



Great American Wedding Cake Competition

Shipley Arena, Carroll County Agriculture Center, Westminster, MD
May 1 – 2, 2010

Rules/Regulations and Information

Important Dates and Information

Theme:	“Wedding Cakes Across America”
Pre-Registration date:	April 20, 2010
Entry fee:	\$25.00 per entry
Tablecloth rental (optional):	\$10.00 each
Registration hours:	Friday April 30th, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm (Display set-up continues until 10:00 pm) Saturday May 1st, 7:00 am - 9:30 am
Show Hours:	Saturday May 1st, and Sunday, May 2 nd 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
General Admission:	\$8.00 - Ages 12 and up (2-day pass \$14.00) \$5.00 - Ages 4 – 11 (per day) Children 3 and under are free Price includes access to view cakes, vendors, live competitions, youth activities and demonstrations. Class registration does not include general admission fee. Persons entering the cake competition do not have to pay general admission fees (this does not include any helpers).
Show close (cake removal):	Sunday May 2nd, 5:00 pm
Mail registration to:	Pat Ditmore 1105 Leslie Rd. Havre de Grace, MD 21078
Make checks payable to:	Great American Cake Show (\$25.00 charge for returned checks)
For more information contact:	Jo Puhak 410-987-0561 jo.puhak@verizon.net Diane Gibbs 410-799-4420 dgg8@verizon.net

Rules and Regulations:

1. All entries in the Wedding Cake Competition **MUST** be received by the pre-registration date above. **Entries will not be accepted after this date.** Complete the attached form, and mail with payment to the address above.
2. This competition is open to all adults age 18 and over, any level of decorating skill. You may enter as many times as you wish. There will be no refund of entry fee(s) for any reason.
3. The theme for this year’s competition is “Wedding Cakes Across America”. Chose a state (does not have to be the state in which you live) and decorate your cake using something(s) from that state, such as the state motto, bird, butterfly, flower, etc. If using a landmark, it must be something that would be recognizable to the judges as being from that state (i.e. New York, the Empire State Building, or Niagara Falls, etc.). You must provide a clear, 5” x 7” or larger color picture of the landmark (can be printed from the computer), and a fact sheet about the state, which will be attached to the judges’ sheets. You must choose a title for your entry. If the title you have chosen has already been selected, you will be notified and given the opportunity to select another title. Titles may only be used once. **You MUST include the title you have selected when you register your cake.** Entries received without a title will not be registered until a title is given.
4. Real cakes or cake dummies are acceptable. Cake dummies must be able to be reproduced in cake form. Sculptured

- cakes must be made of real cake; submission of at least three in-progress photos is required for sculptured cakes.
5. Each entrant will be provided a bare, 48” round table (standard height 29-30 inches) on which the cake is to be displayed. Draping and decoration are the responsibility of the entrant. The wedding cake must be at least 3 tiers, and the cake, draping and table decorations should be in proportion to the size of the table. You may use anything you wish to decorate the table, although edible decorations will be given a higher value by the judges. We can supply a white tablecloth sized to cover the table to the floor for an additional charge. Drapes and table toppers may be used over or pinned to the rental cloths. However, absolutely no cutting, sewing or alterations will be allowed on these cloths. A replacement fee will be charged if the cloth is damaged. If you wish to rent a table cloth, you must check the appropriate box on the registration form and include the fee with your registration. Fee is non-refundable. The entrant may have assistance in setting up the table and the cake; however, **all work on the display must be the sole work of the entrant.** Assistants who have not also entered a display in the show must pay the general admission fee. Entries from previous shows are acceptable as long as they are not more than 3 months old, match our theme and have not won 1st place in another show.
 6. While every precaution will be taken to ensure that your display is not touched and/or damaged, the Carroll County Agriculture Center, the International Cake Exploration Soci  t   (ICES) and the Maryland Chapter of ICES will not be held liable for any loss or damage during the time of the show. Use expensive or irreplaceable table decorations at your own risk.
 7. Plastic items, such as tier separators, may be used on the cake for the completion of the design. However, other plastic or non-edible items on the cake or table decoration may lose points in judging. No Cold Porcelain will be allowed. We encourage the use of sugar and other edible mediums throughout your display. Use of purchased commercially made gum paste flowers will be judged accordingly.
 8. Each display will be judged on a 100-point scale. Grand Prize, 2nd Place, 3rd Place and 4th Place will be awarded for overall score. In case of ties, the judges will reconsider the displays in question in order to break the tie.
 9. Anyone winning the Grand Prize in the Wedding Cake Competition 2 years in a row must sit out the following year but is welcome to enter the Divisional show.
 10. The decisions of the judges will be final. Displays will be judged on the following criteria (10 points each):

