



12TH ANNUAL GINGERBREAD HOUSE DISPLAY & COMPETITION

Thank You For Your Participation
In the 12th Annual PPG Place Gingerbread House Display & Competition
Benefiting the Children's Hospital Free Care Fund

DISPLAY DATES

Begins Light-Up Night® on Friday, November 21 - Tuesday, January 7

DELIVERY DATES

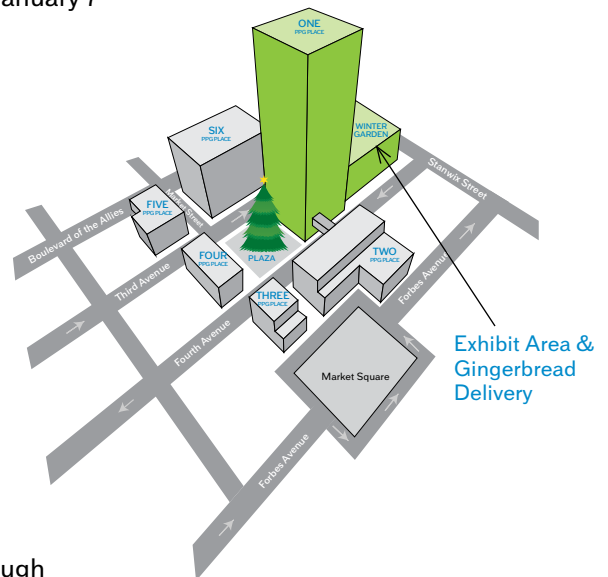
- Friday, November 14 from 6PM - 9PM
- Saturday, November 15 from Noon - 5PM
- Sunday, November 16 from Noon - 5PM

Note: Schools that need to deliver earlier in the day on Friday, please contact Anita Falce at 412-434-1928 or anita.falce@highwoods.com

DELIVERY LOCATION

Wintergarden

Park along 3rd or 4th Avenue and enter One PPG Place through the lobby closest to the Wintergarden. Please allow approximately 30 minutes for drop off and registration. If there are any problems on day of delivery, please call (412) 860-6464 or (412) 394-3612.



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If you have questions or need information mailed to you, please contact Anita Falce at anita.falce@highwoods.com or (412) 434-1928.

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PROPERTIES



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GENERAL INFORMATION

JUDGING

Three judges will be selected from the local community. Judging will be complete soon after the exhibit opens; you will be notified if you receive an award and winners will be posted on our website.

This exhibit is intended to be a fun community event benefiting the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh's Free Care Fund. Judges are given these guidelines to follow; however, please remember that the judging is subjective:

- Originality & Creativity
- Overall Appearance & Appeal
- Difficulty
- Precision & Neatness

Houses will also be reviewed for soundness of structure and adherence to size and construction guidelines. If we must make major repairs prior to judging or your entry does not meet guidelines, it will not be eligible for award.

TO KEEP YOUR HOUSE AFTER END OF EXHIBIT

If you wish to keep your house at the end of the display, you must notify Anita Falce by email at anita.falce@highwoods.com NO LATER THAN JANUARY 3.

Remember, we **MUST HEAR FROM YOU** if you want to pick up your house once the display is over. No email reminders or phone calls will be given. If we are not notified by January 3, your house will be discarded on January 8. All houses must be picked up on Thursday, January 8 between 1PM and 4PM. *(No alternate pick-up days or times are available.)*

Please note that due to the length of the display and the environmental conditions of the display area, many houses have badly deteriorated by the end of exhibit making transportation very difficult.

DISPLAY INFORMATION

Every effort will be made to display all entries to their best advantage; however, due to limitation of our display areas, detailed interiors or backs of houses may not be visible during display. Most houses will be seen by front/side viewing.



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CATEGORIES

AWARDED CATEGORIES

- Pre-School
- Elementary School (K-5)
- Middle School (6-8)
- High School (9-12)
- Culinary
- Children
 - 5 & under
 - 6 - 9
 - 10 - 13
 - 14 - 17
- Family
- Adult (18+)
- Professional
- Non-Profit Organization (Adult 18+)
- Non-Profit Organization (Children)
 - 5 & under
 - 6 - 9
 - 10 - 13
 - 14 - 17

CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS

Family

Enter as a *family* if family members of varied ages worked on the project together. If the project was constructed by your children and you only provided them with basic instruction and assistance, enter in the individual child category under the appropriate age. If more than one child in your family was involved, they will still enter in the individual child category — not the non-profit group category. Enter under the average age of the children. Parents can assist children by baking the gingerbread and helping to assemble the structure.

