



Celebrate Frederick invites you to participate in our annual Scents & Sweets Competition! This event consists of two competitions – gingerbread structures and holiday wreaths. The competition and auction are scheduled for Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at New Spire Arts.

## **INFORMATION**

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Date: Thursday, December 5, 2024  
Time: 5:30 – 7:00 PM  
Location: New Spire Arts  
15 W. Patrick Street  
Frederick, Maryland 21701

**COMPETITION:** Both amateurs and professionals alike are invited to participate in this annual event showcasing the holiday season. Competition winners are selected by a panel of judges and popular vote. Winners are announced at 6:45 PM.

**SILENT AUCTION:** The silent auction runs from 5:30 – 7:00 PM.

### **TIMELINE**

Friday, November 15 at 4 PM	Application Deadline
Thursday, December 5th 5:30 – 7:00 PM	Annual Scents & Sweets Reception (Competition and Auction)

## **ENTRY FEES AND DEADLINE**

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### **ENTRY FEE PER SUBMISSION**

- Child or Teen Individual (Ages 8 – 17): \$10
- Child or Teen Group: \$25
- Amateur (Ages 18 +): \$25
- Professional (Ages 18 +): \$35

### **APPLICATION INFORMATION**

- Application Deadline: Friday, November 15, 2024, at 4:00 PM
- Please submit your application and payment to:  
Office of Special Events  
121 N. Bentz Street  
Frederick, MD 21701
- Email: [adavey@cityoffrederickmd.gov](mailto:adavey@cityoffrederickmd.gov)

***All applications submitted are reviewed by the Scents & Sweets Sub-Committee. If approved, you will receive an email confirmation.***

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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Thank you for your interest and participation in our annual competition. Please contact Anna Davey at 301-600-2844 or [adavey@cityoffrederickmd.gov](mailto:adavey@cityoffrederickmd.gov) with questions.



**RULES & REQUIREMENTS**

**I. Concept**

- a. Holiday/Winter-Themed Wreaths
- b. Holiday/Winter-Themed Gingerbread Houses

**II. Authority of the Committee**

- a. The Scents & Sweets Sub-Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry on arrival that does not, for whatever reason, adhere to the entry requirements of the Committee as stated below.
- b. Competition participants agree to abide by all entry requirements and decisions of The Scents & Sweets Sub-Committee. Any misrepresentation or failure to abide by the Sub-Committee requirements is grounds for removal from the competition.

**III. Application**

- a. Applications with entry fee must be postmarked by or turned into the Office of Special Events Friday, November 15, 2024.
- b. Late applications are not accepted.
- c. Your application is not considered complete until we receive your entry fee. We accept the following types of payment:
  - Cash
  - Check (payable to Celebrate Frederick)
  - Credit Card (accepted in person or over the phone – there is a 3% processing fee.)

**IV. Awards and Recognition**

- a. Participants in the Child Individual and Child Group gingerbread category receive a participation ribbon.
- b. Prizes are awarded the night of the competition as follows:

	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	PEOPLE'S CHOICE
<b>WREATHS</b>			
Professional	\$250	\$100	\$25
Amateur	\$150	\$75	\$25
<b>GINGERBREAD</b>			
Professional	\$400	\$100	\$25
Amateur	\$200	\$100	\$25
Teen (Age 13-17)	\$75	\$50	\$25
Child (Age 8-12)	Prize TBD	Prize TBD	\$25
Child Group	\$100	\$50	\$25

**V. Delivery, Display, and Pick-up**

- a. **Delivery:** Approved entries must be hand-delivered to New Spire Arts on Thursday, December 5 between 10 AM and 3 PM.
- b. **Display:** Entries are on display at New Spire Arts on Thursday, December 5 from 5:30 to 7 PM.
- c. **Pick Up:** Immediately following the reception, all entries must be picked up. (The Holiday Committee will remove any entries left behind.)



## VI. Entry Requirements

- a. Entries must be original in design and personal execution.
- b. Entries should reflect the theme of "The Holidays."
  - i. Gingerbread structures are not limited to houses (E.g., historic buildings, religious institutions, Frederick buildings, etc.).
- c. Guidelines

### i. Gingerbread

1. Gingerbread House must be constructed of gingerbread dough made from scratch. (Child individual or group entries are given the option of using a kit for construction.)
2. Size -
  - a) All entries must be three dimensional.
  - b) The base of all entries must not exceed 25" x 25". (These dimensions include all landscaping and surrounding figures.)
  - c) There are no height restrictions on each entry.

### ii. Wreaths

1. All wreaths must be original and handmade.
  - a) Wreaths can be constructed of live and/or artificial flowers and greenery, or other materials. Perishable food items are prohibited.
2. Size -
  - a) Wreaths must be of a shape so that they have a center hole with a minimum diameter of 4".
  - b) Wreaths must be a minimum of 12" diameter and must be no larger than 28" diameter.
3. Weight -
  - a) Wreaths cannot exceed 5 lbs.
4. Decorations -
  - a) Secure all decorations firmly to the wreath base. (Coated floral wire is ideal.)
  - b) Free-standing decorations are not permitted.
  - c) Wreaths with electrical components must be self-contained (battery operated). You may not plug in your wreath to an electrical outlet.
  - d) Entries are displayed on a standard wreath hook, easel, or upright flat surface. Wreaths must have a hook affixed to the top past the midline.

## VII. Judging

- a. Judging is based on the entries which best reflect the holiday theme.
- b. Winners are decided by a panel of judges and popular vote.

## VIII. Silent Auction & Proceeds

- a. Auction
  - i. The silent auction will take place from 5:30 PM – 7 PM on December 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - ii. Submissions are auctioned at a minimum bid.
  - iii. Following the auction, payment is accepted in the form of cash, check, or credit card.
- b. Proceeds from the auction benefit Celebrate Frederick's many free community events.



**SCENTS & SWEETS COMPETITION REGISTRATION**

**ARTIST INFORMATION**

INDIVIDUAL/GROUP NAME \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ENTRY FEE INCLUDED WITH THIS REGISTRATION FORM \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTRY INFORMATION**

Select your entry category and group.  
*Separate applications are required for multiple entries.*

	Wreath	Gingerbread
<b>ADULTS GROUPS</b>		
Amateur		
Professional		
<b>CHILD/TEEN GROUPS</b>		
Teen (Age 13-17)		
Child (Age 8 – 12)		
Child Group*		

\* If you have selected **Child Group**, please provide # of children in group here: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Entry \_\_\_\_\_ Value \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**SILENT AUCTION**

*I would like to make my gingerbread or wreath available for the silent auction.*

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**RULES & REGULATIONS CONFIRMATION**

This signature confirms that I have read and understand the Scents & Sweets Competition Rules and Requirements.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE**

Email ([adavey@cityoffrederickmd.gov](mailto:adavey@cityoffrederickmd.gov)) or mail (Office of Special Events, 121 N. Bentz Street, Frederick, MD 21701) your completed registration with payment no later than **4 PM on Friday, November 15, 2024.**

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Payment Type: Cash Check CC		
Payment Info: _____	Event: _____	Event: _____
Amount: \$ _____	Account #: _____	Account #: _____
Date: _____	Allocation: \$ _____	Allocation: \$ _____