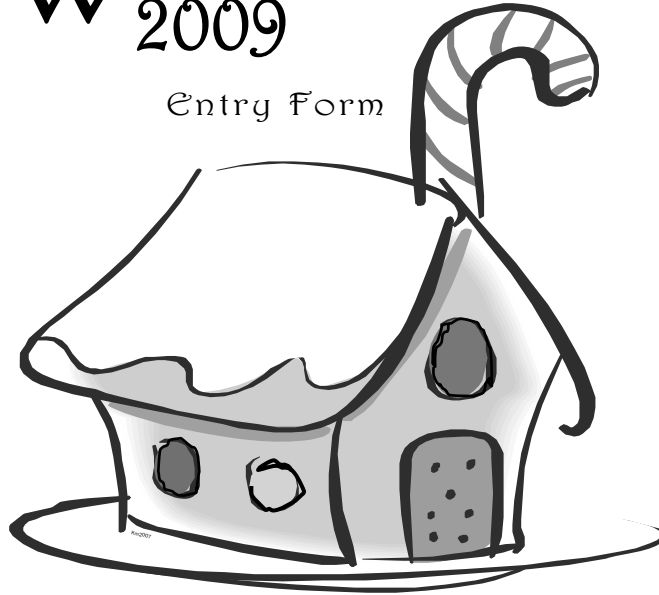




Morris County Park Commission
Gingerbread Wonderland
PO Box 1295
Morristown, NJ 07962-1295

18th Annual Gingerbread Wonderland 2009

Entry Form



Enter your gingerbread creation
for
The Frelinghuysen Arboretum's
Holiday Exhibit

December 5th thru December 13th, 2009
10am–5pm daily
Open until 8pm on Friday, December 11

53 East Hanover Avenue • Morristown, NJ

www.arboretumfriends.org

RECIPES

Basic Gingerbread

10 cups all-purpose flour	2 Tablespoons each:
1 lb. butter or margarine, softened	ground ginger, cinnamon, cloves & cardamom
3 cups sugar	1 Tablespoon baking soda
1 ½ cups water	2 Tablespoons dark corn syrup

Note: If you do not plan to eat the house, you may wish to increase the cinnamon and ginger as substitutes for the cloves and cardamom.

Measure the flour into a mixing bowl and set aside. Combine butter and sugar in another large bowl and set aside. In a saucepan, combine the water with the remaining ingredients, bring to a boil and pour over the butter and sugar. Stir until the sugar dissolves.

Add the flour one cup at a time, blending well with each addition. Store, well covered, for several hours in the refrigerator. Dough will be quite soft, but will stiffen in the refrigerator. Let come to room temperature, then roll out on a lightly floured surface to 1/4" thickness. Cut in the desired shapes for your creation. Bake at 375° for 15-17 minutes or until browned.

Make a mock model first out of cardboard and use the pieces or patterns when cutting out the dough. For an information packet on how to put your creation together, visit www.arboretumfriends.org.

Royal Icing

The following recipe is for a sweet icing that will be used like "glue" to hold the house together and to decorate. It dries quickly into a hard candy consistency. Icings containing butter or oils do not harden and therefore do not hold the structure together.

3 large egg whites at room temperature
3/4 teaspoon cream of tartar
1 lb. 10X confectioners sugar, sifted

Combine all ingredients in a large mixing bowl and mix on high for 7-10 minutes. Beat until very stiff. You cannot over beat. Store at room temperature. Use as soon as possible and keep well covered until used.



RULES & REGULATIONS

CATEGORIES

Adult-Individual (18+ years)

Adult-Group (2 or more adults)

Family (minimum 1 adult + 1 child)

Child-Individual

(under 18— with no adult assistance)

Grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8 & 9-12

Child-Group

(under 18— with no adult assistance)

Grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8 & 9-12

School/Scout Groups

Grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8 & 9-12

Special Needs- Individual

Special Needs- Group

ADULTS & FAMILIES Categories

Entry must be constructed of gingerbread.

Structures must be covered with edible products, **INCLUDING BASES**. Foil covered candies are acceptable.

Base Dimensions for Adult & Family categories cannot exceed 24"x24". **Entries larger than this will not be accepted.**

No candles; no electric/battery-operated lighting.

CHILD, SCHOOL/SCOUT GROUPS & SPECIAL NEEDS Categories

The structure need not be gingerbread. Boxes or cardboard construction may be used if all surfaces, **INCLUDING BASES**, are covered with food products, e.g.; crackers, cookies, candy, including foil wrapped candy. All decorations must be edible.

Base Dimension:

Child-Individual 12"x12"

Special Needs-Individual 12"x12"

Child-Group 15"x20"

School & Scout Group 15"x20"

Special Needs-Group 15"x20"

Entries cannot exceed listed base dimensions.

Entries larger than listed dimensions will not be accepted.

No candles; no electric/battery-operated lighting.

GENERAL RULES & INFORMATION

1. **One entry only per person or group.** One registration per entry form— you may reproduce this form if necessary.
2. Registration is required by Friday, November 13th. Since space is limited; **REGISTER EARLY.** Registrations will be acknowledged by e-mail or mail.
3. Cancellations must be made two weeks in advance by calling 973-326-7628, as space is limited and there is a waiting list for entries. Failure to notify of a cancellation will result in ineligibility for 2010.
4. Entries must be delivered to The Haggerty Education Center on Wednesday, December 2nd from 10am-8pm **ONLY. Entries will not be accepted before or after this date. Please bring your registration confirmation with you.**
5. Entries larger than the dimension listed for their categories or entries deemed to be of an inappropriate nature may be rejected at the discretion of the staff.
6. Judging of entries was discontinued in 2008. All entries will receive a Participation Ribbon. A green ribbon is awarded for entries featuring trees, flowers or gardens.

REMOVAL OF EXHIBITS

7. Entries **MUST** be picked up on either Sunday, December 13th between 5 and 6pm or on Monday, December 14th between 9am and 4pm. Any entries remaining after December 14th will be discarded. It is the policy of the Show Committee not to hold entries beyond the pick up date.
8. The Morris County Park Commission and The Friends of The Frelinghuysen Arboretum cannot assume responsibility for damage or loss. The Show Committee, however, will exercise due caution in safeguarding exhibits.

Entry Form

Mail to:

Gingerbread Wonderland
The Frelinghuysen Arboretum
Haggerty Education Center
Morris County Park Commission
PO Box 1295, Morristown, NJ 07962-1295

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____

Zip _____

Telephone/Day _____

Telephone/Evening _____

E-mail _____

PLEASE CHECK ONE CATEGORY ONLY:

Adult Individual (18+ years)

Adult Group (2 or more adults)

Family (a minimum of one adult + one child)

Child- Individual (under 18— with no adult assistance)

Grade:* _____

Child- Group (under 18— with no adult assistance)

Grade:* _____

School/Scout Group (under 18— with no adult assistance)

Grade:* _____

Name of School/Group: _____

Special Needs- Individual

Age _____

Special Needs- Group

Age(s) _____

***Grade must be entered**

By entering Gingerbread Wonderland, I grant the Morris County Park Commission and The Friends of The Frelinghuysen Arboretum permission to use images of my/our entry for publicity or commercial purposes.



PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

Guests may vote for their favorite creation Saturday, December 5 through Friday, December 11. First, Second and Third Place prizes will be awarded to the three entries with the highest number of votes (regardless of category). The 2008 People's Choice Award winners are not eligible for the 2009 People's Choice Award.