Date: Wednesday, December 4, 2019
Location: Reading Room in William F. Starr Hall
Theme: Revealed the day of the competition

Schedule:

- Team Registration & Pictures: 2:00 p.m.
- Team Orientation: 2:15 p.m.
- Decorating Begins: 2:30 p.m.
- Decorating Ends: 3:15 p.m.
- Judging: 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.
- Winners Announced: 4:15 p.m.

Team Rules

- Teams must RSVP to zitmarie.mestre@uconn.edu by November 22.
- Teams are to consist of five staff members from a department or unit. Small departments/units may join to create a team. (No students please.)
- Creative team names are encouraged.
- Teams are welcome to come in festive attire and costumes. There will be a prize for the best costume! We love your creativity!

Decorating Rules

- Teams may use only the candy and frosting contents provided to them in their supply bin to decorate their gingerbread houses. Teams will not
be allowed to use non-edible supplies located at the team tables, such as the aluminum supply bin, water bottles, wrappers, etc.

- Teams may not bring in props to decorate their tables.
- Each team will be provided with a preassembled undecorated gingerbread house, approximately 6” long x 6” wide, x 7” tall.
- Houses will be “cemented down” on a platform approximately 16” x 12”. There will be 5” of board showing around three sides of the house and 3” off the back.

- Each team will be provided with aprons and a supply box.
- Teams may disassemble the house.

DECORATING SUPPLIES

We reserve the right to make substitutions.

Each box may contain the following decorating supplies:

- royal icing (a central supply table will be set up with additional icing)
- red and blue food coloring
- pastry bags—no tips
- plastic bowls, spoons, knives
- candy canes
- Sugar wafers
- Gum drops
- Wheat Thins
- jelly rings
- coconut
• licorice whips
• M&M's – all colors, possibly blue & white
• mini marshmallows – colored
• non-pariels
• pretzel sticks
• sprinkles
• sugar cubes
• Tootsie Rolls

➢ A number of “mystery” decorative items will be distributed to each team during the competition. Teams must fully utilize all mystery items in the décor of their house
➢ The quantity of the decorative supplies listed above will not be provided ahead of time.
➢ We reserve the right to make substitutions.

WHAT TO BRING

• Creativity and good cheer!
• Each team member should bring in either ONE pair of scissors or ONE sharp knife. These items will NOT be provided.
• No other outside tools or utensils will be allowed.
• Small fans may be brought in to aid the frosting drying process. We cannot guarantee access to electrical outlets.
• Your colleagues! Encourage your colleagues and friends from across campus to join the celebration.

NOT ALLOWED IN COMPETITION

• No outside decorations may be used when decorating the house.
• Teams may not decorate their tables or bring in small props.
• Teams may not use nonperishable items on their table (i.e. water bottles, aluminum pan, etc.)
HOUSES FOLLOWING THE EVENT
Following the event, each team will be responsible for taking their decorated house back to their department for display, donating it to a charity or disposing of it.

QUESTIONS
Please contact Zitmarie Mestre, 860-570-5150 or Zitmarie.mestre@uconn.edu.