



GingerBread Lane

*The Guinness World Records Holder for Largest Gingerbread Village
Now Open at the New York Hall of Science*

Queens, NY – Visitors to the New York Hall of Science will be treated to a sweet display this holiday season: more than 1,300 gingerbread houses. *GingerBread Lane*, created by baker Jon Lovitch, is made entirely of gingerbread, royal icing and candy. The sugary exhibit is on display from November 10, 2018 to January 21, 2019, and is free with museum admission.

GingerBread Lane is the record-holder of the Guinness World Records for largest gingerbread village. In order to be eligible for the title, every element of the gingerbread display must be edible, and the display must imitate a village with houses, shops and town services such as a firehouse and police station. Creator Jon Lovitch will again try to break his own record with this year's *GingerBread Lane*.

Every year, Lovitch designs, bakes and decorates all of the structures for *GingerBread Lane* in his home in Queens, N.Y. When Lovitch gets an idea for a building in *GingerBread Lane*, he first sketches it out in a notepad, and then brings it to life with frosting and candy that he purchases throughout the year. Part of the fun of *GingerBread Lane* is seeing the various ways that candy is used to decorate the houses: pieces of gum become brick walls, candy canes become railings on staircases, and M&M's, candy corn, jelly beans and Necco Wafers become colorful rooftop shingles.

This year's *GingerBread Lane* includes a number of storefronts with quirky names: Pickles and Ice Cream Pregnancy Boutique, 8 Maids a Milking Dairy and Milk Bar, 6 Geese a Laying Brunch Café, 5 Golden Rings Jewelry Store, The Well Dressed Gingerbread Man Flannel Pajamas, I Saw Three Ships Custom Built Sailboats, and Deck the Halls Holiday Decorating Service.

In addition to the *GingerBread Lane* exhibition, the New York Hall of Science will have a number of gingerbread-themed events, including:

GingerBread Lane Workshops

November 17, 18, 24 & 25, 2018; 1 & 3 pm

December 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22 & 23, 2018; 1 & 3 pm

December 27, 28, 29 & 30, 2018; 11 am, 1 & 3 pm

Visitors can make their own gingerbread houses or trains in this popular workshop that sells out every year. Each participant receives a kit with all of the materials that baker Jon Lovitch uses to create his *GingerBread Lane* exhibition: gingerbread pieces, icing and candy. Recommended for ages 4 and older. \$15 per project, plus museum admission. (Members: \$10 per project)

Registration online at: <https://nysci.org/event/gingerbread-lane-workshop-123018/>



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GingerBread Lane House Giveaway

January 21, 2019; 2 – 5 pm

Museum visitors can take home a piece of *GingerBread Lane*. Gingerbread houses will be given away on a first-come, first-served basis until every piece of GingerBread Lane is gone. Free with museum admission.

GingerBread Lane is free with museum admission (\$16 adults, \$13 children, students and senior citizens). For more information, visit nysci.org.

Hi-Res Photos can be downloaded for media use from the New York Hall of Science Flickr site at <https://flic.kr/s/aHskrAQKk9>

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