

FAIRY AND GNOME HOME BUILDING GUIDELINES

- **Each entry must be clearly labeled with its assigned, unique entry number.** The number must be visible somewhere on the exterior of the home. If you do not arrive with your entry number clearly showing, you will be required to add it before placing your home on the trail. Examples of successful labeling: small decorative plaques, signposts, and banners. If not incorporated into the piece elsewhere, the recommended location is the outer edge of the base. **If your fairy house is not clearly labeled with its assigned entry number, you will not be eligible to win one of the prizes and your house will not be included in the contest.**
- **Make your fairy house durable and weatherproof.** Any fairy house that deteriorates to an unacceptable level during the exhibit will be removed. **DO NOT USE HOT GLUE.** Hot glue will not hold up over the course of the exhibit. **Waterproof sealant is recommended over other forms of glue.** Houses will be located outdoors for the duration of the exhibit. Based on our experience, durable materials suited to high visitor traffic (visitors, including many young children, may touch fairy houses) are best for holding up to the elements. Contestants should consider the durability of their design for being displayed outdoors for 13 weeks.

MATERIALS AND CONSTRUCTION

Contestants who create a Fairy House/Gnome Home will be expected to use as much natural material in their design as possible. Contestants are welcome to include some non-natural objects in their designs, such as small objects, colored stones, glue, wire, etc. There is no limit to size, but the idea is to encourage visitors to notice the small things, to blend within the natural landscape, and to take inspiration from the winter woods.

Contestants are expected to check in on their creations throughout the exhibition period to ensure they are still in presentable fashion. CNC will also check houses and may contact contestants if their piece needs attention.

TIPS

- GE Silicone II or 100% Silicone product (same product is sold under several names)
- Waterproof (but not for use underwater or in birdbaths)
- Clear-drying (that's what they say, though it dries slightly opaque)
- Outdoor use
- Often marketed for gutters or flashing, but exterior doors and windows are fine, too
- Check the Use By date, read the product label, store it as recommended (consistent room temperature), and follow the user instructions.

DISPLAY AND LAYOUT

The display space will be located along CNC's forested trails. More information on placement will come prior to the drop-off day of December 3, 2023. Contestants may select or be assigned a general area along the trail for house placement on a first come, first served basis. CNC reserves the right to assign or alter exhibit locations as it deems advisable and in the best interest of the exhibit.

JUDGING

All entries will be judged on four criteria:

1. Overall Appearance
2. Originality and Creativity
3. Adherence to the Enchanted Woodland Theme
4. Use of Natural Materials

The size of the fairy house does not get judged, so keep in mind that bigger isn't always better.

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All rulings by the judges are independent and final. The People's Choice award will be voted on by visitors of the Enchanted Woodland Wonders event on December 10, 2023, and will be notified by email the following week.