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

Judging based on use of different edible materials, creativity, originality, following the theme

INFO/QUESTIONS: Email eileenmbgrady@gmail.com or call/text 973-768-0828 OR

Email artscommittee@jeffersonarts.org or call Carol Punturieri at 973-697-3828

GINGERBREAD HOUSE ENTRY FORM (please fill in completely and print clearly) and mail with the contest entry fee check for \$5 payable to Jefferson Arts Committee to the address noted in Step 1

Entrant's Name _____

Adult Contact's Name (if entrant is a minor) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Telephone # _____ - _____ - _____ Cell # _____ - _____ - _____

Email address—must be filled in _____

Check one: Entry is _____ Homemade OR _____ a Kit Entrant's Age _____

I have thoroughly read the back of this flyer and agree to the rules & regulations—initial

15TH ANNUAL GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST WILL CONTINUE VIRTUALLY!

This year's annual Gingerbread House contest sponsored each year by the Jefferson Arts Committee will be virtual. Participants will submit photo entries of their creations along with an entry form and a \$5 fee (used to cover the cost of prize medals). Entries will be limited, and the date of receipt of the entry form and entry fee will be used to accept the first 30 entries for the contest by Friday, December 4 to be eligible.

STEP 1: Complete the 2020 entry form on the other side or print out the 2020 entry form from www.jeffersonarts.org, using the link in the upper right-hand corner. Mail to Jefferson Arts Committee, Gingerbread House Contest, PO Box 2604, Oak Ridge, NJ 07438 with a check payable to the Jefferson Arts Committee for the \$5 entry fee. A confirmation email will be sent when your completed entry form and entry fee is received.

STEP 2: Create your gingerbread house in accordance with the requirements as noted on the 2020 entry form – limit one entry per person. It can be constructed with homemade gingerbread or from a store-bought kit —visit *YouTube* for instructional videos if you need assistance.

STEP 3: Then take four (4) photographs – one selfie with the finished gingerbread house and then three close ups of the gingerbread house itself – one showing the front, one showing the right side, and one showing the left side. These photos will be used for judging your entry.

If uploading photographs from an iPhone or an iPad, change image size to MEDIUM. If uploading from a SmartPhone or a tablet, reduce the image size when prompted. Please submit your entry on a laptop or desktop computer if possible.

STEP 4: The required four photographs should be emailed as attachments to artscommittee@jeffersonarts.org with the participant's full name, address, telephone number, age division, and email address (if the participant is a minor, then the parent/guardian's email address). Entries will be accepted up until December 4, 2020. Upon receipt, photographs will be matched to the entry form you should have already mailed in. You will receive an acknowledgment email so you know that your photographs were received. However, if your entry does not meet the requirements including the number of required photographs, the completed entry form, and the entry fee, it unfortunately will not be judged.

First, second, and third-place winning participants and Honorable Mention winners should be notified by email on or around December 18. The parent/guardian of any minor who wins will also be emailed a photography release to be signed giving permission to publish the child's selfie photograph along with their name. Upon receipt of this release via email or snail mail, winning entry selfie photographs with the winner's name will be posted on the Jefferson Arts Committee Facebook page, on *The Jefferson Chronicle's* website, and displayed in the Jefferson Township Public Library. Arrangements will be made to pick up winning medals at the library (1031 Weldon Road) on dates to be determined following State and CDC guidelines in effect at the time for everyone's safety. Honorable Mention ribbons will be mailed to the participant's home address. If space permits, all entries will be published.

NOTE: 1 medal/ribbon for winning entry (not winner) in each age category

Specific questions about the contest can be directed to Eileen Grady at 973-768-0828 or Carol Punturieri at 973-697-3828.

Hopefully, this virtual contest brings you some joy and excitement this holiday season and still gives you the opportunity to be creative in designing and decorating your very own gingerbread house for your family to enjoy. The Jefferson Arts Committee intends to bring the full traditional Christmas in the Village celebration and its in-person Gingerbread House Contest back in 2021. In the meantime, may you and your family remain healthy and safe.

THE JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL MUSEUM CHRISTMAS ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2020 FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM AND ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020 FROM 1 TO 4 PM 315 Dover-Milton Road, Milton/Oak Ridge - tour the holiday decorated Museum & shop at Miss Elizabeth's Shoppe Entry will be controlled by Museum guides and face masks must be worn at all times. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

The Jefferson Arts Committee will be outside under a tent at the Jefferson Township Museum on Saturday, December 5 hosting a gift basket raffle — please stop by and support the JAC by buying a raffle ticket.