



Baking Spirits Bright!

Medina County Historical Society's 4th Annual Gingerbread House Contest

Bake up some sweet memories with your work friends and enter your trimmed treat in the *Medina County Historical Society's 4th Annual Gingerbread House Contest*. The gingery works will be on display for the public to enjoy at the John Smart House Museum from November 8th to December 27th *.

Your organization can help make spirits bright this holiday season!

The competition is open to all ages – Adult: 18 years old and above, including businesses, organizations, and institutions; Youth: 9 – 17 years old; and Children: 8 years old and younger.

The sweet creations will be judged by the public on overall appearance and originality/creativity. There will be a \$50 prize awarded to the winner of each age category.

Application Deadline: Completed application forms must be received at the John Smart House Museum by September 30, 2026. Applications can be mailed to:

John Smart House Museum
Attn: Gingerbread House Contest
206 North Elmwood Street
Medina, OH 44256

or

Scan and e-mailed to mchs@zoominternet.net

Gingerbread House Drop-Off: Gingerbread Houses must be delivered to the John Smart House Museum between 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 24, 2026.

Gingerbread Pick-Up: Gingerbread Houses must be picked up from the John Smart House Museum between 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 pm. on Saturday, January 2, 2027. Houses not picked up will be discarded.



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Official Contest Rules:

- One House per participant
- All houses must be placed on a 1/2" base no larger than 15" x 15" with no legs
- Base should be completely covered
- All decorations must be 100% edible
- Non-edible decorations CAN be used to decorate the base only
- Children may use gingerbread kits (8 years old and younger)
- Creations should be preserved with hairspray or craft sealant
- Prizes will be awarded based on appearance, originality, and creativity
- All winners will be recognized in the local press and on the Medina County Historical Society's website and Facebook page

NAME: _____

ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

CATEGORY (Check one): CHILDREN ☐ YOUTH ☐ ADULT ☐

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

DO YOU WANT YOUR HOUSE BACK AFTER DISPLAY? _____

If you have any questions, please e-mail the Medina County Historical Society at mchs@zoominternet.net or call at (330) 722-1341.

Medina County Historical Society has the right to refuse any entry if deemed inappropriate.

**Please visit www.medinacountyhistoricalsociety.com for viewing dates and times.*