



Gardeners' Holiday
Green Spring Gardens
Gingerbread House Contest
Sponsored by Friends of Green Spring
December 7, 2014

Rules and Procedures

The following Rules and Procedures have been established by the Friends of Green Spring Gingerbread House Contest Committee for the 2014 Gingerbread House Contest. Please retain these sheets for your records. For additional information, please contact Tatiana Lisle at FROGS1993GSG@yahoo.com

ENTERING and QUALIFYING to ENTER:

The contest is open to all individuals, groups and family teams. To be eligible, a completed entry form must be received at Green Spring Gardens or by mail or email and postmarked no later than December 1, 2014. **Entries that are not pre-registered will not be accepted.** Entry numbers will be assigned upon receipt of the completed entry form. Competitors will receive a confirmation with an entry number.

Only one Gingerbread House per entry form is permitted and individuals may have only one entry in each category for which they are eligible to compete. The Entry Form should be signed by the individual entering the contest. If the individual is younger than the age of eighteen (18) by the date of the contest, a signature from a parent or legal guardian is required with the minor's signature.

Family or Group Team entries are permitted under the following guidelines: Please complete one entry form for the group or family including the team captain's contact information on the entry form. A list of each family member's first and last name, along with each minor's age must be included. A signature from a parent or legal guardian will still be required for each member under the age of 18. A Family is defined as related individuals.

Due to space limitations, only 40 entries will be accepted.

All entries are the property of the entrant. **Entries must be delivered to the Horticulture Center at Green Spring Gardens on Saturday, December 6 between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon.** Late entries will not be judged.

CATEGORIES AND PRIZES

First place winners in each category will receive a \$25 Fairfax County Park Authority Gift Card; 2nd and 3rd place ribbons will be awarded in each category.

Adult Category
Teen Category (Ages 13-17)
Youth Category (Ages 12 and under)
Family Team
Group Team

SIZE LIMITATIONS, IDENTIFICATION and DESCRIPTION:

Gingerbread house entries must be submitted on a board base. We suggest using a ½ or ¾ inch plywood. Entries, in combination with the base, must not be larger than 24 inches high, 18 inches wide, and 18 inches long. Anything exceeding these measurements will be disqualified.

Please write your name, telephone number and entry number on the underside of your base. Your name may NOT be visible on the outside of the base or house. Doing so will disqualify you from the contest.

*** All houses must be constructed of 100% edible materials.** Bases may be of, and covered with, non-food related material. Kits may be used; however, difficulty and originality scores will be impacted.

The Gingerbread House Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry deemed inappropriate.

JUDGING PROCESS and CRITERIA:

Entries will be judged on the following basis:

Overall Appearance, Originality & Creativity, Difficulty, Precision, and Consistency of Theme. The theme should be the competitors own and consistent throughout the entry. There is no required theme for the competition – it is not required to be holiday related. All categories will be awarded places first through third. The top three competitors in all categories will be awarded a ribbon. Judging will be held the afternoon of Saturday, December 6.

POST COMPETITION:

The entry remains on display through the Gardeners' Holiday event and must be **picked up Monday, December 8, 2014 between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.**

Friends of Green Spring has sole permission to print or otherwise duplicate the picture or likeness of the entry and/or the entrant with the entry for either internal or external release; this includes print and online publications. It is understood that the image of the entry becomes property of Friends of Green Spring.

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2014 Entry Form**

Entry forms must be received at Green Spring Gardens by **Monday, Dec. 1, 2014 by 4:30 pm.**
Due to limited space, only 40 entries will be accepted, submit your forms early! (You will receive a confirmation with your Entry Number)

Name of participant: _____
or team captain

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Choose an entry category:

____ **Adult** ____ **Teen (13-17)** Age: _____ ____ **Youth (12 and under)** Age: _____

____ **Family Team** ____ **Group Team**

Please provide name of each team member and include ages of minors:

I agree to all the terms and conditions listed on the "Rules and Procedures" of the contest information document.

Participant or Parent
Signature: _____ Date: _____

Forms can be delivered or mailed to: Gingerbread House Contest
Green Spring Gardens
4603 Green Spring Road
Alexandria, VA 22312

Or scanned and e-mailed to: FROGS1993GSG@yahoo.com

For official use:
Date form is received: _____ Entry Number: _____