



The First Annual “Down Gingerbread Lane”

Gingerbread House Competition

City of Seneca, SC

Co-Sponsor: Walnut Street Bakery

DEADLINES: Entries must be brought to Seneca City Hall with completed entry application by 5 pm on **December 10, 2021**.

The City of Seneca will accept entries beginning **December 1, 2021**. Please bring to Administration between 8 and 5 pm Monday through Friday.

Winners will be announced at Jazzy Christmas on **December 16, 2021, at Ram Cat Alley**.

Winners will receive cash prizes.

ENTRY FORMS: May be obtained at www.seneca.sc.us or at FB SenecaSC Events. Forms must be printed, filled out and brought with your entry to Seneca City Hall at 221 E. N. First Street, Seneca, SC.

You may also pick up an entry form at the Front Desk of City Hall.

There is no charge for entering the contest.

Entries will be identified in the display area with an assigned number. Names of entrants will **not** be visible to the public or to the judges.

Entrant will receive a confirmation email providing the assigned Entry Number.

ENTRY CATEGORY GUIDELINES

-Individual Entry

-Team Entry

AGE CATEGORIES

-Adult Category – Individuals 18 years of age and older entering as a single entrant or team.

-Teen Category – Individuals between 13 and 17 years of age and entering as a single entrant or team.

-Youth Category – Individuals between 9 and 12 years of age entering as a single entrant or team.

-Child Category – Individuals between 5 and 8 years of age entering as a single entrant or team.

ENTRY CRITERIA

All entries will be judged on five criteria:

- 1) Overall Appearance
- 2) Originality and Creativity
- 3) Difficulty
- 4) Precision
- 5) Consistency of Theme: The Magic of Christmas

JUDGING WILL BE CONDUCTED BY A PANEL OF OUTSIDE JUDGES NOT ASSOCIATED WITH THE CITY OF SENECA.

-JUDGING WILL BE COMPLETED BY December 14, 2021. Entries must remain on display at Seneca City Hall until January 4, 2022.

-SIZE AND LIMITATIONS: Entry must be placed on a board base. Entries combined with a base must not be larger than 24 inches high, 24 inches wide and 24 inches long. Plywood base is recommended. Weight is not to exceed 50 lbs.

-MATERIALS AND CONSTRUCTION: Everything above the base of your entry must be composed completely of edible materials. The main structure of your entry must be constructed of a least 75% gingerbread, some of which should be exposed.

-Edible materials are not limited to candies and icings. Use of gum paste, fondant, chocolate, modeling chocolate, royal icing, gelatin, and pressed sugar is encouraged. NO artificial display materials such as Styrofoam may be used. No interior or exterior lighting. Candies must be unwrapped and free of any non-edible materials (such as a lollipop stick).

-Base may be decorated with paint or ribbon.

-If you choose a creative name for your entry (such as "Christmas morning,"), you may display that name on the base of your entry. Just be sure not to include any personal identifiers.

-Do not place your name anywhere that is visible on the entry. You will be assigned a number. You MAY place a label on the bottom of the base IF IT IS NOT VISIBLE.

-If you wish to provide information or a "backstory" about your entry, you may provide a typed or emailed summary description. Your summary description must be anonymous and free from identifying factors. If identifying factors are included, the summary will be edited.

For more information: Debbie Williams, City of Seneca, 864-888-0880 or dwilliams@seneca.sc.us