

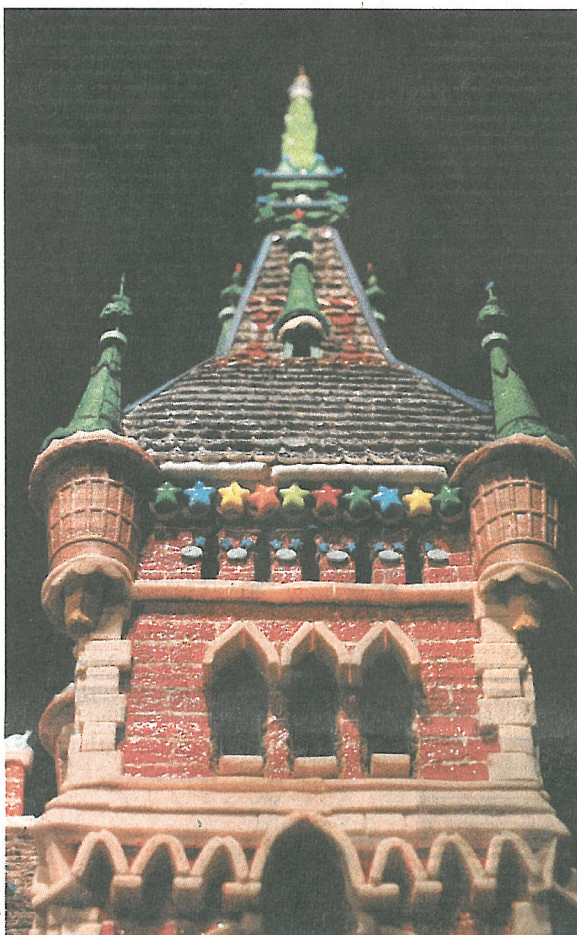
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Dr. John Learner of Stow created this majestic St. Ignatius High School gingerbread house for the Gingerbread Competition at the WinterShow. It stands about 3½ feet, has 270 windows and is fashioned from everything from sugar cones to anchor the steeples to painted-on icing.

A holiday nostalgia trip at the botanical garden

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Greater Clevelanders of a certain age have fond memories of when downtown was all hustle, bustle, bright lights and decked-out storefronts during the Christmas season.

Beginning Saturday, the Cleveland Botanical Garden will offer a peek at that era with WinterShow 2008: City Sidewalks.

"It's kind of a nostalgia trip," said Cynthia Druckenbrod, director of horticulture and conservation. "We're trying to get that feeling back here."

Visitors will enjoy the sensation of peering into a downtown store window,

Druckenbrod said. Life-size snow domes also await. The annual Gingerbread Competition, which has a city-sidewalks theme and features creations by amateurs and professionals, is part of the event.

WinterShow runs through Sunday, Jan. 4, at the botanical garden, 11030 East Blvd. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, noon to 5 p.m. Sundays. Admission: \$7.50; \$3, children 3 to 12; free, members and children under 3. Special rates for seniors and groups.

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