

# CREATE A GINGERBREAD HOUSE AND WIN!

Submit your entry by December 1st

**October 8, 2021... Hendersonville, TN ....** Now is the time for holiday bakers to think about the creation of a magical Gingerbread House to enter into the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual HolidayFest Gingerbread House Competition Sponsored by KIMBRO AIR and GOODALL HOMES and will be held at and hosted by Bluegrass Yacht and Country Club this year. The Honorary Chair for this event is Executive Chef Donald Ferguson. “Houses, bungalows, cottages, and castles fashioned from spicy gingerbread will be displayed for all the holiday merry makers to enjoy during the seasonal festivities held at Bluegrass Country Club.” Says Chef Donald.

Executive Chef Ferguson has worked as a short order cook in diners, Country Clubs, 5 star Steak Houses and everything in between in his almost 30 years of cooking, starting at only 12 in his Uncle’s Big Boy Diner in Detroit, Michigan. His specialties are his Prime Cuts of Steaks, Fresh Seafood Specials, and his famous White Chicken Chili. When he’s not showing off his skills in the kitchen, he enjoys watching movies, playing disc golf and spending time with his kids. Once the Executive Chef at Fairvue Plantation, Donald has worked at Bluegrass since 2015, taking a small break in 2017 to help open at Oak Steakhouse in Downtown Nashville as their Executive Sous Chef. “As a proud father, he is impassioned with the magic of the holidays and his love for quality food makes him an excellent Honorary Chair for this HolidayFest tradition” said President of HolidayFest, Larry Phillips.. “Competitors may enter any of the categories, which include Armatures, and Professionals/Business and children.” Said Phillips. Ribbons are given to all winners, and additional prizes will be awarded. [Entry forms](#) must be received at Bluegrass between now and **Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> by 4 pm.**

The actual Gingerbread House Entry **must be delivered to Bluegrass Yacht and Country Club between the hours of 10am – 2pm on December 1st.** Entries will be judged in five categories: Overall Appearance, Originality & Creativity, Difficulty, Precision, and Consistency of Theme (Traditional Christmas Theme should be consistent throughout the entry.) Judges are dignitaries and illuminaries in the County.

**Public judging** will be held on **DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> between 3pm and 4pm.** with the announcing of the winner during a Formal Awards Ceremony at 4pm. All rulings by the judges are independent and final. They are in no way influenced by HolidayFest and Bluegrass Yacht and Country Club.

“There will be St. Nicholas Ball, Bringing the Magic back to Sumner County on **Tuesday Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>** where the Gingerbreads will be auctioned. “We are hoping that they will raise a lot of money for our Charities which is Monthaven Arts and Cultural Center and End Slavery of Middle TN.” said Honorary Chair, Chef Donald Ferguson [Entry forms and a complete list of rules](#) can be picked up at Bluegrass Country Club, or downloaded from the HolidayFest website at [www.HolidayFestTN.org](http://www.HolidayFestTN.org)

The Bluegrass Country Club is filled with events happening between November 30<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. Visitors for these events will enjoy seeing the display of Gingerbreads, so bring your camera to get that special photo of these delightful and whimsical houses. Many thanks to KIMBRO AIR and GOODALL HOMES for sponsoring the event. Questions or need more information, call Bluegrass Yacht and Country Club at **615-824-6528** or go online at [www.HolidayFestTN.org](http://www.HolidayFestTN.org)