Interpretation of theme Originality & creativity Use of color Difficulty of techniques used Neatness of cake covering	Neatness of decorations Skill Table decorations Overall appearance Judge’s discretionary*
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*The “Judge’s Discretionary” points are bonus points that are up to each individual judge to award as he/she sees fit. Points can be gained for new techniques, new application/interpretation of existing techniques, unusual presentation, creativity, etc.—anything that stands out in the judge’s mind. Essentially, the “wow” factor.
 11. The Show Committee and the judges reserve the right to disqualify displays that, at their discretion, are in poor taste or fail to adhere to these rules.
 12. Displays may be set up during the times indicated above. At the end of the set-up period, all work must stop, and the display area will be cleared. Judging will commence promptly on time. Any entry not checked in and set up by the time judging starts may be displayed but will not be judged. You may park in front of the exhibit hall to unload your cake, but cars must be removed as soon as possible to allow others to unload. Parking is directly across from the exhibit hall.
 13. **Displays must remain on display until 5:00 pm on the last day of the show.** They may be picked up from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Any displays not picked up by 6:00 pm become the property of the Great American Cake Show and will be disposed of according to the wishes of the organizers.
 14. Awards and prizes will be distributed during the Awards Ceremony. If you cannot attend the ceremony, please make arrangements for someone to collect your prize should you win. Each entrant will be given a ballot to cast a vote for the Decorator’s Choice award. Members of the general public will be provided with ballots for the People’s choice award. All entries in both the wedding cake competition and the divisional competition will be considered together for these two awards.
 15. Entries may be photographed and photos used by GACS/WCC for promotional purposes. The photo release form must be signed. If you like, you may purchase an 8x10 professional print of your cake for \$30, which will be mailed to you after the show.
 16. No advertising of any kind is allowed on or near display tables. Entries must be made in the name of the individual who completed the entry, NOT A BUSINESS NAME. Advertising is available at the Hospitality/Information table. Contact show organizers for more information. The organizers reserve the right to refuse any advertising.

ANY ENTRY THAT DOES NOT ADHERE TO THE ABOVE RULES AND REGULATIONS MAY OR MAY NOT BE DISPLAYED BUT WILL NOT BE JUDGED.



Directions and Accommodations

The Carroll County Agriculture Center is located at 706 Agriculture Center Dr., Westminster, Maryland 21157.

From the North: (directions from Hanover, PA) Take Rt. 94 south (becomes MD Rt. 30 at the state line). Follow Rt. 30 to Manchester and turn right on Rt. 27. Follow Rt. 27 to Rt. 140 east in Westminster. Turn left onto the ramp to 140 each and travel to the first traffic light. Turn right onto Center St. Take Center St. through to Gist Road (you will go through two traffic lights and drive past the Farm Museum and Carroll County General Hospital before you get to Gist Road). Turn right on to Gist Rd. and follow to the entrance for the Agriculture Center and Arena. Turn right into the center.

Directions from Gettysburg, PA area: From Rt. 15, exit off onto Rt. 97. Take Rt. 97 down to Westminster and exit off onto Rt. 140 east. Turn right onto Center St. and follow directions above.

From the South: Take Interstate 270 north to Rt. 27 to Kate Wagner Rd. (Kate Wagner Road intersects Rt. 27 before you reach the city of Westminster). Make a right onto Kate Wagner Rd. (which intersects Rt. 27 at a traffic light) and follow approximately 1.2 miles. Turn left onto Gist Rd. (You will see an elementary school to your left once on Gist Rd. and a housing development on your right). Continue on Gist Road until you reach the entrance to the Carroll County Agricultural Center. Turn right into the center and the Arena will be on the far right hand end of the buildings.

From the East: From Baltimore Beltway Rt. 695, take Interstate 795 north toward Westminster. Follow the signs onto MD 140 and take 140 into Westminster. Turn left onto Center Street. Take Center St. through to Gist Road (you will go through two traffic lights and drive past the Farm Museum and Carroll County General Hospital before you get to Gist Rd.). Turn right on to Gist Road and follow to the entrance for the Agriculture Center. Turn right into the center.

Alternate from the East: From Baltimore Beltway, exit off onto Rt. 70 west towards Frederick. Exit off onto Rt. 32 north. Go approximately 7-8 miles and turn left at the traffic light onto Rt. 27 west in Eldersburg. Go approximately 3-4 miles and exit off onto Rt. 97 north. Drive approximately 8-10 miles and turn left onto Washington St. (You can travel on Rt. 32 through Eldersburg and Sykesville and eventually go to this same intersection but it is a little farther distance). Turn left onto Smith Avenue and turn right onto Gist Rd. Turn left into the Ag Center entrance. Follow road around to Shipley Arena at the far right of the complex.