If a few friends work together, they will enter in the Individual Child category under the appropriate age or the age of the majority of the participants. If entering under the Child category, please provide each of the children's names for recognition on signage.

Non-Profit Group (Children)

Various ages, refers to groups such as Girl and Boy Scouts, Youth Groups at churches, etc.

Non-Profit Group (Adult)

This group includes senior citizen groups and assisted living homes, church groups, family-oriented non-profit groups such as the YMCA, etc.

Culinary

High School or Post High School Class or Individual affiliated with a culinary class.

Professional

Individuals or businesses who work in the food service industry.



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CONSTRUCTION GUIDELINES

BASE

Structure should be constructed on a sturdy base (*heavy cardboard, foam core or wood dependent on weight*). If using cardboard, cover base with aluminum foil so that moisture from the icing does not soak into it.

SIZE

Due to limited space, we are not able to accept entries that do not adhere to these requirements:

BASE SIZE NOT TO EXCEED 15" X 15"

- Pre-School
- Elementary School
- Middle School
- Children
- Family
- Non-Profit (Adult & Children)

BASE SIZE NOT TO EXCEED 18" X 18"

- Culinary Student
- High School
- Professional
- Individual Adult

Base should not extend more than 6" beyond the perimeter of the primary structure. We may not be able to accommodate displays with large yards or areas outside the primary structure.

STRUCTURE

- Structure cannot exceed two feet in height. We recommend small to medium size single structure houses (*rather than scenes*). Single structures with minimal yards are more easily viewed in our display.
- Due to the weight of the decorated house, as well as environmental conditions in the display areas, we suggest always building an infrastructure for support. This can be built from foam core or heavy cardboard, using a substantial amount of Royal Icing as "glue." The houses are on display for an extended period of time. The combination of heat, moisture and weight will cause them to deteriorate if there is not enough support or icing used.
- No battery or electric components should be included in the structure.
- Any inedible decorative objects included with your entry will NOT be returned at the end of the display.
- Use only **Royal Icing**. We cannot accept structures made with egg or butter icings as they quickly turn rancid and soften causing the structure to disintegrate.
- If baking gingerbread from scratch, bake several days before assembling to prevent shrinkage.
- Do not use anything on your house that requires refrigeration (*such as prepared Jello, etc.*)
- Use **A LOT** of Royal Icing to assemble and decorate. Allow each portion to dry and harden before moving.



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Royal Icing Recipe

Makes about 2-1/2 cups

Mix Together

1 lb. powdered sugar
3 tsp. meringue powder
1/2 tsp. cream of tartar

Add

3-1/2 oz. of water (*slightly less than 1/2 cup*)
Beat until icing forms stiff peaks & will hold a sharp line when knife is drawn through.

Keep covered with a damp cloth to keep icing from drying out. Work with a small amount of icing at a time. Store unused icing in a tightly closed container.

**Note: Meringue powder can be found at cake decorating or craft stores.*

* Other recipes for Royal Icing are available on the internet; but you MUST use Royal Icing.

ENTRY IDENTIFICATION FORM

Please tape or glue this form to the bottom of the base of each entry. It's easiest to do it as the first step in building your structure but *must* be done prior to delivery.

(Please print)

NAME OF ORGANIZATION OR INDIVIDUAL TO BE LISTED ON ALL SIGNAGE: _____

NAME/TITLE OF HOUSE (As you'd like listed): _____

CATEGORY: _____

CONTACT NAME (Will not be published): _____

CONTACT PHONE (Will not be published): _____

CONTACT EMAIL (Will not be published): _____

NOTE: IF YOU ARE BRINGING MULTIPLE ENTRIES, in order to expedite the delivery process, please also tape a piece of paper with the house name and group (or family or individual) name to the topside of the structure.