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## **COUNTRY INNS IN THE WHITE MOUNTAINS ANNOUNCE WINNERS OF COOKIE TOUR GINGERBREAD CONTEST**

Mt. Washington Valley, NH – Hungry cookie munchers came from throughout the country to sample sweet and savory treats while enjoying tours of the 17 inns featured in the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Inn-to-Inn Cookie Tour, December 8-9, 2007. Once again this year, gingerbread creations were added to the event, with businesses throughout Mt. Washington Valley constructing fabulous fully-edible holiday scenes dedicated to non-profit organizations of their choice. Tour goers voted for their favorites, and every gingerbread structure on the tour received multiple votes.

The winners of the Cookie Tour gingerbread competition were:

**First Place:** Displayed at and sponsored by Old Red Inn and Cottages; an intricate depiction of townspeople ringing in the holidays at an old New England church.

Prize: \$500 for New Beginnings.

Bakers: Massachusetts residents, Ruth Ann Smith and Carol Taggett

**Second Place:** Displayed at and sponsored by the Lake View Cottage; the Madison Historical Society's totally edible depiction of the historic Lake View Cottage in gingerbread, complete with lacy curtains, holiday candles in the windows, delicate porch railings and white picket fence.

Prize: \$350.00 for Madison Historical Society

Baker: Madison resident, Nancy Martin

**Third Place:** Displayed at Wildflowers Inn and sponsored by Lodge at Jackson/Christmas Farm Inn, a gingerbread creation an elegant Victorian home, filled with the holiday spirit and ready to ring in the new year.

Prize: \$250 for Jackson Public Library

Baker: Cathy Belcher, Lodge at Jackson Village/Christmas Farm Inn

The gingerbread structures were auctioned at the Yankee Swap sponsored by the Jackson Chamber of Commerce, raising additional funds for area non-profit organizations.

Cookie revelers who visited all 17 participating inns received a collectable brass ornament, the second in a series, and became eligible for a drawing for a Country Inns in the White Mountains gift certificate. In a random drawing from eligible participants, the Country Inns in the White Mountains awarded a \$250 gift certificate to Gary Martin from Dover, NH for a future stay at the inn of her choice among the participating 17 inns.

Sponsored by the Country Inns in the White Mountains, the Inn-to-Inn Cookie Tour is held every year on the second weekend in December. For more information or to view photos of the cookies featured in the 2007 tour as well as gingerbread creation winners, visit [www.CountryInnsintheWhiteMountains.com](http://www.CountryInnsintheWhiteMountains.com) and click on the Cookie Tour icon.

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High resolution photos available of gingerbread creations.