**Gingerbread House Contest**

**Judges Rubric**

**Three Entry Categories:**

**Masters, Adult Amateur and Youth Amateur**

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| **Category** | **1 point** | **2 points** | **3 points** | **4 points** | **5 points** |
| **Overall Appearance** | A Gingerbread House | A Gingerbread House with a yard / decorated base | Gingerbread house, decorated base, a few gingerbread elements | Gingerbread House, decorated base, unique elements with both candy and gingerbread | Completely unique house/base/ elements compared to all others |
| **Creativity/best use of food** | No surprise elements | One or two surprise elements | Three to five surprise elements | More than six surprise elements | WOW factor – what a cool and creative house! |
| **Best Theme** | No discernible theme | Generic Gingerbread House  | Generic Gingerbread plus a few cool elements | A fresh take on a theme. | Theme with multiple related design elements  |
| **Difficulty** | Box kit or graham crackers used | Box kit with 1 or 2 original additions | Box kit with more than 3 original additions | Homemade pieces with limited shape sizes | Homemade with multiple sized pieces |
| **Taste** | Box kit / no taste test provided | Packaged candy treats provided | Unique/theme related packaged treats provided | Homemade gingerbread taste test = average | Homemade gingerbread - “tastes like the stuff my grandma made” |
| **Precision / building design** | No attention to neatness / some elements falling down | No pieces falling down, but uneven lines/candy | One level house/ design with neatness and even lines | 1-2 level house/ advanced design lines | 2+ levels of gingerbread/ advanced design lines |