

The Story of Gingerbread

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

The origin of gingerbread dates 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 ginger with them.

Catholic monks began making gingerbread for special religious celebrations. The cakes were constructed with 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, gingerbread slowly became more popular across Europe and Britain. The English added breadcrumbs to the recipes.

In the 16th and 17th centuries, gingerbread became lighter, with flour replacing breadcrumbs in the recipes—but the 'gingerbread' name stuck.

As early as 1573, treacle (molasses) was used instead of honey, and by the mid 1600s 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 that the Brothers Grimm were writing about something that may have already existed.

By the 19th century, early settlers from Northern Europe had brought the gingerbread tradition to the New World.



2020

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):

- 1) **One night in a single queen guest room** donated by the Alpaca Inn & Gift Shop (based on availability; valid Sun through Thursday. Not valid on holidays)
- 2) **Two hot springs soak passes** donated by the Lava Hot Springs Inn
- 3) **Merchant certificate for \$10** donated by the 78 Main Street Eatery

Additional Individual Prizes:

- 2 Soaking passes at the Lava Hot Springs Foundation
- Merchant certificate for \$10 donated by Royal Pizzeria
- Merchant certificate for \$15 donated by Chuckwagon Restaurant
- Merchant certificate for \$10 at Riverside's Café & Amore
- T shirt from Mountain Mayhem
- Buy One/Get One Zip Line pass from Lava Zipline
- Gift card for \$50 donated by Mike's Market
- \$50 Gift certificate toward lodging at the Riverside Hot Springs Inn & Spa
- \$25 Gift certificate from Lava Ace Hardware
- A \$30 gift certificate from Whimsy Gift Shop at the Suites of Lava
- 2 Soaking passes at the Lava Hot Springs Foundation

NOTE: All prizes must be utilized by Dec 31, 2021

Here's How It Works!

The merchants in Lava Hot Springs are pleased to display the holiday gingerbread houses they have created. Houses are located throughout town as shown on the map inside this brochure.

Pick up a voting ballot at any of the gingerbread house locations. Please vote for your top 6 favorite gingerbread houses by completing the form with your name and contact information as indicated and then leave your ballot in one of the boxes located at any of the sites.


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 locals as well.

Please recycle and leave this brochure at the last Gingerbread House Display location you visit.

The Gingerbread House Tour, prizes and Mayor's Holiday Tree Lighting has been made possible with contributions from our local merchants, the City of Lava Hot Springs and the Greater Lava Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce.

Gingerbread House Locations

1. Home Hotel & Motel - 306 East Main St.
2. Riverside Inn/Portneuf Grille & Lounge Café & A'more - 255 East Portneuf /Main St.
3. The Lava Hotel & Spa - 196 East Main St.
4. Ireland Bank - 146 East Main St.
5. Bannock County Historic Museum - 110 East Main Street
6. 78 Main Street Eatery - 78 East Main St.
7. Purple Moon World Gifts - 50 East Main St.
8. Lava Hot Springs Inn & Spa - 94 East Portneuf St.
9. Mike's Market - 30 East Main Street
10. City of Lava Hot Springs - 115 West Elm St.
11. The Royal Hotel & Pizzeria - 11 East Main St.
12. Dempsey Creek Trading Company - 89 East Main St.
13. The Suites of Lava Hot Springs / Whimsy Gifts - 63 South 1st East
14. Alpaca Inn & Alpaca Gift Store - 90 South 1st East
15. Lava Ace Hardware - 105 East Main St.
16. Lava Liquor Store - 123 East Main St.
17. Mountain Mayhem Retail / Adventure & Rental - 155 East Main St.
18. Chuck Wagon Restaurant - 211 East Main St.



LAVA HOT SPRINGS

Gingerbread House Tour

"Tis the Season!"
 Stop by the Gingerbread House locations listed on this map. Vote for your favorite Gingerbread House and enter to win prizes including lodging, swim passes, merchandise, dining & merchant certificates.

Mayor's Holiday Tree Lighting
 Saturday, November 28th, 2020 | 6:30pm
 Join in the fun at **Veteran's Park!** Refreshments, guided tours of the gingerbread houses & caroling!
 ★ Veteran's Park

Lava Hot Springs Gingerbread House Contest:

Please vote for your favorite (6) houses (Please list 1-6 with 1 being your very favorite!)
We will pull ballots on January 4, 2021 to announce favorite gingerbread houses & prize winners who vote
Complete your name & contact information to be contacted if you are a prize winner

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