

**Grab your sugar, spice, and everything nice –
and run, run, fast as you can.... to enter the**



Gingerbread **FIRE**house Contest & Exhibition

HOSTED BY THE AURORA REGIONAL FIRE MUSEUM

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Sat. Nov. 12
Gingerbread
FIREhouse Contest
registration forms
are due

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Tues. Nov. 22
All gingerbread
FIREhouses to be
delivered to the
museum

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Sat. Nov. 26
Exhibit opening and
contest judging

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Fri. Dec. 19
Raffle winners
announced

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Sat. Dec. 22
Exhibit closes
and gingerbread
FIREhouses may be
picked up from the
museum

The Aurora Regional Fire Museum is pleased to host the 3rd annual gingerbread FIREhouse contest, exhibition, and charity raffle for the holidays. All entries must depict a firefighting themed architectural structure, real or imaginary — IE: a firehouse, burning building, etc. Participants are invited to compete in one of two divisions:

- **Adult Division:** Gingerbread entries made by adult individuals or groups (where most of the work was completed by adults who are *over* the age of 18).
- **Junior Division:** an entry made by an individual, family, school, scout, or other group (where most of the work was completed by individuals *under* the age of 18).

The exhibit opens, and the entries will be judged on Saturday, November 26, 2011. Cash and prizes will be awarded for both Peoples Choice and Judges Choice in each division.

Read the complete contest rules and procedures and fill out the entry form online at:

www.AuroraRegionalFireMuseum.org/gingerbread

Rules and Procedures for the Aurora Regional Fire Museum's Gingerbread FIREhouse CONTEST

ENTERING and QUALIFYING to ENTER:

- All entries must depict a firefighting themed architectural structure, real or imaginary — IE: a firehouse, burning building, etc.
- The Aurora Regional Fire Museum (ARFM) reserves the right to refuse any entry deemed inappropriate.
- Except for the base, entries must be made from 100% edible materials. All walls and roofs should be made primarily of gingerbread. Edible materials are not limited to sweets. No artificial display materials, such as cardboard, wood, plastic, styro-foam or interior lighting are to be used. Candy must be unwrapped and free of any inedible materials (such as lollipop sticks).
- All entries must be affixed to a sturdy base, (1/4 inch plywood is suggested). The overall size of you entry – FIREhouse combined with a base – *must not* be greater than 24" by 24".
- The competition is open to all area residents and businesses on an "as space allows" basis.
- All completed entry forms (along with entry fee) must be received no later than Nov. 12, 2011. Entries that are not pre-registered will not be accepted. Entry forms may be obtained and submitted online at:
www.AuroraRegionalFireMuseum.org.
- The entry form must be signed by the individual entering the competition. For families/groups, please complete one entry form for the group which includes a team captain's name along with a separate list of each team members' first and last names. The team captain, will be the recipient of any prizes, and it is their responsibility to distribute (or split) any prize.
- A signature from an adult, parent, or legal guardian will be required for each entry in the Junior Division (under the age of 18). For group entries, please complete one form for the group which designates a team captain's name along with a separate list of each team members' first and last names. The team captain will be the recipient of any prizes, and it is their responsibility to distribute (or split) any prize.

- Participants may choose to donate their entry to be raffled off on Dec. 19, 2011 with all proceeds benefiting the ARFM
- All entries should be delivered to the ARFM on Tuesday November 22, 2010 during the hours of 10am and 4pm, (unless pre-arranged with the museum's staff). All entries will remain on display at the ARFM through Dec. 22, 2011. Any entries unclaimed by Dec. 23 shall become the property of the ARFM.
- The ARFM reserves the right to photograph all entries for promotional purposes.

IDENTIFICATION and DESCRIPTION:

- Please print your name, address, and contact information on the underside of your base.
- Include with your gingerbread FIREhouse, a separate sheet of paper that lists your name(s), address, phone, e-mail, title of your house, the division you have entered, and also briefly describe the materials and construction process.

JUDGING PROCESS and CRITERIA:

- Awards and prizes will be given in various categories: in both an "Adult" and a "Junior (under 18)" Division.
- Entries will be judged in the following criteria: Adherence to Theme; Creativity and Originality; Level of Precision and Skill; and Overall Appearance
- Judging will take place from 1-3pm on Saturday Nov. 27, 2010. **Winners will be announced at 3:30pm that day. Entrants are strongly encouraged to be present.**
- All rulings by the judges are independent and final, and are in no way influenced by the ARFM. Guest judges will represent three professions: culinary arts, architecture, and the fire service.

QUESTIONS:

Contact the Aurora Regional Fire Museum
www.AuroraRegionalFireMuseum.org
(630) 892-1572 • ARFMinfo@aol.com

Entry Form for the Gingerbread



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Name (if entering as a family or group, then enter the parent's or team captain's name, and list the other participants separately)

Mailing Address

City State Zip

Phone (daytime) Phone (evening)

e-Mail address (NOTE: in order to minimize our costs, most of our correspondence about this contest will be via email)

I have read and agree to the rules and procedures of the Aurora Regional Fire Museum's Gingerbread FIREhouse Contest.

I understand that to be eligible for competition, I must return my entry form and fee in person, online, or by mail no later than November 13, 2010. I also understand that I must deliver my completed gingerbread entry to the Aurora Regional Fire Museum, on or before Tuesday, November 24.

Signature

Date

Please mail or hand deliver this entry form, along with a check payable to the Aurora Regional Fire Museum, on or before Sat. November 12, 2011.

For your convenience, this application (and entry fee) can be submitted online at: www.AuroraRegionalFireMuseum.org/gingerbread

I wish to enter in the:

Adult:Division:
Gingerbread entries made by adult individuals or groups (where most of the work was completed by adults who are over the age of 18).
\$20 entry fee

Junior Division:
An entry made by an individual, family, school, scout, or other group (where most of the work was completed by individuals under the age of 18).
\$15 entry fee

When the contest is over, I will:

DONATE my entry to be raffled off on Dec. 19, with all proceeds benefiting the Aurora Regional Fire Museum

KEEP my entry and I agree to pick it up on or after Dec. 19, 2011. I also understand any entries unclaimed by Dec 23, 2011 will become the property of the ARFM.

DECIDE LATER, ask me when I drop off my entry on or before Nov. 22.