



GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST

A Grand Prize will be awarded for the following three divisions:

- Group 1 - children only - 13 and under. Construction can be of baked or a purchased gingerbread house kit.
- Group 2 - teen, adult, family/group. Must be constructed of baked gingerbread.
- Group 3 - teen, adult, family/group. Constructed of graham crackers. The Osage County Library in Linn will be offering the opportunity to build your house on Friday, December 1, 2023 from 5 - 6:30 p.m. **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.**

Official Rules and Guidelines:

1. There is no cost to enter. All entries must be constructed in 2023.
2. Design, bake and decorate a gingerbread creation. All artwork must have major components including, but not limited to, a roof and walls. **ALL ENTRIES MUST USE ROYAL ICING ONLY** (no buttercream, fondants, or printed icings).
3. Entries must be original - no gingerbread kits allowed for Group 2.
4. **ENTIRE DISPLAY EXCEPT FOR BASE MUST BE MADE OF EDIBLE MATERIALS.** Entries must be constructed of mainly gingerbread or graham crackers and icing; unwrapped candy, cookies, crackers, cereals, pasta and any other food items. Entries may use lollipops without the paper or plastic stems. Non-perishable food items may not be used. Gingerbread artwork is not limited to just houses...be creative.
5. All entries must be on a wooden or heavy cardboard base, no larger than 18" x 18". Entries may have battery operated lighting. Please give your house a special "Holiday Name" such as Winter Wonderland, Reindeer Games, A Star Wars Christmas, Santa's Workshop, etc.
6. Your name, house name and age/category will be placed next to each entry.

**BRING YOUR GINGERBREAD HOUSE TO THE
UNTERRIFIED DEMOCRAT IN LINN (300 EAST MAIN STREET, LINN)
ON DECEMBER 7, 2023 ANYTIME BETWEEN 3 AND 7 P.M.**

7. Gingerbread houses will be on display at 300 East Main Street, Linn (the Unterrified Democrat) from 4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. on December 8, 2023.
8. Winners will be contacted Saturday, December 9. Winners do not need to be present to win.
9. Participants will need to pick up their gingerbread house on Monday, December 11 from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Entries not picked up by 4:30 p.m. on December 11 will be discarded.

**A GRAND PRIZE WINNER WILL BE AWARDED IN EACH DIVISION.
PLEASE CALL 573-897-3150 WITH QUESTIONS.**