Submissions will be on display November 20, 2020 - January 10, 2021.

Each year the Erie Canal Museum transforms into a festive 1800’s canal town street scene with gingerbread creations on display in storefront windows. Last year’s 34th Annual Gingerbread Gallery welcomed over 6,000 visitors!

**New This Year:** We will create a Virtual Gingerbread Gallery that will include close-ups of each entry and the experience of walking through the village. All bakers will receive access to the Virtual Gallery, which will also be available to the public for a small fee.

**Gallery Highlights**
- Celebrate the Erie Canal bicentennial! Judges will be looking for the best Erie Canal themed creation and awarding a ribbon for the winner.
- Confectioners Competition: Cash prizes of $400, $200 and $100 for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. The entry fee for this category is $25.
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons for all categories.
- People’s Choice Award: Chosen by visitors to the Gallery who vote for their favorites.
- All Gingerbread submissions receive one complimentary Family Pass good for admission for up to six people.

**Virtual Gingerbread Gallery**
We will create a video displaying all entries, making the Gallery accessible to anyone who is not able or comfortable visiting in person. We’ll make this professional video available for a small fee. If, for any reason, the Museum is required to shut down again during the run of the Gingerbread Gallery, we will continue offering the virtual experience.

**Gingerbread Creation Delivery**
Drop-off will be by appointment only. We will call you after you submit your entry form to schedule a drop-off time.

**Creation Rules and Guidelines**
- Erie Canal themed submissions are encouraged, but not required. You can find inspiration and examples of buildings, communities, locks, boats, animals and other Canal themes by visiting [eriecanalmuseum.org/gingerbread/inspiration](http://eriecanalmuseum.org/gingerbread/inspiration).
- The decision and interpretation of the Creation Rules and Guidelines are at the discretion of the Erie Canal Museum. Our decisions and interpretations are final.
- Gingerbread creations will be judged in five categories: Youth, Family, Senior, Confectioners, and Corporate. Judging is based on overall appeal, originality, creativity and difficulty.
- All gingerbread creations must be made from 100% edible materials. Lights are allowed but will be turned off during the judging period.
- The use of cardboard (with the exception of the base), plastic, glue or any other non-edible materials will disqualify your creation from judging.
- Please ensure that your creation is proportional to its base and does not exceed 24” x 24” (many of the display cases are smaller than 24” x 24”). Creations exceeding the size limit may not be displayed.

**Creation Entry Form**
Don’t miss out on the opportunity to be part of the 35th Annual Gingerbread Gallery, a Syracuse tradition! Complete the Entry Form online or return the PDF version to the Museum no later than Monday, November 2, 2020.

Questions? All questions may be directed to Steve Caraccilo, 315-471-0593 or steve@eriecanalmuseum.org