



***Registration Deadline: Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022.***

### ***Contest Rules***

**1. THERE IS NO ENTRY FEE TO JOIN**

2. This year's theme is

- **“The season of giving”**. What is the meaning of gifting during Christmas? What kind of special gift have you received? How do you give back to your community? Showcase your creativity with your favorite decorations, activities, food, or candy in your gingerbread decorations.

3. All items and decorations used must be edible and non-flammable. The only non-edible items that you can use are the base and Christmas lights. (Note: Christmas lights must be battery operated LED.)

4. Please keep the base for your gingerbread creations **30 x 30 inches or smaller** in size. Larger creations will have marks deducted.

5. **Categories:** Winners for each category will be decided by a panel of judges.

- If there is a tie for 1<sup>st</sup> place, the cash prizes for 1<sup>st</sup> place and 2<sup>nd</sup> place will be combined and split between the winning entries. If there is a tie for second place, money will be split.
6. The Two entries that receive the most votes will be award the **People's Choice Award**. The first place entry will receive **\$1000 cash** and the second highest votes entry will receive **\$500 cash**. All entries are eligible to win. Make sure you encourage your friends, co-workers, and family to vote for your entry with a donation to the Surrey Christmas Bureau through a special link on the Downtown Surrey BIA website active December 3 -11. Not only do the participants get a chance of winning a prize, the voters will be entered for a chance to win a \$250 Central City Shopping Centre gift card.

### *Dropping – Off & Picking – Up Entries*

1. Entries must be delivered to Central City Shopping Centre on **Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> between 10am – 3pm**.
2. Entries must be picked up at Central City Shopping Centre on Monday, **December 12<sup>th</sup> between 9:30 am – Noon**. We cannot store entries after that date/time.
3. If you **do not** want to pick up your entry, please let us know in advance by phone or email.

### *Other Dates*

1. Entries will be on display at Central City Shopping Centre from **Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**during mall hours.
2. Voting begins on **Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**.
3. Judging will take place between **December 3<sup>rd</sup> and December 7<sup>th</sup>**.

4. The **People's Choice Award**, winner will be announced on Facebook on **December 13<sup>th</sup>**.

**Please indicate which category you would like to be entered in (you may only pick one):**

■ **Elementary School**

■ **Primary (K -3)**    ■ **Intermediate (4-7)**

Eligibility: Includes staff and students. Can be completed by an individual, a group, a class, a school club or team, etc. Entry must be tied to a school.

- Prizes (In each category): 1st place: \$500, 2nd place: \$250

■ **High School**

- Eligibility: Includes staff and students. Can be completed by an individual, a group, a class, a school club or team, etc. Entry must be tied to a school.
- Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> place: **\$1000**, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: **\$750**, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: **\$500** and 4<sup>th</sup> place: **\$250**

■ **Post-Secondary**

- Eligibility: Entry can be made by staff, students, administration, specific departments, etc. Entry must be tied to a school. *\*Does not include culinary post-secondary institutions.*
- Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> place: **\$500** and 2<sup>nd</sup> place: **\$250**.

■ **Charity/Non-Profit**

- Eligibility: Can be staff or a volunteer representing a charity/non-profit. *\*If you win under this category, the prize money must go towards the organization.*
- Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> place: **\$500** and 2<sup>nd</sup> place: **\$250**.

■ **Business**

- Eligibility: This category is for businesses that are not professional bakers – we want to see your team's creativity and teamwork. *\*Businesses that hire a professional baker will be judged under the "People's Choice" category only.*
- Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> place: **\$500** and 2<sup>nd</sup> place: **\$250**.

### ■ **Community/Service Group**

- Eligibility: Includes service clubs (ex. Rotary Club or Lions Club), neighborhood or community associations, and religious centres. First Responders are also included unless they would like to register under their specific charity.
- Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> place: **\$500** and 2<sup>nd</sup> place: **\$250**.

### **Open Groups (Select one out of the three)**

#### ■ **Open A**

- Eligibility: An individual, family, group of friends, local sports team, etc. Where majority of work is completed by an adult(s) of **19 years old +**
- Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> place: **\$500** and 2<sup>nd</sup> place: **\$250**.

#### ■ **Open B**

- Eligibility: An individual, family, group of friends, local sports team, etc. Where majority of work is completed by a teen(s) of **13 years old – 18 years old**.
- Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> place: **\$500** and 2<sup>nd</sup> place: **\$250**.

#### ■ **Open C**

- Eligibility: An individual, family, group of friends, local sports team, etc. Where majority of work is completed by a child(ren) **under 13 yrs**.
- Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> place: **\$500** and 2<sup>nd</sup> place: **\$250**.

### **Judging is based on:**

- WOW! Factor - First Impression
- Uniqueness
- Attention to detail
- Overall Design
- Use of products
- Incorporation of theme
- Points will be deducted if rules are not followed (use of non-edibles, size, etc.)

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

School/Business/Organization (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number and best method/time to connect with you:

\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

If you win, the cheque should be made out to (name of individual or charity or organization and mailing address for the cheque): \_\_\_\_\_

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Dimensions of entry (preferably under 30 x 30 inches in size):

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Other details for entry (lights, base, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you plan to pick up your entry on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022? Yes  No

- *Reminder: If you do not pick up your Gingerbread Creation by noon on December 12<sup>th</sup>, it will be destroyed.*

**DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Please be sure to include all information as outlined above.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Stephanie at the Downtown Surrey BIA office at **604.580.2321** or via email at

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