



Gingerbread Houses on Display

1. Lava Hot Springs Foundation Hot Pools & Gifts, 430 E Main (gift store window display)
2. Home Hotel, 306 East Main (window display)
3. Riverside Hot Springs Inn/Portneuf Grille/PAWS Tree, 255 East Portneuf (inside upstairs)
4. Ireland Bank, 146 East Main (window display)
5. South Bannock Historical Center Museum, 110 East Main Street (inside display)
6. 78 Main Street Eatery, 78 East Main Street (inside at front counter)
7. Purple Moon World Gifts, 50 East Main (window display)
8. Lava Hot Springs Inn & Spa, 94 East Portneuf (inside in upstairs lobby)
9. Lava Hot Springs KOA City Center/Kottages & Cabins, 89 Center Street (inside display)
10. Mike's Market, 30 West Main (inside store display)
11. The Royal Hotel & Pizzeria, 11 East Main (window display)
12. Suites of Lava Hot Springs & Whimsy Gift Store, 63 S 1st East (window display)
13. Alpaca Inn & Gift Store, 90 S 1st East (window display)
14. Dan's Ace Hardware, 105 East Main (window display)
15. Mountain Mayhem Retail Adventure & Rental Center, 155 East Main (window display)
16. Chuck Wagon Restaurant, 211 East Main (inside at counter)
17. Tumbling Waters Inn, 427 East Main (inside at counter)



Vote for your favorite Gingerbread House & enter the contest for the following prizes!

Grand Prize:

(For those residing at least 60 miles from Lava Hot Springs)

*One night in a single quest room!

Donated by the Alpaca Inn Lava Hot Springs

(based on availability – not valid on holiday or event dates)

*Two hot springs soak passes.

Donated by the State Hot Pools Foundation

*Merchant certificate for \$20

Donated by the Chuckwagon Restaurant

*Merchant certificate for \$25

Donated by Purple Moon World Gifts

*Neat vest to keep you warm.

Donated by the Home Hotel

Additional Individual Prizes

(For those residing in the immediate area)

*Merchant certificate for \$25

Donated by Whimsey at the Suites of Lava Hot Springs

*Merchant certificate for \$20 donated by Royal Pizza

*Two hot springs soak passes

Donated by the State Hot Pools Foundation

*Merchant certificate for \$25

Donated by Dempsey Trading Company

*Neat vest to keep you warm.

Donated by the Home Hotel

*Merchant certificate for \$20

Donated by 78 Main Street Eatery

*Merchant certificate for \$20

Donated by the Portneuf Grille & Lounge

*All prizes must be utilized by Dec 31, 2018

The Story about Gingerbread

What smells more like Christmas than gingerbread men baking in the oven?

The origin of Gingerbread dates back date back to ancient times when the spice, ginger, was known for its medicinal properties, often used for curing stomach aches. Small gingerbread cakes adorned with symbols of the sun were made to celebrate the Winter Solstice in pre-Christian Europe.

In the 11th century Crusaders returning from the Middle East brought a new spice, ginger, with them, Catholic monks baked gingerbread for special religious celebrations.

The cakes were constructed in specific designs depicting saints and religious motifs. The early carvings were made with a large and elaborately carved “cookie board” that impressed the pattern onto a stiff rolled dough.

As the costs of exotic ingredients and spices dropped, gingerbreads slowly became more popular across Europe and Britain. The English added bread crumbs to the recipes.

In the 16th and 17th centuries, gingerbread became lighter, with replacing breadcrumbs in the recipes. As early as 1573, treacle (molasses) was used instead of honey, and by the mid 1600’s it had replaced honey altogether. Butter and eggs became popular additions to enrich the mixture.

The first gingerbread man is credited to the court of Queen Elizabeth I, who impressed important visitors with charming gingerbread portraits.

The tradition of baking a Gingerbread house began in Germany after the Brothers Grimm published their collection of German fairy tales in the early 1800s. Among the tales was the story of Hansel and Gretel, children left to starve in the forest, who came upon a house made of bread and sugar decorations. It is possible however that brothers Grimm were writing about something that may have already existed.

Early settlers from Northern Europe brought the gingerbread tradition to the New World by the 19th century.



The merchants in Lava Hot Springs are pleased to display their holiday gingerbread houses that they have created.

Houses are located throughout town as shown on the map in this brochure.

Pick up a voting ballot at any of the gingerbread house location. Have each location initial by their listing for verification that you were there. Leave your ballot in one of the boxes located at each site.

Please vote for your favorite house by completing a form at one of the locations.

Your name will then go into a drawing for several prizes including a vacation back to Lava Hot Springs for our out of town visitors. There are great prizes for local as well.

Please recycle and leave this brochure at your last Gingerbread House Display location