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Gingerbread House Extravaganza Is Looking For Home Builders

Jacksonville, Fla., June 16, 2008 – The Rotary Club of South Jacksonville is looking for gingerbread house builders to compete in this year’s Gingerbread House Extravaganza.

The Gingerbread House Extravaganza is organized by the Rotary Club of South Jacksonville in association with other local Rotary Clubs to raise money for Ronald McDonald House, HabiJax and other local charities. The event features a gingerbread village that visitors can view by making a small donation. In past years, the village has contained gingerbread versions of popular Jacksonville landmarks, holiday scenes and even an aircraft carrier.

This year’s Gingerbread House Extravaganza will be held at the Jacksonville Historical Society, located at the Old St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church across the street from the Jacksonville Memorial Stadium.

In the past, entries from local individuals and organizations, as well as architects, professional chefs, bakeries, schools, country clubs, retirement communities and members of the military have been the basis for this competition. The exhibits are judged and are eligible to receive nine different category awards:

- Best Replica of a Jacksonville Landmark
- Best traditional Holiday Design
- Most Patriotic
- Best Entry by a Company
- Best Entry by a Club or Organization
- Best Entry – Under 18
- Best Animation
- Judges Award
- People’s Choice

If an individual, club, school or business would be interested in building a gingerbread house, they should call (904) 396-4105 or visit www.rotarycharity.org for information, recipes and to fill out a building permit. Gingerbread houses will need to be completed by mid-November in order to be exhibited.