

SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO GINGERBREAD COMPETITION

The Southwestern Ontario Gingerbread Competition is organized by Klara Johnson's Inc. School of Confectionery Pastry Art. All proceeds from this competition will be donated to charity namely, The Rotary Club of Cambridge (Preston-Hespeler) and the Cambridge Self-help Food Bank.

DATE: November 18th – 20th, 2011

LOCATION: Cambridge Centre (Sears Court) 355 Hespeler Road, Cambridge, Ontario

ENTRY FEE:

OPEN \$30.00 plus 2 canned goods

STUDENT (post secondary) \$25.00 plus 2 canned good

TEEN: \$15.00 plus 2 canned goods

YOUTH: \$10.00 plus 2 canned goods

**** \$4.00 may be added in lieu of the canned goods****

CATEGORIES:

OPEN – adults 18 years of age +

STUDENT (post secondary) - 18 years of age +

TEEN - 13 – 17 years of age

YOUTH - – 12 years of age

Entry form and fees must be received no later than November 11, 2011 at 5:00 pm. Online registration is available at www.klarajohnsons.com

- Parent's signature must be present on Teen and Youth entry forms
- Each entry will be assigned a competitor number which you will receive via return email . This number is the **only** identification you may use on your masterpiece

- A description of the piece, including items used must be provided to the registrar at the time of set-up. This description will only be used if the judges require information regarding the entry. **DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON THIS – USE YOUR COMPETITOR NUMBER ONLY**
- Space is limited so we urge you to register early
- Team entries are permitted in all categories, but limited to a maximum of 4 persons
- If ages vary on a team then the oldest will determine the category
- The work must be only that of the competitor(s)

LIMITATIONS, DESIGN

- **Maximum display size is 24" (L) x 24" (W) x 24" (H) – all entries are measured by competition officials**
- **Deductions will be made if the entry is beyond the maximum size.** Please be aware that **any embellishments attached to the sides of the base could cause exceeding of the maximum size.** It is advised to start with a smaller base to accommodate for this. Also, **if legs are to be attached to the base, account for this in the total height to stay within the limits**
- Please use a heavy board for the base. Pieces can become quite heavy and a sturdy base will prevent any sagging when moving. The base board is the only non-edible material allowed.
- Although gingerbread is associated with houses, this competition is open to anything gingerbread! The sky's the limit (up to 24" of course!) – we encourage your creativity!
- The main structure **must** be of gingerbread – the more gingerbread the better
- **NO ARTIFICIAL/NON EDIBLE SUPPORTS ALLOWED** (except the base board as previously noted)
- **Only edible mediums/items may be used for decoration.** These are not limited to

sweets (however pickles are not a good idea!)

- **All candies must be unwrapped**
- **No lights are permitted**
- The competition committee reserves the absolute discretion to remove any entry deemed as inappropriate

SET-UP and TEAR DOWN

Set up: November 18th 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

There will be a separate area for last minute touch ups. Competitors are not allowed to work on their entry at the competition tables – prevention of mishaps to entries already in position.

Tear down: November 20th 5:00 pm. All entries may be removed at this time. If any entries are left behind they will be disposed (possibly eaten!)

JUDGING

The judging will take place on Saturday morning. Entries will be marked on the following criteria:

Originality, Difficulty, Precision and Overall Appearance

In the event of a tie, the judges will be asked to break it.

The decision of the judges is final.

AWARDS CEREMONY

Awards Ceremony: November 20th at 4:00 pm

All competitors will receive certificates

Prizes will be awarded to the winners as follows:

OPEN 1ST Place \$1,000.00

2nd Place \$300.00

3rd Place \$150.00

STUDENT, TEEN and YOUTH categories:

Prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners

****NOTE**** at the time of publication prizes for Student, Teen and Youth categories have not yet been determined

*****Team winners** – in the event that a team entry wins, it is up to the team captain to distribute the winnings or prize. In the Teen and Youth category, there *may only be a single* prize, which would be difficult to split amongst team members.

Klara Johnson`s Inc. reserves the right to publish names and photographs of the winning entries

Klara Johnson`s Inc. understands that situations may arise and a competitor may have to withdraw. As this competition is for charity, the entry fee is non-refundable