



Historic Strater Hotel presents the Durango Choral Society Gingerbread House Contest and Show
Saturday November 17, 2018

Get ready to pre-heat the oven, pull out your cookie sheets and decorating tips, and enter the Durango Choral Society Gingerbread House Contest and Show.

Divisions: Youth (8–17) Adult (18 and up) Family Professional

Note: Participant registration is limited to one division.

Registration deadline: November 1, 2018

Contest takes place on: November 17, 2018

Entry Fee: \$25, check only

Mail entry form and check to:

Durango Choral Society GBH Contest
PO Box 1043, Durango CO 81302

You will be notified when we receive your form and fee. If we receive your registration after November 1, 2018, we will return your registration unopened. Include your return address on your envelope. Space is limited; register early.

Contest Rules

- Entries must be constructed in 2018.
- Entries must be original; no gingerbread kits are allowed.
- Gingerbread structures may be houses, train stations, barns, or historic Durango buildings.
- Structures must be constructed entirely of gingerbread and icing. All components of the display, except for the base, must be made of edible materials. Edible materials include candy, nuts, cereal, cookies, crackers, and other food items. Wrappers must be removed from candy, etc.
- Each participant must offer three gingerbread cookies for the judges to taste. Place cookies on a small white paper plate (only) near your structure.
- Structures must be displayed and fit on one 18 inch x 18 inch-wide plywood base.
- No decorations should be placed on the sides of the base.
- Structures may not exceed 24 inches high.
- Styrofoam and other support materials are not permitted in construction.
- No lights or electronic devices are allowed.
- Attach a 3x5 inch card with the entrant's name, address, telephone number, and email address on the underside of the base.
- Once a registered participant has checked in and set up their entry, there will be no touching or moving the structure, at any time. However, a registered participant will be allowed to make repairs during set-up. Please bring your repair kit with you when you check in.

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Judging

- Entries will be judged on overall appearance (30 points); originality/creativity (30 points); workmanship/technique (30 points); and difficulty in execution (10 points).
- Awards will be announced immediately after judging is complete.
- First-place winners in each division and Best in Show will each receive a \$100 cash prize. Recipient of the People's Choice Award, tallied after the public viewing, will receive a \$50 gift certificate to the Strater Hotel's Diamond Belle Saloon.
- First-place winners, Best in Show, and the People's Choice Award selection (if different from the winners and Best in Show) will be displayed in Durango downtown businesses from November 18th through December 19th.

Check-in

- On Saturday, November 17, 2018, enter the Henry Strater Theater through the hallway under the blue awning on Main Avenue (mid-block leading into the theater). **Do not travel through the Strater Hotel lobby.**
- Only the registered participant and one helper will be allowed at check-in and to set the entry. It is advised to check in first, then to bring in the entry for placement. Repairs are allowed at this time (using your personal repair kit) but once the entry is released into the exhibit table, it cannot be touched or moved.
- Division schedules for check-in:
 - Professional and Adult: 7–8am
 - Youth: 8–9am
 - Family: 9–10am
- The participant and helper will each receive an arm band upon check-in and allowed back into the theater after the judging is completed. (Family Division entries will be given extra arm bands at check-in for family members who worked on the structure.)

Check-out

- All entries must be picked up after the public viewing closes at 5pm. Any entry left after the close of show will be discarded, including winning entries.
- The contest facilitator will instruct winners where to deliver their structure on or after November 18th to a Durango downtown business for viewing.

Public Show 1–5pm

Tickets are available at the door. \$1.00 per person admission and one vote ticket (not to exceed \$5.00 for families)

A "People's Choice" voting box will be featured during the show. Extra vote tickets are available for \$1.00 each.

Questions? Please contact: Rani Holt at Raniholt@gmail.com.

Entry fees and tickets to the public show help to support the programs of the four choruses that comprise the Durango Choral Society. We thank you for your participation.