

Occoquan Community

Gingerbread House Contest

Build a fun gingerbread creation and enter to win \$50 in OCQ gift cards!

Use your imagination and gingerbread to build anything from a simple cottage to an elaborate historic reproduction.

Entries should have an entry form attached (below) and submitted in person on December 4, 2021 at the entrance to River Mill Park between 9am and 11am. A special tent will be decorated for these deliveries and the community will be invited to vote for their favorites. Judging will take place on December 4 during the Holiday Artisan Market, between the hours of 11am and 8pm.

Categories

Traditional Gingerbread: Any structure is allowed in this category, i.e. Victorian, colonial, modern, house, barn, cottage, etc.

Authentic Reproduction of a Structure in Occoquan: Pay tribute to the town and recreate a magical reproduction of a building within Occoquan's historic district. Your display must include a picture of the real thing.

Youth Gingerbread Creations: Combine your favorite candy and delicious edibles to design your gingerbread house! Graham crackers are acceptable in this category. (There are no age restrictions in any category, but Gingerbread Creations is designed for the younger set to be able to enter and compete.)

Details

- There is no fee and this contest is open to the general public. Limit one entry per category: Traditional, Occoquan Reproduction, Youth.
- Entries may be created by individuals or groups. In the Youth category, there may be adult supervision.
- The maximum size for display boards for all categories is 18" x 18." Display should be family-friendly.
- Judging Criteria: Originality and Creativity; Overall Appearance and Appeal; Effective use of material; Neatness; Use of Detail.
- Use of gingerbread: Adult entries must be constructed mainly of gingerbread (more than 50%). Youth entries may consist of graham crackers.
- Everything visible on your entry MUST be edible. The only exception would be the board on which your entry is mounted and battery-operated lights, if used.
- Use of a commercial kit is allowed. Use of a fixative spray is allowed.
- Securely attach the entry form on the underside of your display base listing your name, address, email address, telephone number and the category you have entered. Include any details about your entry that you feel might be important to the judges (i.e. list of edible items you have used that are unusual, the name of your entry, etc.).
- Judging will be "blind" as entries will be identified only by category and number until after judging is complete.
- Winners will be announced December 5, 2021 at 12pm, via Facebook Live and all entrants will be notified of the outcome. First place in each category wins \$50 in OCQ gift cards.
- The Town of Occoquan reserves the right to photograph entries for promotional purposes.
- Entries from Town Council Members, Town Merchants, and Town Staff are not eligible to win.
- Contact the Events Director at jlittle@occoquanva.gov with questions.

ENTRY FORM

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Category (*circle one*): Traditional

OCQ Reproduction

Youth

Title of Creation:

Do you want your creation back?