



Chatham Bars Inn builds replica of the village

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Chatham Bars Inn executive chef Anthony Cole is finishing his annual gingerbread replica of the historic seaside hotel.

But this year, that's just the beginning: the inn's culinary team is building a 20- by 14-foot gingerbread Chatham Village, including: The Squire, Chatham Light, Chatham Hardware, Chatham Public Library and Chatham Railroad Museum. Two electric trains will navigate the village, chugging through gingerbread tunnels and around landmarks.

The process began in September. Chef Cole and his crew set out on foot to photograph and measure each of the landmarks so the replica could be built to scale (an inch of gingerbread will equal 45 inches of brick and mortar). Photos were taken so no detail would be overlooked.

Starting the day after Thanksgiving, the gingerbread village will be on display for the public to visit in the Main Inn at Chatham Bars throughout the holiday season.

The inn will also offer a "Design and Build Your Own Gingerbread House Workshop" from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Dec. 6 and 13. Each parent-child team will build their own house. Details: www.chathambarsinn.com.