

# DOWNTOWN for the HOLIDAYS

Thanksgiving through New Year's

## 7TH ANNUAL 2010 VIRGINIA GINGERBREAD CHRISTMAS® GINGERBREAD HOUSE COMPETITION



Downtown for the Holidays invites you to join in its seventh annual Gingerbread House Competition to be held December 2nd through the 5th at the Omni Hotel (235 West Main Street) in the heart of the Downtown Mall. The competition is open to both amateur and professional bakers, with adult, youth, and child categories. Prizes will be awarded in each category. Please contact Sage Moon Gallery LLC at 434-977-9997 or the Downtown Business Association of Charlottesville at 434-295-9073 with any questions.

### RULES

- Pre-registration is required by November 24, 2010.
- All entries must be delivered to the Omni Hotel on December 30th or December 1st between the hours of 10:00am and 6:00pm.
- Each house must be created on a sturdy, stable base no larger than 3ft. by 2ft. and sized appropriately for the house. Smaller is fine. There is a 6in. maximum border allowance around the Gingerbread House.
- Houses must be made entirely out of edible products with the exception of the base.
- No artificial display materials, such as Styrofoam or interior lighting are allowed for construction or display.
- No house may be removed before 4:00pm on December 5th.

The contest is open to everyone who wishes to participate with a completed entry form and paid fees. Entries will be judged based on appearance, originality, creativity, difficulty, and precision. Each area will be graded on a scale from 1 to 5 by 5 separate judges on December 2nd prior to the area being opened to the public. Judges forms will be tabulated and the entry in each category with the highest points will win 1st place. All rulings by judges are final. Prizes will be awarded during the St. Nicholas Eve closing reception, which will held on December 5th from 3:00pm to 4:00pm at the Omni Hotel (Preston Room).

Completed Gingerbread Houses must be delivered to the Omni Hotel on December 30th or December 1st between the hours of 10:00am and 6:00pm. Judging will be completed by 4:00pm December 2nd. All houses will be available for public viewing at the Omni Hotel beginning on December 2nd at 4:00pm through December 5th at 4:00pm. Gingerbread houses will be on display in the Preston Room on these dates.

### PRIZES



Prizes will be awarded on December 5th at 3:00pm. No houses may be removed prior to 4:00pm on December 5th. Houses will be judged on the basis of appearance, creativity, difficulty, and precision. 1st and 2nd place prizes will be awarded in each of the categories: Professional, Amateur Adult (16 years and above), Youth (10 years to 15 years), Child (9 years and under).

**Professional Category:** 1st—\$200, 2nd—\$125

**Amateur Adult:** 1st—\$150, 2nd—\$100

**Youth:** 1st—\$50, 2nd—\$25

**Child:** 1st—\$30, 2nd—\$20

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### 1. Construction Information

Each Gingerbread House entry must be created on a base no larger than 3ft by 2ft long. **SMALLER IS FINE.** Please make base suitable for size of house, as space is limited this year. There is a 6in. maximum border allowance around the Gingerbread House. Each house must be made entirely of edible products with the exception of the base. No artificial display materials, such as Styrofoam or interior lighting are to be used in the construction or display of the entry.

### 2. Who Can Enter

The competition is open to everyone who wishes to participate with a completed entry form and paid fees. Professional fee is \$25.00, Adult fee is \$15.00, and Youth and Child fee is free. Please make all checks payable to DBAC.

### 3. How to Enter

Entry forms are available at Charlottesville Parking Center, Inc. at 108 5th St. NE and Sage Moon Gallery, LLC at 212 East Main Street on the Downtown Mall. Entry forms can also be downloaded from Sage Moon's website at [www.sagemoongallery.com](http://www.sagemoongallery.com) or the Downtown Business Association of Charlottesville's website at [www.downtowncharlottesville.net](http://www.downtowncharlottesville.net). An entry form must be filled out for each house submitted for judging. Entry forms must be received by Sage Moon by November 24th before the end of the business day. Completed Gingerbread House entries must be delivered to the Omni Hotel on December 30th or December 1st between the hours of 10:00am and 6:00pm. Contestants will receive a competition number upon arrival which will be placed at the base of their Gingerbread House for judging purposes.

### 4. Judging

There will be four judging categories with 1st and 2nd prizes awarded in each category: Professional, Amateur Adult (16 years and above), Youth (10 years to 15 years), Child (9 years and under). Entries will be judged in five areas: 1) appearance, 2) originality, 3) creativity, 4) difficulty, and 5) precision. Each area will be graded on a scale from 1 to 5 by 5 judges on December 2nd prior to the area being opened to the public. Judges forms will be tabulated and the entry in each category with the highest points will win 1st place. Prizes will be awarded during the St. Nicholas Eve closing reception, which will held on December 5th from 3:00pm to 4:00pm at the Omni Hotel (Preston Room).

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## GINGERBREAD HOUSE COMPETITION ENTRY FORM (DUE BY NOVEMBER 24TH)

Please complete the entry form and return with entry fee to: Sage Moon Gallery LLC; 212 East Main Street; Charlottesville, VA 22902. Please make checks payable to DBAC.

Name:

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Address:

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City:

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State/Zip:

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Email:

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#### PLEASE CHECK CATEGORY

- Professional (\$25 fee included)  
 Amateur Adult (\$15 fee included)  
 Youth (NO entry fee required)  
 Child (NO entry fee required)

I have read and agree to all the rules and regulations.

Signature:

How did you learn about this contest?