

Categories to Enter

TRADITIONAL

Modeled after human houses and inspired by standard depictions of birdhouses in illustrations, film, and literature.

WHIMSICAL

An out-of-the-ordinary structure designed to dazzle the human eye.

BUCKS COUNTY LANDMARK

A reproduction of a recognizable building or attraction in the region. Journey around Bucks County for inspiration! (Must include a picture of the real thing.)

NATURAL HABITAT

A durable structure suited to the needs, habits, and preferences of a specific type of bird. (Must indicate type of bird.)

GENERAL ADULT

Show off your skills in any of the four themes listed above! Birdhouse entries created by General Adults will be judged as separate categories. Please see the difference between General Adult vs. Professional on the back of this brochure.

PRIZES 1st: \$300 | 2nd: \$200 | 3rd: \$150 | Honorable Mention (2): \$50

PROFESSIONAL

Show off your skills in any of the four themes listed above! Birdhouse entries created by professionals will be judged as one category. Professionals may only enter one birdhouse creation. Please see the difference between General Adult vs. Professional on the back of this brochure.

PRIZES 1st: \$400 | 2nd: \$300 | 3rd: \$200 | Honorable Mention (2): \$100

STUDENT FOR AGES 12-17

Show off your skills in any of the four themes listed above! Birdhouse entries created by students will be judged as one category.

PRIZES 1st: \$100 | 2nd: \$75 | 3rd: \$50 | Honorable Mention (2): \$25

KIDS ONLY! FOR AGES 11 & UNDER

Have fun and be creative!

GIGGLEBERRY FAIR PRIZES AWARDED:

1st: Pizza Party for 10 | 2nd: 6 One-day Activity Passes
3rd: 4 One-day Activity Passes
Honorable Mention (2): \$15 game card for arcade

People's Choice

Guests can vote for their favorite birdhouse entry from April 13-May 5! Winner announced on May 12.

PRIZE: \$350 gift card for use at any Peddler's Village-owned restaurant

GENERAL ADULT VS. PROFESSIONAL

Please enter the Professional category if you work in the built environment: architect, contractor, woodworker, engineer, etc. Professional entries may place a company business card in their display. Professionals who enter a General Adult level will be disqualified.

STUDENT AND KIDS ONLY CATEGORIES

Entries must be solely constructed by the individual(s) entering the competition. Student and Kids Only competitors may be supervised, for safety precautions, by a parent, guardian, or classroom teacher.

Other Competitions & Displays

PET PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION & EXHIBIT

September 2 – October 13

This pet-themed exhibit showcases entries from local photographers, both professional and amateur, as they compete for cash prizes. Benefits Bucks County SPCA

SCARECROWS IN THE VILLAGE

September 9 - October 27

Village-wide display of over 100 scarecrows. Prizes awarded for best entries as voted on by the public.

GINGERBREAD COMPETITION & DISPLAY

November 15 - January 12, 2025

Festive gingerbread creations compete in multiple categories. Prizes awarded for best entries.

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Best of the Nest

Birdhouse Competition & Display



Peddler's Village

Presented in partnership with AIA Bucks County and Bucks County Audubon Society at Honey Hollow

On display from
April 13
through
May 19

Kids activity packages
and cash prizes awarded!

Entry deadline: April 1, 2024



ENTER ONLINE AT
PEDDLERSVILLAGE.COM!

Fill out and submit the online
Birdhouse Entry Form.



ENTRY DEADLINE: APRIL 1, 2024

Name

Company/School/Group (if applicable)

Address

City State Zip Code

Phone Number

Email Address (required)

Choose a Category

- Traditional Whimsical Bucks County Landmark Natural Habitat
 Professional Student Kids Only!

Hanging Options: Option 1 (Hung from above) Option 2 (Mounted from below)

Title of Entry (*This is what will be printed on the tag the public will see, so choose wisely!*)

Please check here below if would like your birdhouse to be auctioned to benefit a local nonprofit: (*scan QR code to learn more*)

- I would like to donate my birdhouse to benefit the Bucks County Audubon Society at Honey Hollow.
 I would like to donate my birdhouse to benefit the Bucks County Chapter of the American Institute of Architects George J. Donovan Memorial Scholarship.

Signature

I understand and agree to all of the rules outlined in this brochure.

CLIP & RETURN TO:

Attn: Best of the Nest, PO Box 218, Lahaska, PA 18931
or email to festivals@peddlersvillage.com

Official Rules & Regulations

Best of the Nest: Birdhouse Competition & Display is presented in partnership with AIA Bucks County and Bucks County Audubon Society at Honey Hollow

ENTRY FORMS

There is no fee to enter. The deadline for completed entry forms is April 1, 2024. A single entry may not be entered in more than one category.

ENTRY DROP OFF

Completed entries must be dropped off on Sunday, April 7 between 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. upstairs at Cock ‘n Bull Restaurant.

ENTRY DISPLAY

Entries will be displayed outdoors at Peddler’s Village from April 13-May 19, 2024. Peddler’s Village reserves the right to remove any entry which begins to look in disrepair.

JUDGING

Judging will take place from April 7-April 11 to determine 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and honorable mention prizes. Entries will be judged on the following criteria:

- Overall appearance/composition of the design
- Originality/use of materials
- Craftsmanship
- “Fit” in the category
- Level of difficulty in the design and execution
- Suitability for bird type (Natural habitat category only)

WINNERS

Ribbons will be placed on winning entries. The winners will be posted on the Peddler’s Village website. The winners list will not be available by phone. Prizes will be mailed to the winners the week of May 6.

ENTRY PICK UP

All entries not donated to the auction to benefit either Bucks County Audubon Society at Honey Hollow or the AIA Bucks County’s George J. Donovan Memorial Scholarship must be picked up on Monday, May 20, 2024, between 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. Any entries not picked up by this time will become the property of Peddler’s Village.

ENTRY SPECIFICS

- Option 1: Hung from above using an eye hook. Make sure it is in the center of your birdhouse to distribute and balance the weight properly. After drop off, your bird house will be hung by its eye hook from a shepherd hook and pole.
- Option 2: Mounted on a sturdy display board (1/2” or 3/4” plywood recommended) using foundation anchors. The display board should be an integral part of the design and be size-appropriate for the birdhouse. After drop off, your birdhouse will be attached to a support pole.
- All entries must be under 12 pounds in weight and must be portable.
- Size limitations: All entries must fit into an area no bigger than 20” x 20” x 20.”
- All entries must have an entry hole and an interior space for a bird to nest.
- To protect birds and avert potential disruption when the display is completed, all entries should include a mesh piece that can be placed over the hole(s) so that birds will not inhabit the house during the temporary display.
- All entries must be made of weather-resistant materials. The birdhouses will be displayed outdoors.
- Please securely attach a 3” x 5” index card on the bottom of your birdhouse with your name, address, email, phone number, the category you have entered, and whether you would like to donate your birdhouse to benefit one of the two named local nonprofits (and if so, which one). For the Natural Habitat category, please indicate the type of bird. For the Bucks County Landmark category, please include a picture of the real landmark.
- Please do not include lighting, movement, or other electronic or battery-operated components in the construction or decoration of the entry.
- Peddler’s Village is not responsible for any birdhouses on display.
- Best of the Nest is a family-friendly display. Peddler’s Village reserves the right not to display an entry that is deemed offensive, controversial, inappropriate, religious, political, or poorly constructed and may remove entries based on guest complaints or damage.