



Festival Guidelines

1. Entry must be original - no gingerbread kits allowed. (*with the exception of Child Division.*)
2. Entry must have major components, (such as walls and roofs), constructed of gingerbread - (no graham crackers, cookies, etc.).
3. All material used to construct each gingerbread house must be edible, including supports. Foil or plastic wrapped candies must be unwrapped; contestants may not use lollipops with paper or plastic stems etc.
4. Entries will be judged on Originality/Creativity, Overall Appearance, Choice and Use of Materials and Difficulty of Design. Judges decisions will be final. The Blennerhassett Hotel reserves the right to refuse any entries that are deemed inappropriate for display or do not meet specifications. All acceptable entries will be displayed.
5. The entry **must be delivered in completed form** attached to either the bases provided by the Hotel or a circular plywood base of 20" diameter, with a 1/2 inch thickness. Entries may not be taller than 24". **We encourage bases to be decorated and the board to be covered.**
6. Participants must register for the competition by **Friday, December 1, 2017**. Entry forms may be obtained by contacting the Blennerhassett Hotel at 304-422-3131, stopping by the Front Desk located at 320 Market Street, Downtown Parkersburg or online at www.theblennerhassett.com. A **\$25 registration fee** is due for each entrant and show entry. Fee is payable by cash, check, or credit card; entry **INCLUDES** use of Hotel Base. **All fees collected benefit Habitat for Humanity of the Mid-Ohio Valley.**
7. **IMPORTANT:** Entries must be delivered to the Hotel on Sunday, December 10, 2017 between 1:00pm - 4:00pm. Entries will remain on display at the Hotel from Monday, December 11 - Wednesday, December 27, 2017.

Entries must be picked up on Thursday, Dec. 28 between the hours of 8am-8pm. Unclaimed houses will become property of the Hotel.

8. CONTEST DIVISIONS & PRIZES

Adult Division	Age 18 years and up	1 st Place: \$750	2 nd Place: \$300	3 rd Place: 150
Junior Division	Age 13-17 years	1 st Place: \$250	2 nd Place: \$125	3 rd Place: \$75
Child Division	Age 12 and under	1 st Place: \$100 <i>Gift Basket</i>	2 nd Place: \$75 <i>Gift Basket</i>	3 rd Place: \$50 <i>Gift Basket</i>

- **People's Choice Award:** Winner receives recognition on Blennerhassett Hotel's social media outlets with photos and ribbon. **All monetary donations raised from People's Choice voting will be given to Habitat for Humanity of the Mid-Ohio Valley.**

- Ribbons will also be given for: *Most Unique, Best Use of Candy, Most Traditional, etc.*

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARDS

A **Facebook Live** event will take place **Friday, December 15, 2017**. Prize money can be collected at the Hotel after announcement has been made. (Time to be determined closer to event. Contestants will be notified prior to announcement.)

* *The Hotel reserves the right to use photos taken of the participants and their entries for future marketing collateral.*

10. **QUESTIONS?** Please call the The Blennerhassett Hotel at (304) 422-3131 or email Nicole at: nslattery@theblennerhassett.com