



Shining Light on Mental Health

Home *Sweet* Home Gingerbread House Contest



Get into the Holiday spirit while staying safe at **Home *Sweet* Home** by participating in SolMateo's virtual **Gingerbread House Contest**. Show off your holiday baking and design skills for a chance to win a prize!

Winners will be announced during the Virtual Holiday Auction Live Event Friday, December 4 at 5pm

ENTRIES – Each contestant must register and submit six photos of their creation. Once an entry form is submitted, an email confirmation will be sent with a link to submit the photos. One entry per person or family. **Deadline to enter is Wednesday, November 25, 2020, at 11:59 pm.**

JUDGING – Voting will be done online at solmateo.givesmart.com. Anyone who registers can vote. Each vote is \$1. Registrants can vote as many times as they wish. **Entries with the most votes win!**

Entries will be judged on the following criteria:

- Overall Appearance
- Originality and Creativity
- Technique and Skill
- Difficulty

Voting will take place during the Online Silent Auction November 27 at 10am – December 4 at noon

CONSTRUCTION

- Any structure (house, building, school, barn, or any other imaginative dwelling) may be entered.
- The main structure should be original and constructed of gingerbread. Purchased kits and structures made of graham crackers should be entered in the Just for Fun Category.
- All components of the display, except the base, must be made of edible materials such as gingerbread, candy, nuts, cereal, cookies, crackers, pretzels, etc.
- All structures must be mounted on a hard, unbending base.
- There is no size limit.

CATEGORIES – Entries will be judged according to the following categories:

Competitive (entry fees/cash prizes)

- Professionals
- Adults 18+
- Kids/Family

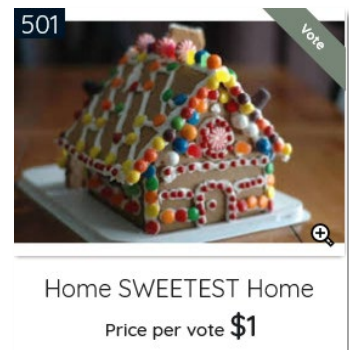
Just for Fun (free entry/no cash prizes)

- Adults, Kids/Family, Kits/Graham Crackers

PRIZES – Cash awards will be given to the top three voted entries in each of the Competitive Categories. **Winners will be announced during the Virtual Holiday Auction Live Event Friday, December 4 at 5pm**, along with the top three voted entries in the Just for Fun Category.

COMPETITIVE	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
Prize Money Payout ☆	50%	30%	20%

*The prize pool will be determined by how many entries are received in the Competitive Category. Prize money payout is based on the percentage of total entry fees/prize pool contributions received in each category. Top three places are guaranteed to receive a minimum of the entry fee.



Gingerbread House Contest Entry Form

Deadline to enter Wednesday, November 25, 2020, at 11:59pm

Title of Creation _____
(as you wish to be listed on the auction website)

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

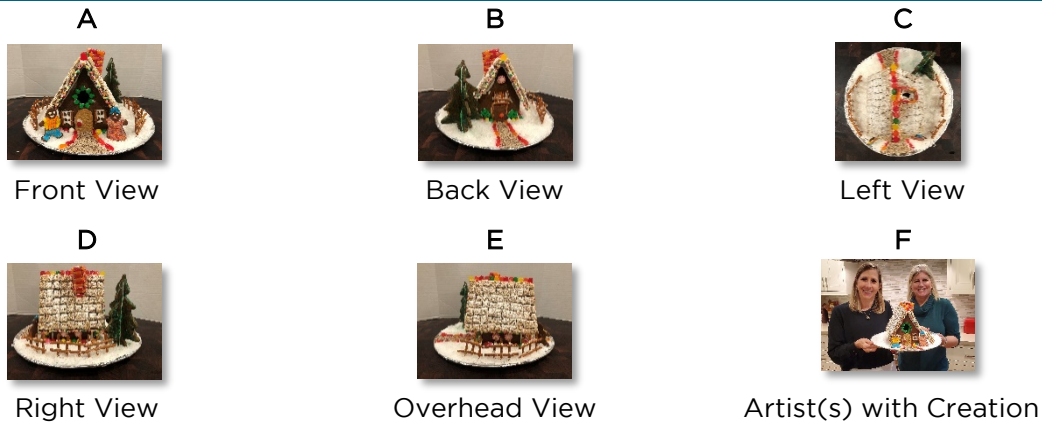
CATEGORY (check one)

Competitive	Entry Fee	Prize Pool Contribution
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional: Adults with professional culinary experience	\$50	\$25
<input type="checkbox"/> Adults: Adults Ages 18+	\$25	\$10
<input type="checkbox"/> Kids/Family: For younger ones or the whole family	\$10	\$5
Just for Fun		
<input type="checkbox"/> Adults, Kids/Family, Kits/Graham Crackers	Free	
<small>For anyone wanting to join the fun, or for those less adventurous builders or those short on time.</small>		

HOW TO ENTER – Sign up online at solmateo.org/gingerbread-house-contest or return this form with a check made payable to “SolMateo” to the address below.

PHOTOS – A link will be provided to submit six photos (jpeg or png files): one of each side (A,B,C,D), an overhead view (E), and one of the artist(s) with the final product (F).

Examples



All entrants grant SolMateo permission to use submitted photos for printed and online marketing purposes.

QUESTIONS? Please call Dierdre Zimits, 650-504-2233 or email info@solmateo.org

All proceeds benefit mental health, homelessness, and suicide prevention in San Mateo County.