FOR PATTY’S SAKE BAKE-OFF

The “For Patty’s Sake” Bake-off Fundraiser will be held in conjunction with the St. Patrick’s Day Celebration. This year’s contest will be held on Saturday, March 15, 2014 in the basement of the Ireland Historical Society. The organizers use the funds raised by the bake-off to support revitalizing and maintaining the grounds in and around Ireland, Indiana.

**OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES**

**PARTICIPATING**

Any and all people are welcome to enter the bake-off! Males and females of any age are welcome to participate.

Restricted entries include the organizers of the event and anyone sitting on the panel of judges.

**CATEGORIES**

All baked entries must fit into one of the following five category descriptions:

**Pies**

Pies must be presented in their normal circular form representing an 8” or 9” pie. Both single and double crusts are acceptable. All sweet fillings are acceptable. All pies must be of the dessert variety.

**Cakes or Cupcakes**

Cakes may be any number of layers. Cupcakes can be regular size or mini. Please provide at least one dozen cupcakes.

**Cookies and Bars**

Cookies or bars should be uniform size. Please provide at least one dozen cookies or bars.

**St Patty’s Decorative**

This is the only category divided into age categories; a) Ages 8 and under, b) Ages 9-17, c) Ages 18 and over.

This may be any baked good that is decorated in a St Patrick’s Day theme. These entries should display creativity, complementary colors, and use of different products or same products that work well together. The entire finished product must be completely edible.

\*Cake mixes will be allowed to be used in any recipe for any category; however, they should be treated as an ingredient, rather than just baking a cake as directed on the box.

**ENTERING**

Participants may enter any recipe and it does not have to be an original recipe created by the entrant. Recipes may come from cookbooks, magazines, websites, or by other means.

Entries will only be accepted between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 15, 2014, and may be submitted by the entrant or by a representative of the entrant in the case of the entrant not able to make it during this time frame. The entry fee is $5.00 for the first entry and $3.00 for any additional entries. All entry fees are non-refundable.

Entrants will be required to fill out an official registration form as well as sign these rules and regulations.

All entries are preferred to be submitted using a disposable container. In the case that it is not suitable for this, (ex. Baked fruit pies), all containers used to submit the entry are the responsibility of the entrant. It is the entrant’s responsibility to pick up their container immediately following the announcement of winners at 12:30 p.m. All containers left afterward will be submitted to the lost and found. Neither the organizers of this event nor any venue used to house this event are in any way responsible for the distribution of your containers. In addition, all entries should be presented in a sealed container or in a Ziploc bag or a new bag with a twist tie. All entries must be at room temperature, no refrigeration is available. Any remaining desserts not consumed during the bake-off will be served during the Shenanigans Supper that evening.

Due to allergy concerns, please provide a list of all ingredients used. Ingredient lists should NOT contain entrant’s name and should be printed legibly or typed on 8 ½ x 11” paper.

**THE JUDGING**

All entries must meet the requirements of the category entered. Entries not meeting contest entry criteria will be disqualified. Entries will be judged using the following criteria: Presentation (maximum 30 points), Taste and Smell (maximum 40 points) Originality (maximum 15 points), Creativity (maximum 15 points), representing a total possible value of 100 points.

A special award will be given for a People’s Choice Award. If you would like to be considered for this award, please provide extra desserts for public judging.

Judges are required to taste test all entries. Each judge will complete a judging sheet which will indicate each entry’s score. Each criterion will require a score of 1-15, 30, or 40 depending on that criterion. A combined score will be calculated to indicate the final scoring placement.

Judging will take place at or around 11:00 am. winners will be awarded at or around 12:30 pm in front of Studio Expressions. One finalist from each category, representing 1st place will receive a blue ribbon as well as a prize package.

Those placing in second and third place in each category will receive ribbons representing their respective placements.

People’s choice judging will begin at or around 11:00 pm and will be based on monies donated for the donator’s favorite entry.

Winners may be photographed which may be used for future promotional materials for the bake-off or St Patrick’s Day Celebration.

Contestant’s Signature (or parent if 12 or under)

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BAKE-OFF REGISTRATION FORM

Dessert Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Category (circle): Pie Cake/Cupcake Cookie/Bar St Patty’s Decorative

Name:

Age:

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

Include registration fee with form, payable to St. Patrick’s Celebration, LLC. Forms may be dropped off with the Bake-off entry or mailed to Kitty Merkley 4167 W Brookstone Court, Jasper, IN 47546.

Registration deadline is March 15, 2014

Desserts must be delivered to the Bake-off area at Ireland Historical Society between 9:00 and 10:00 on Saturday, March 15, 2014

Winners will be announced after the official judging around 12:30 pm in front of Studio Expressions .

By submitting your dessert, you accept all of the contest rules, including publication of your name and photograph and you agree to be bound by the judge’s decision, which will be final.

Contestant’s Signature (or parent if 12 or under)

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