



The **Holiday Village Show** is open to all patrons of the Saugatuck-Douglas District Library and residents of the Saugatuck-Douglas area. It is also open to all ages, but entrants under 16 should have their entries and photographs submitted by a parent or guardian.

Entries must be submitted in photographic form to [hmason@sdlibrary.org](mailto:hmason@sdlibrary.org) and photos must be the original work of the exhibitor (with the exception that adults may post on behalf of their children). As with a real village show, presentation is important. Set up your entry in a bright place to photograph. Think about backgrounds, containers etc. to make your exhibit look special.

Each exhibitor is also asked to submit a smiling photograph of themselves along with their first exhibit, to be used in making their exhibit slide (s). If you would like to enter an item made by someone else, please get their permission to submit their work and photo. (The format of these portraits should be as close to a square as possible in order to create a circular image for the slide.)

Please also send us your personal stories or comments about your entry –why you baked it, whom you made it for, why it is special to your holiday celebrations etc. Comments may be edited for length, but 30-50 words is ideal.

**Each exhibit will earn you one entry in a prize drawing for a \$20 gift card to a local business.**

**LIBRARY SPECIALS:** if you submit a photo of something you made that is featured in one of our digital magazines (now available through the Libby app), or from a cookbook or magazine available in the Library, you get TWO entries in the prize drawing. Please specify the title of the book or the issue of the magazine you used.

**The closing date for submissions is December 21, 2022.**

All entries will be compiled into slides and displayed as part of the Holiday Village Show. Our goal is to have the show available for viewing on our website before the end of the year.

**Each exhibitor may submit a maximum of eight different entries in any of the following categories.**

**Category 1: Holiday Greenery and Lights**

Examples: A fully decorated tree, a decorated wreath, garlands, centerpieces or other greenery. This category also includes outdoor light displays. If not on your own property, please get the permission of the owner to submit. If you can get their photo as the exhibitor, even better!

**Category 2: Holiday Arts and Crafts**

Examples: Homemade ornaments (if made by a child, a photo of the child at the age they made it would be delightful), handmade gift wrap or greeting card, homemade non-food gifts (for food, see category 4 below), or any other handmade decoration.

**Category 3: Heirlooms, Nostalgia and Fun**

Examples: Heirloom ornaments or other decorations, holiday sweaters or other festive outfits (modelled by people or pets), a holiday photo from any year that makes you smile (tell us the story behind it, and if you are in it, please specify which one is you!).

This category may also include stories with no photos. Fifty words or less, please.

**Category 4: Holiday Food**

Examples: Decorated gingerbread, a plate of cookies, festive breads, pies or cakes or any other special food that you make for yourself, family or friends at this time of year.