Calling Bakers and Confectioners of all ages


Gingerbread House by Sonya Selig

Enter the Durand-Hedden House 2026 Gingerbread House Contest

Registration Deadline:
December 11
5:00 PM

Project Drop off:
December 12
at Durand-Hedden House
11:00am–1:00pm

On Exhibit:
Sun, Dec. 13
at Durand-Hedden House
1:00–4:00pm

On Exhibit:
Dec. 16-22
at Hilton Library

Visit durandhedden.org for more information and to register.

DURAND-HEDDEN
House & Garden
523 Ridgewood Road
Maplewood, NJ 07040
www.durandhedden.org

Rules and Procedures



Entering & Qualifying

Your completed entry form must be received by 5:00pm Friday, December11, 2026.

Entry forms at: www.durandhedden.org

The competition is open to all individuals, families and food professionals. If entering as a team, please complete ONE entry form for the team (include only the team captain's contact info.) School-based teams may list the classroom teacher as team captain.

1. Any structure - real or imaginary- is eligible e.g. house, train station, castle.
2. Little Ones and Youth entries can have a cardboard structure, but it must be covered with an edible product. Teen, Adult and Professional entries must be entirely edible except for the base. No toothpicks or skewers!
3. Base not to exceed 14"deep x 19"wide. Please measure!
4. Include a removable label with name of participant(s), age category and title of entry, e.g. Pumpkin House.
5. Entry must have been constructed in 2026.
6. Entries must be dropped off at the Durand-Hedden House from 11:00am–1:00pm on Saturday, Dec. 12.
7. Entries will be on display at the Durand-Hedden House on Sunday, Dec. 13, 1:00-4:00pm.
9. Entries will be on display at the Hilton Library from December 16 through December 22
10. Durand-Hedden House reserves the right to refuse any entry deemed inappropriate.

Entry Categories

Little Ones Category - 8 years of age and under; an individual, classroom, scout troop or family. Adult supervision is allowed and recommended.

Youth Category - 9-12 years of age; an individual, classroom, scout troop or family Adult supervision is allowed and recommended.

Teen Category - 13-17 years of age; an individual, classroom, scout troop or family

Adult Category - 18 years of age and older; an individual, team or business

Professional Category - Open to professional bakers, chefs and cooking businesses

Awards and Prizes

The Durand-Hedden House will award the **Grand Prize** to one entry in the entire competition, with a $50 gift certificate to the Country Store. Winners in each category will receive $25 gift certificates for the Durand-Hedden House Country Store.

Judging

Judging will be held on Saturday, Dec. 12 at 1:00pm.
Winners will be announced on Sunday, Dec. 13, at 1:00pm.
Gift certificates will be given t o winnners onsite or sent by mail.

NOTE: Entries may be picked up at the Hilton Library by 3:00 pm Friday, December 22. Remaining ones will be discarded at 3:00 pm that day.

Entry Form

Also available at durandhedden.com



Entry Category

(please check only one per entry)

- ☐ **Little Ones Category (8 and under)**
- ☐ **Youth Category (9-12)**
- ☐ **Teen Category (13-17 years)**
- ☐ **Adult Category (18+)**
- ☐ **Professional Category**

Team Name (optional): _____

Name of Individuals: _____
(First) (Last)

Mailing Address: _____

_____
(City) (State) (Zip)

Phone: ( )_____ Email address: _____

Name of Gingerbread Entry (optional): _____

I UNDERSTAND that to be eligible for The Durand-Hedden House Gingerbread Competition;
I AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING:

1. I must return my entry form online at durandhedden.org or by mail to Durand-Hedden, PO Box 206, Maplewood, NJ 07040, to be received no later than 5:00pm Friday, December 11.
2. I must deliver my completed entry to the Durand-Hedden House between 11:00am–1:00pm on Saturday, Dec. 12.
3. I must follow all the rules and procedures set forth by the Durand-Hedden House.
4. If I don't pick up my entry by Monday, Dec. 22 by 3:00pm at the Hilton Library, 1688 Springfield Ave., it will be discarded.
5. Permission is hereby granted to Durand-Hedden House to print or otherwise duplicate the picture or likeness of my entry and/or myself with my entry for either external or internal release, including print and online publications, local and network television, Facebook, etc.
6. Due to the fragility of the entries, the Durand-Hedden House and Garden Assn. and the Maplewood Memorial Library are not responsible for damage or loss.

Signature of Adult: _____

Date: _____

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