



Professional



Amateur



Gingerbread Competition

December 5th-8th 2014



College



High School



Children's



2014 Gingerbread Competition Entry Form

Please **PRINT** Clearly

Entry Form Due No Later Than Friday, November 28, 2014

Division:

Children's

Professional

High School

Amateur

College

Business / School / Instructor Name *(for Amateur & Children's Division..... leave blank)*

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

Email:

I have read and understand and agree to all of the rules outlined in this packet:

Signature

Please mail, fax or scan & email to:

The Niagara Falls Culinary Institute

Attn: Scott Steiner CCE, AAC

28 Old Falls St.

Niagara Falls, NY 14303

Telephone: 716-698-5909 Fax: 716-210-2575 Email:

ssteiner@niagaracc.suny.edu

What Division do I Compete in???

Professional Contestant is any graduate of a Baking & Pastry Arts Program or a baker or pastry chef / cook who is working in the industry.

Amateur Contestant is any individual ages 14 and above who has no formal baking and pastry arts training and is not working in the industry at any level. (If an individual is currently enrolled in a baking and pastry or culinary arts program, they must enter in the student division: Not as an Amateur).

College Student Contestant is any individual currently enrolled in a baking & pastry or culinary arts program at the collegiate level.

High School Student Contestant is any student enrolled in a BOCES Culinary Arts or Baking and Pastry Arts program or any high school program involved with food production. Many of the local high schools offer elective classes in family and consumer science that deal with culinary arts. A student enrolled in this type of class must enter the high school division.

Child Contestant is any child ages 7-13 who enjoys building & decorating gingerbread. The winners of this category will not receive a cash prize, but a basket filled with pastry utensils & gadgets.



**American Culinary Federation
Greater Buffalo New York**



Official Rules

1. Entry Forms

- Fill out an Official Entry Form and return to the committee chair no later than Friday, November 28, 2013.

- Attach a 3" x 5" card listing your name, address and phone number on the underside of each entry.

- Creations must fit on a 20" circular or square display board. It is highly recommended that the display board be constructed out of at least 1/2 inch thick MDO (Medium Density Overlay). Height can be no more than 24."

- Entries will be judged in five (5) categories:

- Professional Division
- Amateur Division
- College Division – (Up to 5 entries per school can be displayed for judging)
- High School Division – (Up to 5 entries per school can be displayed for judging)
- Children's Division – New This Year

- All entries must be brought to The Niagara Falls Culinary Institute on Thursday, December 4, 2014 between 9:30 am and 5:30 pm.

- Please note all parts of Gingerbread House must be edible. (No foil or paper wrapping on candy) Gingerbread Houses may be mechanically enhanced.

- Final judging will consist of four categories:

- Use of Gingerbread & Color
- Originality/Creativity
- Adherence to Guidelines
- Detail in Decoration

- Judges' decisions will be final

- The Ribbons will be laid out on Friday before the Unveiling Cocktail Party.

High School Division	College Division	Professional Division	Amateur Division	Children's Division
1 st Place: \$100.00	1 st Place: \$100.00	1 st Place: \$200.00	1 st Place: \$150.00	1 st Place: Pastry Basket (lg)
2 nd Place: \$50.00	2 nd Place: \$50.00	2 nd Place: \$100.00	2 nd Place: \$100.00	2 nd Place: Pastry Basket (med)
3 rd Place: \$25.00	3 rd Place: \$25.00	3 rd Place: \$50.00	3 rd Place: \$50.00	3 rd Place: Pastry Basket (sm)
People's Choice	People's Choice	People's Choice	People's Choice	People's Choice

DISCLAIMERS

- ACF will not be responsible for any damage that occurs to the structures.
- Entry into the contest will be deemed consent for use of entries, names and photos of entrants in all media for advertising and/or promotion purposes.
- Proceeds will benefit The Food Bank of Western New York supporting Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, and Niagara Counties.

Schedule of Events

Thursday December 4, 2014

9:30am – 5:30pm

- House Drop-Off (Main Atrium @ NCFI)
- Private Judging to Take Place (6:00 – 7:00pm)

Friday December 5, 2014

6:00 – 9:00pm

- Unveiling Cocktail Party (Tickets Required)
- Silent Auction Opened (Bid on Houses)

Saturday December 6, 2014

11:00am – 8:00pm

- Open to the Public for Viewing
- Silent Auction is Open (Bid on Houses)
- Vote for People's Choice Awards

Sunday December 7, 2014

12:00 – 6:00pm

- Open to the Public for Viewing
- Silent Auction is Open (Bid on Houses)
- People's Choice Awards Announced

Monday December 8, 2014

6:00 – 8:30pm

- ACF Social Meeting (Reservations Required)
- Team (Mystery Basket) Gingerbread Decorating Competition for Industry Professionals
- Silent Auction Closed

Tuesday & Wednesday December 9 – 10, 2014

9:30am – 5:30pm

-Silent Auction Winner Notification & House Pick Up



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Dear Friends,

The ACF of Greater Buffalo will be hosting its annual Gingerbread Competition the weekend of December 5th - 8th, at the Niagara Falls Culinary Institute (28 Old Falls Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14303). NFCI has graciously agreed to be our venue sponsor. The competition categories are as follows:

Professional Division
Amateur Division
College Student Division
High School Student Division
Children's Division (New this Year)

As the holidays approach, we at the ACF of Greater Buffalo are looking forward to this *Gingerbread Competition and Auction*. Cash prizes & ribbons will be awarded to the first - third place winners in each category. Any proceeds from the auction will be donated to **The Food Bank of Western New York supporting Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, and Niagara Counties.**

Activities will include a life size gingerbread house with Santa, cookie decorating for the kids, the beautiful gingerbread houses on display and a silent auction of the creations. Guests will have an opportunity to bid on houses. The winners of the house auctions will be notified Monday (8th) evening and the houses will be available for pick up on Tuesday (9th) and Wednesday (10th) 9:30am – 5:30pm.

Also new this year, the December ACF social meeting will be held at the Gingerbread Event on Monday December 8th from 6:00 – 8:30pm. In conjunction with the social meeting that evening, we will be organizing a small team “Mystery Basket” Gingerbread House Decorating Competition for Industry Professionals. Please contact Ssteiner@niagaracc.suny.edu for more details.

We look forward to your involvement with this event. Enclosed / attached you will find the competition guidelines and an entry form to complete and return to us. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call Scott Steiner at 716-698-5909 or by email at ssteiner@niagaracc.suny.edu . We can't wait to see your spectacular creation!

Sincerely,

Scott Steiner CCE, AAC
Gingerbread Competition Chair

Reservation / Ticket Information

Friday Night Unveiling Cocktail Party December 5, 2014

6:00- 9:00pm

Niagara Falls Culinary Institute

One complimentary ticket will be provided to each contestant entered in the gingerbread competition (*excluding the Children's category*). Additional tickets may be purchased for **\$20.00** at the door, but **reservations must be made in advance.**

To secure your additional tickets for the Unveiling Reception contact:

Scott Steiner CCE, AAC @

ssteiner@niagaracc.suny.edu or at 716-698-5909



Monday Night ACF Social Meeting @NFCI December 8, 2014

6:00 – 8:30pm

Niagara Falls Culinary Institute

Anyone may attend the ACF Social Meeting but **reservations are required** and there will be an admittance fee of **\$10.00.**

To Make Reservations for the ACF Social Meeting contact:

Chef Monte Dolce @

Kdolce@mac.com or by phone at 716-604-8881