From BWI Airport: When you leave the airport you will be on Rt. 195. Exit off onto Baltimore/Washington Pkwy north. Exit off onto the Baltimore Beltway, Rt. 695 going toward Towson. Exit off onto Rt. 70 west and follow the directions above.

From the West: Take I-70 east to the Mt. Airy/Rt. 27 exit. Head north on Rt. 27 toward Westminster for approximately 15 miles. Make a right onto Kate Wagner Rd. (which intersects Rt. 27 at a traffic light) and follow approximately 1.2 miles. Turn left onto Gist Rd. (You will see an elementary school to your left once on Gist Rd. and a housing development on your right). Continue on Gist Road until you reach a stop sign. At the stop sign, turn left onto Smith Ave. Smith Ave. will dead end at the Carroll county Agricultural Center and the Arena will be on the far right hand end of the buildings.

For Hotel Reservations, please contact the Best Western Catering and Conference Center at 410-857-1900. Mention the Great American Cake Show, and you will get a special group rate of \$83/night for the evenings of April 30th and May 1st, 2010. To get the special rate, make your reservation before March 24, 2010. The Days Inn will be \$74 per night and the Boston Inn will be \$70 per night. For a list of other nearby hotels, see the information page at www.greatamericancakeshow.com.



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Entry and Release Form

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION AND USE ONE FORM FOR EACH ENTRY.

Name (individual only) _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Phone Number (including area code) _____ E-mail _____

Cake Title and State Represented _____

Entry Fee(s)

Number of 48" round tables: _____ @ \$25.00/table \$ _____

Rental of White Table Cover: _____ @ \$10.00/cover \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to: Great *American Cake Show* (\$25.00 charge for returned checks)

Mail to: Pat Ditmore 1105 Leslie Rd. Havre De Grace, MD 21078 (410-939-3128)

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A judge's information sheet is included with these forms. Please be sure to fill it out and bring it with you. Also, a color picture of a state landmark (if used) and a fact sheet on the state you are representing. They must be given to the Registration person upon arrival. Do Not put your name or any personal information on these sheets as they will be given to the judges.

The Show Committee and the Judges reserve the right to disqualify displays that are, at their discretion, in poor taste or fail to adhere to the rules.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY/PHOTO RELEASE

By signing this form, I hereby give permission for my entry/entries to be photographed and to the International Cake Exploration Soci  t   (ICES), and the Maryland Chapter of ICES to reprint any such photos for the promotion of ICES and the Great American Cake Show and Wedding Cake Competition. I have received and read a copy of the Show Rules and Regulations and hereby agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the show. I understand that neither ICES, nor the event organizers, nor the Carroll County Agriculture Center assumes any responsibility for loss, theft or damage to displays or personal items at the Show. I agree that I indemnify and hold harmless attorney's fees and liabilities growing out of, or arising from, caused or occasioned by my activities on the Agriculture Center premises. I will abide by the decisions of the judges. I understand that failure to comply with any rule will result in my entry being disqualified.

Signed _____ Date _____

DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON THIS FORM – Bring it with you to Registration

Please fill out the following descriptions of your entry. Add anything you feel would be useful to help the judges better evaluate your display.

Cake Covering

Buttercream _____ Royal Icing _____ Rolled Fondant _____ Rolled Buttercream _____ Other _____

Describe:

Flowers and Foliage

Describe medium(s), Method(s) and techniques used:

Cake and Table Decorations

Describe medium(s), method(s) and techniques used for all other decorations and/or accessories applied to cake or used on table:

Cake Topper

Made of Sugar yes _____ no _____ Describe all medium(s), method(s) and technique(s) used:

Examples of mediums: Buttercream, Rolled Buttercream, Rolled Fondant, Chocolate, Granulated sugar (pressed sugar), Royal icing, Wafer paper, Gum paste, Pastillage, Marzipan, etc.

Examples of Methods: Australian embroidery, South African wings, English panels, Lambeth cushions, Nirvana, etc.

Examples of Techniques: Hand molded marzipan; Marzipan using molds; Piped flowers; molded flowers; gum paste flowers with or without cutters; Figure piping; Hand-modeled fondant; Fondant formed in molds; Extruded fondant; Piped filigree; Picture traced on wafer paper and colored with piping gel; Picture made with run sugar; Appliqué; Cake sculpture; Pulled/blown sugar; Cast sugar; etc. Please list and describe your techniques, as some may not be obvious to judges

Fact Sheet on the State you have selected

Entry # _____

Only fill in the Items that you have used on your cake

Name of State _____

State Bird _____

State Flower _____

State Motto _____

State Butterfly _____

Landmark (location) _____

Architectural Landmark (location) _____

List any other pertinent information regarding the state _____
