



**Arnot Mall  
November 14, 2009**

[www.GingerbreadNY.com](http://www.GingerbreadNY.com)

## 2009 Rules

**\*Open to all Amateurs\***

**Categories of Entries:** The houses will be judged in seven different categories: **(1)** 5-9 years old, **(2)** 10-13 years old, **(3)** 14-17 years old, **(4)** 18 & older, **(5)** Team of Two, **(6)** Family Group (3-4 person team: at least 2 entrants must be 12 years and younger), **(7)** Group (3-4 person team).

**Size:** Entries should have a base appropriate to the size of the gingerbread house and should not exceed 30"x30". All entries must be on a piece of plywood or other rigid base.

**Construction:** Only one structure may be entered in the competition per person or per team. Any architectural structure is eligible for entry (i.e. house, train station, bridge, ship, lighthouse, etc.). Structure must be constructed mainly of gingerbread and icing. Non-visible interior supports of other materials are allowed. The entire visual display is to be made of edible materials. No perishable items allowed. Contestants will have up to 6 hours (8:00 am – 2:00 pm) to complete their structure. Due to drying time it is recommended that the construction and assembly of the walls and roof be completed prior to the event. However, all decorating and detail work must be completed at the Arnot Mall.

**Entry Fee:** \$25 per single entry, \$35 per team of two entrants, and \$50 for each team of 3-4 entrants. Entry fee includes t-shirts for all team members. All entry fees are non-refundable. **Check is to be made payable to: Habitat for Humanity.**

**2009 Stimulus Package Entry Fee:** For Entries postmarked or dropped off at the Classic Café by October 17, 2009 will receive \$5.00 off the non-refundable entry fee.

**Entry Deadline:** Entry can be either mailed to **Gingerbread House Competition, PO Box 4153, Elmira, NY 14904** or **dropped off at The Classic Café, 805 Pennsylvania Avenue, Elmira, NY 14904**. Entry must be postmarked or dropped off by **October 31, 2009**.

**Judging:** Judges will award points for the following criteria: Most Original/Creative, Overall Appearance, Degree of Difficulty, Age / Category Appropriate, and Adherence to Design Rules. Judges will evaluate on November 14<sup>th</sup> immediately after the construction time allocation. Points will be deducted for any deviation to the rules.

**Awards:** Cash prizes will be given to the top place in each Entry Category. Popular Vote will be held from 2:00 pm until 3:00 pm. All awards will be presented in Center Court of the Arnot Mall at 4:00 pm on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Display/Pick-up:** Entrants should be prepared to take their Gingerbread House home with them following award ceremony on November 14, 2009.

### Entrants:

- **All Entrants** are to bring own supplies to build their home. Bringing in pre-shaped (formed) walls is recommended for all.
- **All Entrants:** will receive a T-Shirt with competition logo and supporting sponsors. Check in near Arnot Mall Escalators in Center Court. Check In will begin at 8:00 am.
- **Family Group:** 3-4 person Team; *at least 2 entrants must be 12 years and under.*
- **All Teams of 2 or more:** List each Group/Team members' names on a separate piece of paper, school attending (if applicable), and signature from a parent or legal guardian if under 18 years old.
- **Sponsorship:** Entrants are allowed to seek own Sponsorship to pay for their entry fee. Sponsor will receive Sponsorship Recognition on the display table of entrant.
  - **\*\*\* Restrictions:** Sponsors cannot be retail or restaurant businesses unless the business is located at the Arnot Mall or approved by the Gingerbread House Competition.

## 2009 Gingerbread House Competition of New York State Entry Form

**Please check Entry Category; for Family or Team Category please write in number of team Members**

5-9 years     10-13 years     14-17 years     18 years and up     Team of Two     Family Group     Team of 3-4

**Write number of tee-shirts needed for each size. Number of shirts should equal number of team members.**

Child Small     Child Large     Medium     Large     X-Large     XX-Large

Entrant / Team Captain Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Team / Sponsor Name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Elementary / Middle / High School (if applicable). *If entering a team, include on secondary list of team members' names.*

How did you hear about this event? \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* Sponsor (see restrictions below) \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that to be eligible for the competition, I must return my entry form postmarked by October 31, 2009. I also understand that my entry must be made primarily of gingerbread, completely of edible products, and the structure must be designed, constructed and decorated solely by the entrant or team listed above. Permission is hereby granted to The Gingerbread House Competition of New York State to print or otherwise duplicate the picture or likeness of my entry and/or myself with my entry for either internal or external release, this includes print and online publications, plus local and network television. I understand that the image of my entry becomes the property of The Gingerbread House Competition of New York State. Permission is also granted to The Gingerbread House Competition of New York State to transport my entry for publicity purposes while understanding that at no time does The Gingerbread House Competition of New York State guarantee the safety or security of my entry and cannot be held responsible for any damages incurred by my entry on or off the Arnot Mall's property. By participating, each competitor agrees to be bound by all of the Rules and Procedures herein, which may be amended from time to time and posted at [www.GingerbreadNY.com](http://www.GingerbreadNY.com). The Gingerbread House Competition of New York State reserves the right to refuse entries that are deemed inappropriate for display, to disqualify any competitor who fails to follow the Rules and Procedures contained herein and/or to disqualify any competitor who falsifies any information which is submitted on this entry form.

\*\*\* Entrants may seek their own sponsorship, excluding restaurant and retail businesses, unless it is a business located within the Arnot Mall.

Signature of Entrant / Team Captain \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If the individual entrant is participating in the Under 18 years old categories please complete the section below. I affirm that the entrant listed above is \_\_\_\_\_ years of age and will independently design, construct and decorate the entry to be submitted.

Signature of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Entry form must be postmarked or dropped off at the Classic Café on Pennsylvania Avenue on or before Saturday, October 31, 2009. Forms may be mailed to Gingerbread House Competition of New York State, PO Box 4153, Elmira, NY 14904. For further details, call Classic Café @ (607) 271-9111 or Burt Beebe @ (607) 481-3787.

**Make Check or Money Order Payable to: Habitat for Humanity**

**If entering on or before October 17, 2009:** entry fee is: \$20 (single), \$30 (team/2) and \$45 (group of 3 or more).

**If entering after October 17, 2009** entry fee is: \$25 (single), \$35 (team/2) and \$50 (group of 3 or more).