A. W. Perry Homestead Museum
Gingerbread House Competition, Display and Auction 2013
OFFICIAL RULES and PROCEDURES

The following Rules and Procedures have been set forth and established by A. W. Perry Homestead Museum/Carrollton Parks and Recreation for the purpose of the Gingerbread House Competition. Please retain these sheets for your records. For additional information, contact Toyia Pointer, Curator of the A. W. Perry Homestead Museum, 972-466-6382 or Toyia.Pointer@cityofcarrollton.com .

ENTERING and QUALIFYING to ENTER:

Entry forms available at www.cityofcarrollton.com/museum , Rosemeade Recreation Center, Crosby Road Recreation Center, the A. W. Perry Homestead Museum, or when you register online at www.cityofcarrollton.com/webtrac .

The A. W. Perry Homestead Museum reserves the right to refuse any entry deemed inappropriate.

The competition is open to all Carrollton residents and businesses. Entrants from the greater Dallas/Fort Worth area are also encouraged.

To be eligible for the competition, registration must be made in person or online by **December 9**. Signed and completed entry forms must be received on or before December 12.

Gingerbread Houses should be brought to the Josey Ranch Lake Library, located at 1700 Keller Springs Rd in Carrollton, on Thursday, December 12, 2013 between 4pm and 6:00pm. Entries that are not pre-registered by the December 9 deadline will not be accepted.

Only one Gingerbread House per entry form is permitted and individuals may have only one entry in each category for which they are eligible to compete.

There will be no refunds for the registration fee.

The 2013 Gingerbread House Competition and Display Entry Form must be signed by the individual entering the competition. If the individual is younger than the age of eighteen (18) by the date of the competition intake, a signature from a parent or legal guardian is required in conjunction with the minor's signature.

CATEGORIES AND PRIZES

The A. W. Perry Homestead Museum Gingerbread House Committee will award prizes in the following categories for first prize. (Certificates will be awarded to the top four winners of each of the four categories.)

Business/Professional Category:	1st place will receive $100 Cash Prize
Adult Category:	1st place will receive $75 Cash Prize
Teen Category:	1st place will receive $50 Cash Prize
Youth Category:	1st place will receive $25 Cash Prize

Professional and Adult Category Entries- All professional and adult category entries will become property of the A. W. Perry Homestead Museum Society and will be auctioned off by way of silent auction to the highest bidder. Auction proceeds benefit the A. W. Perry Homestead Museum Society.

Group/Team Entries- Group or Team Entries are allowed for entry under the following guidelines. Please complete one entry form for the team while including the team captain's contact information of the entry form. A separate typed list of each team members' first and last name along with age should be included with the team entry form. In the case of school groups entering the competition, the classroom teacher should be listed as the team captain and provide his or her contact information. In the event that the Group/Team Entry places in the competition, the team captain will be the recipient of any prizes. Distribution or splitting of any prize, ribbon, or plaque will be left to the team to determine. A Group or Team is defined as two or more individuals working on a single entry.

SIZE LIMITATIONS, IDENTIFICATION and DESCRIPTION:

- Not to exceed 18 inches high, 18 inches wide, and 18 inches long. Gingerbread house must be placed on a sturdy base. We suggest using ½ or ¾ inch plywood as a base for your entry. Cardboard bases are not acceptable. All competition entries must be made of 100% edible food items except the base board of the display and candy wrappers. Non-edible support structure material may not be used except the baseboard. Showpiece designs must be original. A competitor can create and position as many buildings or objects as they wish on the base board.
- Please include a typed description of the materials used in the construction process along with the title and category for your gingerbread house. DO NOT include your name in the name of your gingerbread house. Doing so will disqualify you from the competition. Write your name on the underside of your base.

JUDGING PROCESS AND CRITERIA:

- Overall Appearance, Originality & Creativity, Difficulty, Precision, and Consistency of Theme. (Theme should be competitors own and consistent throughout the entry. There is no required theme for the competition.)
- All categories will be awarded places first through fourth. The top four competitors in all categories will be awarded a ribbon. First place in each category will receive a cash prize.
- **Awards will be presented at 3pm, Sunday, December 15.**

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE PICKED UP ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 BETWEEN 4PM &5PM.

All entries will be on display to the public at the Josey Ranch Lake Library

December 13-15, during Library hours.

The Library is located at 1700 Keller Springs Rd in Carrollton.

Any entries left past the 5pm pick-up deadline will be disposed of at that time.