

Buckingham Properties Presents

canstruction®

4th Annual Rochester Design/Build Competition

Rules & Regulations

Awards

Best Meal
Best Use of Labels
Structural Ingenuity
Jurors' Favorite
2 Honorable Mentions

- Local winners go on to compete internationally through submission of digital images to a panel of jurors convened at the SDA/AIA Annual Convention in the spring of each year.
- Structures cannot win in more than one category.

Teams

- Any number of people can assist in the design and planning of the structure. However, please try to limit the active participants to 5 during the building period due space limitations.

Food Products

- Aluminum food cans of all sizes may be used. Some food manufacturers are switching to plastic. If using plastic containers make sure they stack and can take the pressure of cans from above bearing down.
- No glass containers
- No pet food
- No alcoholic beverages
- Soda and junk food strongly discouraged. Depending on the composition of the jury, your entry could be deducted for using non-nutritional items. Food banks need nutritional food, not junk food. Make every effort in designing a structure that uses edible, nutritious foods.
- Canned food must be full and unopened, no exposed food. (attracts vermin)
- Labels must be intact and legible. Labels cannot be covered over, stripped off or altered in any way.
- Boxes and bags are discouraged. The name of the competition is Canstruction. Jurors prefer to follow the name of the competition and in recent years many structures with boxes and bags did not make it through the elimination process for that reason. They are allowed though.
- Props are also discouraged. Jurors prefer pure food structures. Solve all design challenges with food items. All things equal, a structure with props will lose when judged against a structure with no props. (Example: a structure that has eyes. One structure uses black cans to make eyes; another structure has black circles made of paper and pasted on top of the cans for eyes. Once the jury sees that eyes can be made from cans or a food product, any entry that used paper cutouts is in disfavor.

Structures & Building Materials

- Structures **must** be structurally self-supporting.
- 10' length x 10' width x 8' height - maximum
- A good rule to keep in mind is that there should be a can between each supporting component. Example: you can use wire to support cans; you can use plexi-glass to support cans; you can not use wire to support plexi-glass that is supporting cans.

Permissible materials:

- One-quarter inch thick foam-core, cardboard, masonite, plywood, plexi-glass – for the purpose of leveling or balancing materials and not as load bearing. A structure where ¼" leveling material is ***not visible*** is judged superior to a structure where it is in plain view. Cantilevering is allowed with the above mentioned materials and allowable thicknesses
- Nylon string
- Wire
- Tie-backs
- Cardboard tubes used as guides must also be limited to one-quarter inch thick.
- Velcro
- Tape, clear and double-faced
- High-tension rubber bands

Not Permissible

- 2x4's
 - Half-inch plywood
 - Half-inch thick tubing
 - Sheet metal
 - Permanent adhesives.
- Questions regarding rules, or rule clarifications should be directed to Ken Glazer

Acquisition of Canned Goods

- Participating firms are responsible for obtaining their own supply of canned goods. Canned goods are available through **Wegmans** and will receive a shopper's club discount, if applicable, but not a wholesale discount. All food orders purchased through **Wegmans** must be submitted prior to **October 2nd**. Items will be delivered directly to site prior to event, but not available for 'pre-build' practices, unless specific arrangements have been made between s team and a specific local **Wegmans** store. See 'food order form' for required label information on items and payment procedures. There are no returns for unused cans.
- Order form will be emailed following team registration.
- Firms are encouraged to solicit donations of canned goods from manufacturers, consultants, contractors, developers, realtors or conduct employee food drives.
- Purchasing goods from other than Wegmans is allowed should be packed in sturdy cartons and labeled with team name. Teams are responsible for delivering cans to the site. Specific delivery dates and times will be announced at a later date.
- Following DeCanstruction all goods will shipped by the Rochester Food Link to various soup kitchens, shelters and food banks throughout Western New York.

Build-Out

- Try to do as much prefabrication of any templates, foam-core or other special materials you require prior to the day of the build out.
- If you have a chance to do a practice build in your office take that opportunity to lessen surprises at the site.
- Bring plenty of extra supplies (tape, scissors, foam-core, cardboard) – over estimate.
- Bring a ladder if you are building tall or to position spotlights.
- Lunch will be provided for teams members on the day of the build.
- Teams should visit the site well in advance of the build-out date to determine if the structure requires special consideration (i.e. electrical power) or if there are any problems positioning their entry in the space provided.
- Teams are responsible for leaving their site "broom-clean." A dumpster and/or recycle bin will be available for your convenience.

Mission Statements and Team Information.

The following must be e-mailed to Ken Glazer (kglazer@buckprop.com) no later than **October 23th**:

- Submit a **TITLE** and **DESCRIPTION** of the entry. Description should be no longer than one paragraph. Description **cannot** contain the name of the firm as this description will be given to the jurors with no other identifying information so that all entries are judged anonymously.
- Team members– get names spelled correctly – designate one team captain.
- Firm's official corporate name the way it should appear in the program.
- Total number of cans used in your design.
- Rough sketch of entry to assist planners in locating structures in optimal locations. If you have a specific positioning request, i.e. to view on all sides, or against a wall, please indicate such.

Presentation Board

- Teams are required to produce a foam core board no larger than 30" x 48" with the following items included;
 - Firm name,
 - Title and description,
 - Team member's
 - Any thank you's to companies who contributed to the entry,
 - Additional people in your firm responsible for working on your design.
 - These boards are intended to further your creative spirit of design, images are welcome.
 - Please provide your own easel for display
- The board will not be visible during judging, but descriptions will be. These descriptions are most helpful in drawing the jurors' and publics' eye to the rich detail in each design. Don't get caught up in making long drawn out philosophical statements – keep it short and let your entry speak for itself. Spend your time describing the choices you made in cans and labels to articulate your theme, your use of double entendres with label names, play on words, themes, etc.

Photography

- Professional photographs will be taken of each entry.
- Photos taken during the build day and at the awards presentation will be made available to participating firms.

Judging

- No representative from the entry may be present during judging.
- Judging will commence at **5:30 pm** on **November 9th**.
- Be prepared to go to the site and rebuild anything that may have fallen prior to the judging.
- Judges will not be announced until the structures have been built.

Awards Banquet

The awards reception and dinner will take place at the Bausch and Lomb Winter Garden on **Friday, November 13th at 6:00 pm**. Specific information regarding RSVP And purchasing additional tickets will be provided to team captains at a later date.

DeConstruction

- **Saturday, November 21nd from 9 am to 12:00 pm,**
- Each entry must be taken down and packed in supplied “banana’ boxes for pickup by the Rochester Food Link
- Each team must provide two team members for Decanstruction.
- Light breakfast will be available for those attending Decanstruction.
- Volunteers from the Rochester Food Link will be on hand to assist teams in moving cans from their build site to be palletized and onto the trucks. For safety reason volunteers will not help disassemble the structures.
- Bring dollies, if possible, to help move cans from your build site to the food bank trucks.

For additional questions contact:

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