

You're invited to participate in the Annual



GINGERBREAD HOUSE TOUR DISPLAY & COMPETITION

Mount Pleasant Borough invites you to participate in the Annual Gingerbread House Display and Competition. The House Tour will be Wednesday December 3rd from 5-8pm during the Christmas Parade at the Mount Pleasant American Legion. People's Choice will be voted for on that evening. A one dollar donation will be accepted at the door during the tour to benefit local Veteran Hospice Services. All houses will then be placed on display at various businesses located on Main Street in the borough from December 5th through December 19th.

Gingerbread houses will be available for purchase and can be picked up for your holiday enjoyment on December 19th. All monies received will benefit local veteran's hospice care in the Mount Pleasant area.

Awards will be given for each category below:

 **Adult**

 **Elementary**

 **Middle School**

 **High School**

 **Family**

 **Culinary**

 **Student**

 **Professional**

Gingerbread houses can be constructed of any safe-to-eat material; however, the houses are not recommended for edible consumption. Basic guidelines for houses are enclosed within this brochure. If you would like to participate in this holiday display, a copy of this packet can be accessed via the Mount Pleasant Borough website. Mail the completed entry form to:

Borough of Mount Pleasant
Attention: Gingerbread House Tour
1 Etze Avenue, Municipal Building, Mount Pleasant PA 15666
All mail entries need to be submitted by November 25th, 2014

Contact: Christine Barnhart at gingerbread15666@gmail.com 412-913-4961

Delivery location: Mount Pleasant American Legion

Delivery Date and Time: Sunday, November 30th, from 1-4pm

JUDGING:

Judges will select an overall “**Dream House**” award to be given to the best gingerbread display **on Sunday November 30th**. Awards will be announced when the doors open **Wednesday Dec 3rd at 5pm** for the **Gingerbread House Tour** at the **Mount Pleasant American Legion**. An Overall **People’s Choice Award** will be determined by a community vote while visiting the display during the **Christmas Parade on Wednesday Dec. 3rd**. The People’s Choice Award will be announced on **December 5th** via social media and publications. The remaining winners of each category will be notified. This exhibit is intended to be an enjoyable holiday event to benefit local veterans in our area. All the houses are being sold to raise money for our local **Veteran Hospice Services**.

The judges are given the following guidelines to follow:

- Creativity/originality
- Overall appearance and appeal
- Difficulty
- Precision\Neatness

Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for each category listed on the entry form.

PLEASE NOTE:

Any houses that do not exhibit soundness in structure, or that do not follow the size and construction criteria will not be eligible for an award. Some houses will be removed from the display before **December 19th** if they deteriorate.

Display Dates:

December 5th through December 19th. If your house is not purchased and you would like to pick it up after December 19th please let us know at the delivery on November 30th. If houses are not picked up or purchased they will be donated to elder care facilities in our area for the Holiday or maintained by the business for their holiday display.

Donations:

Donations\purchase checks can be made to the **Mount Pleasant Borough C/O Gingerbread House/Veteran Hospice Services**. Donations will also be accepted during the House Tour on **Wednesday Dec 5th from 5-8pm**.

Entry Forms:

Mailed entry forms need to be submitted by **November 25th** to 1 Etze Avenue, Municipal Building, Mount Pleasant PA 15666 Attention: Gingerbread House Competition or by emailing gingerbread15666@gmail.com



GINGERBREAD DISPLAY ENTRY FORM

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: _____

CONTACT NAME: _____

CELL PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

NUMBER OF HOUSES SUBMITTED: _____

TITLE OF HOUSE: _____

Check each that applies:

____ **FAMILY**

____ **ELEMENTARY (2-5)**

____ **MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8)**

____ **CULINARY STUDENT**

____ **HIGH SCHOOL (9-12)**

____ **PROFESSIONAL**

____ **ADULT**

(numbers in parenthesis are the equivalent grades per category)

ENTRY IDENTIFICATION FORM

TAPE OR GLUE THIS TO THE BASE OF EACH ENTRY

NAME OF GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL LISTED ON SIGNAGE: _____

CONTACT NAME: _____

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER: _____











CONTACT EMAIL: _____

NAME/ TITLE OF HOUSE: _____

CATEGORY: _____

Are you planning on picking up your house on December 19th? Yes / No

Rules and Regulations

-  All houses are to be displayed on a stable surface (cake board, foam core, wood) or something solid for transport and display.
-  Please limit your display dimensions to a 16"x20" base size.
-  ***IMPORTANT* PLEASE DO NOT use any egg, butter or ingredient that can spoil.**
-  Royal icing or meringue powder is a great frosting for construction and decorating. (Meringue powder (egg substitute) can be purchased at Walmart, Michaels or any store that carries cake decorating supplies.)
-  Structure cannot exceed 2 feet in height.
-  Consider a solid infrastructure depending on your creation. Display time and environment can cause a change in the integrity of your creation. Infrastructure can be made of heavy cardboard or foam core. Using a generous amount of royal icing can also help maintain your structure.
-  No battery or electric components should be part of your structure.
-  Any non-edible decorative object included in your display will not be returned if you choose to not pick up your house on December 19th.
-  Your structure is going to be transported a few times so please keep this in mind while creating it.
-  The "gingerbread" portion of your structure can be from a kit or created from scratch. Ideas can be from your own creation or found online.

DONATIONS

All the homes in the competition are available for purchase. Proceeds will be used to support our local veterans via the American Legion for Veteran Hospice Services. All checks can be made out to the **Borough of Mount Pleasant C/O Gingerbread House/Veterans Hospice Services**. Our goal is to raise as much money as possible to support our veterans.

If you are interested in a particular house please contact Christine Barnhart @ 412-913-4961 or by email @ gingerbread15666@gmail.com.

The homes will be available after December 19th for you to enjoy during the holiday season. If special arrangements need made for pick-up please let me know.