



Gingerbread House Contest & Show



Lebkuchen, or gingerbread, has origins back to 2000 B.C. Gingerbread has been baked in Europe for centuries. Lebkuchen are made throughout Germany and large pieces are used to build Hexenhaeusle "witches' houses" from the fairy-tale Hansel and Gretel. Gingerbread House making in North America has its origins in the traditions of many settlers from all parts of Europe who brought with them family recipes and customs. In North America you will find the most elaborate Gingerbread Houses which are more richly decorated and ornamental than the German Hansel and Gretel houses.

It is time to spice up the holiday season with a Gingerbread House Contest! As part of the Christkindl Festival, the Black River Falls Downtown Association is hoping scout packs, church groups, co-workers, neighborhoods, family and friends get involved in this fun tradition.

The Gingerbread House Contest is divided into two categories—Adult and Children (under 18 years of age).

Viewer's Choice Awards will be granted for both categories.

We encourage the use of a traditional, Old World Christmas theme as much as possible in the creation of your Gingerbread House entry.

Contest Rules For All Entrants

- Any architectural structure - real or imaginary is eligible for entry (house, train, ship, etc)
- All components must be edible.
- No Kits allowed—except in children's division.
- Entries will be judged on originality , overall appearance, use of materials and difficulty of design
- Entries must be delivered to Black River Country Bank in completed form attached to a sturdy base (such as plywood). Bases are to be no bigger than 24" by 18".
- Entries must be delivered to Black River Country Bank on 11/28/2011 before 4pm. Entries will remain on display until December 9th, 2011. All entries are to be picked-up by December 12th, 2011 at 4pm.
- The Black River Country Bank and Christkindl Festival Committee reserves the right to not display an entry if the entry is not considered to be show quality or is inappropriate.

HOW TO ENTER CONTEST

- Mail Completed Entry Form to: Black River Country Bank, 221 Main Street, Black River Falls, WI 54615—Attention: Dana
- For further information call: Dana at (715) 284-9448
- Web site: christkindlfestival.com
- Email: lverson@brcbank.com



Gingerbread House Contest Entry Form

(Please print all information completely)

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____

Contestant Category

Adult

Child (under 18 years old)

For Office Use Only	
Date Received:	_____
Approved:	_____
Yes/No	_____
Entry #:	_____