



Registration Deadline: Friday November 24, 2023

Contest Rules:

1. There is NO entry fee to join!
2. This year's theme is: Tomorrow's Surrey, Today's Gingerbread What do you think Surrey will look like 10 years from now? 20 years? 50 years? Create a build that represents what you want the city to look like. What do you think should be added to make Surrey an even better city to live in? Use your creativity! Who knows, your predictions may be correct.
3. All items and decorations must be edible and non-flammable. The only non-edible items you may use are the base and decorative string lights (note: lights must be battery operated LED).
4. Please keep the base for your gingerbread creations 2.5x2.5 ft or smaller in size
5. Winners for each category will be decided by a panel of judges.
 - If there is a tie for 1st place, the cash prizes for 1st and 2nd place will be combined and split between the winning entries. If there is a tie for second place, the prize will be split.
7. **People's Choice Award:** The entry with the most votes (most money raised) will win a separate \$1000 People's Choice Award. All entries are eligible to win. Make sure you encourage your friends, family, or co-workers 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 2nd.

Dropping-Off & Picking-Up Entries

Drop-off: Entries must be delivered to Central City Shopping Centre on Friday, December 1st between 11am-3:30pm

Pick-up: Entries must be picked up at Central City Shopping Centre on Monday December 11th between 9am-12pm

- *If you do not pick up your Gingerbread Creation by **Monday December 11, 2023, at noon** it will be disposed of.*

Important Dates:

1. Entries will be on display at Central City Shopping Centre from Friday December 2nd to Sunday December 10 between 11am-7pm.
2. Voting will run from December 2nd until December 10.
3. Judging will take place between December 2nd until December 5.
4. Winning entries will be announced on social media on December 6.
5. The **People's Choice Award** winner will be announced on Facebook on December 12.

Please select which category you would like to enter (you may only pick ONE):

Elementary School (Primary)

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

Elementary School (Intermediate)

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

High School

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

Post-Secondary

- Eligibility: Entry can be made by staff, students, administration, specific departments, etc. Entry must be tied to a post-secondary school. **Includes universities, clubs at post-secondary institutions, colleges, and private colleges. **Does not include culinary post-secondary institutions.***

Charity

- Eligibility: Can be staff or a volunteer representing a registered charity or church/place of worship. **Prize money must go towards the charity or organization.*

Non-Profit, Service Club, or Community Group

- Eligibility: Can be staff or a volunteer representing a service club or non-profit (ex. Rotary Club or Lions Club), or other neighborhood or community organization. First Responders are also included unless they would like to register under their specific charity.

Open (adults 19+)

- Eligibility: An individual, group of friends, or business etc. where the work is being done by an adult or adults)

Open (under 19)

- An individual, or group of friends, etc. where the work is being done by child/teenager, or children/teenagers.

Prizes

Awarded by judging panel:

- ***Over 10 entries received in category:***

1st \$1000

2nd \$500

3rd \$250

4th \$100

- ***Less than 10 entries received per category:***

1st \$500

2nd \$250

- **People's Choice Award**

\$1000 to the entry that has the most votes (money donated to the Surrey Christmas Bureau).

- **People's Choice Award Runner up**

\$500 to the entry that has the 2nd most votes (money donated to the Surrey Christmas Bureau).

Judging is based on:

- WOW! Factor (first impressions!)
- 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.)

Entry Form

Name(s): _____

School/Organization (if applicable): _____

Phone number: _____

Social Media: Are you on social media? Let us know so we can tag you in our posts! Remember to share your creations online to let people know to vote for your entry to win the People's Choice Award.

X (Twitter): _____ Facebook: _____ Instagram: _____

LinkedIn: _____ TikTok: _____

Email: _____

Preferred mode of contact: _____

If you win, the cheque should be made out to (name of individual or organization):

Dimensions of entry (base): _____

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

Do you plan to pick up your entry on **Monday December 11, 2023**? Circle YES/NO

- *If you do not pick up your Gingerbread Creation by **Monday December 11, 2023, at noon** it will be disposed of.*

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Please be sure to indicate all information outlined above.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Saije Rusimovici at the Downtown Surrey BIA office at 604.580.2321 or via email at saije@downtownsurreybia.com

