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The History Center Announces 2009 Festival of Gingerbread Award Winners

FORT WAYNE, NOVEMBER 30, 2009 – Bakers of all ages entered a record-breaking 143 gingerbread creations in the 24th annual Festival of Gingerbread, which runs November 27 through December 13 at the History Center in Fort Wayne. Judging of the entries took place on Saturday, November 21, and awards were announced and presented to the winners on Sunday, November 22. Here are this year's award winners:

Pre-K to 2nd Grade, Individual

- 1st: Sydney Herbst
- 2nd: Gwen Pettibone
- 3rd: Leila Niblick

Pre-K to 2nd Grade, Group

- 1st (Leanne Mensing Award): Brownie Troop 20169A
- 2nd: Arlington-V
- 3rd: Aboite Christian School Pre-K Group

3rd to 6th Grade, Individual

- 1st: Caroline Otter
- 2nd: Sydnee Fritz
- 3rd: Max Niblick

3rd to 6th Grade, Group

- 1st: Lyric Esters/Shae Pettibone
- 2nd: Girl Scout Troop 20229 #2
- 3rd: Girl Scout Troop 20229 #1

Teen, Individual

- 1st: Leigh Flegge
- 2nd: Danielle Oliver
- 3rd: Brent Smith

Teen, Group

- 1st: Hentz & Friends (Emily Hentz, Amy Krach, Samantha Rahrig, Ale Krudop, Amelia Erlanson)
- 2nd: Girl Scout Troop 20400
- 3rd: The Denzel 4 (Tara, Hannah, Owen and Renee Denzel)

Adult, Individual

- 1st: Debra Ann Sorg
- 2nd: Caron Merz
- 3rd: Gretchen Andrus

Adult, Group

- 1st: Creative Confections Cake Club
- 2nd: Cookie Friends A (Debra Ann Sorg, Marilyn Scheuman)
- 3rd: The Bakers

Family

- 1st: Rickel/Leer Family
- 2nd: Boggs Family
- 3rd: Scheele Family

Professional

- 1st: Caron Merz

Historical Theme, Adult

Cookie Friends B (Debra Ann Sorg, Marilyn Scheuman)

Historical Theme, Student

Danielle Oliver

Sponsor Award, WANE 15

Cookie Friends A (Debra Ann Sorg, Marilyn Scheumann)

Sponsor Award, 101.7 WLDE

Boggs Family

Festival Chair's Award

Brittany Richards

Executive Director's Award

Peters Family

Board President's Award

Home School Group - Christmas Carousel

Allen County Historian's Award

Billy Guerin

The Festival of Gingerbread raises money to support the History Center, located at 302 E. Berry Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana. For more information call 260.426.2882 or visit www.fwhistorycenter.com.

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