



# Great American Cake Show

Shipley Arena at the Carroll County Agriculture Center

Westminster, MD

May 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010

## Divisional Show Rules/Regulations and Information

### Important Dates and Information

Pre-Registration date: April 20, 2010

Entry Fee: \$7.00 / \$4.00 each additional entry (no fee for Division Q)

Entry Fee for Divisions A, B & C: \$4.00 per child/student  
(Multiple entries still pay just one fee)

On-site Registration Fee: \$15.00 per entry

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

Registration times: Friday April 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
Saturday May 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 am – 9:30 am

Show Opens: Saturday, May 1st, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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).

Mail registration to: Pat Ditmore  
1105 Leslie Road  
Havre de Grace, MD 21078  
(410-939-3128)

For more information contact: Jo Puhak 410- 987-0561 [jo.puhak@verizon.net](mailto:jo.puhak@verizon.net)  
Diane Gibbs 410- 799-4420 [dgg8@verizon.net](mailto:dgg8@verizon.net)

*The members of the Maryland Chapter of the International Cake Exploration Soci  t   (ICES) welcome you to the Great American Cake Show and Wedding Cake Competition, held at the Shipley Arena at the Carroll County Agriculture Center in Westminster, Maryland. The contest is open to everyone. In addition to providing an opportunity to showcase your cake decorating skills, we have planned many exciting demonstrations, live competitions and classes throughout the weekend, and have arranged for numerous prizes to be awarded.*

## Registration and Entry Fees

All entrants must sign a registration and release form. Forms must be received by the pre-registration date above. On-site registrations will be accepted. Entry fees will be charged per the scale above and are non-refundable. **Entries 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 on Sunday evening. 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.

Please honestly decide for yourself in which Division you belong, based on how long you have been decorating and how far you have gone with it. Whether you are self-taught or have had classes. The degree of knowledge is the most important factor. Individuals may enter as many categories within their one skill level division as desired. However, only one entry per category is allowed. In addition to the one skill level division, individuals may enter any or all of the remaining Divisions K through Q. (For example, if you enter the Beginner Division, you may enter one display in each of the four categories. You may **also** enter one display in Divisions K through P if desired.) There is no limit to the number of displays that may be entered in the Winner's Circle. Displays in the Winner's Circle division will not be judged, and there is no fee for these entries.

All work must be the sole work of the participant. Displays done by more than one person will not be accepted. This includes "Wee Ones" and "Youth" entries, with the following exceptions. For all youth 12 years of age and under, note the following additional rules:

- 1). Parents are allowed to bake cakes and prepare icing only.
- 2). Youth must color icing and complete all decorations.
- 3). A parent must sign the entry forms for the youth signifying that they have read these rules and will abide by them.

## Decorating Guidelines and Tips

Please note that electrical outlets are not available for your display. 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.

Table dressing (fabrics and mirrors only) is encouraged, but not required, in order to make a better presentation. See-through cake covers to protect the cakes are welcome, but the judges must be able to remove the cover if necessary to view the cake. Edible decorations are preferred. Plastic decorations (doll picks, pillars, etc.) and commercially purchased sugar flowers may be used, but will be judged accordingly. Use of cold porcelain is not permitted. We encourage the use of sugar and other edible mediums throughout your display.

## Judging

The show committee and/or the judges reserve the right to reclassify any display to another category or division, or to disqualify displays that, at their sole discretion, are in poor taste. Entries will be judged on originality, smoothness or texture of icing, degree of difficulty, technique, artistic expression, use of color and overall appearance.

Judging will be done by highly qualified judges, and their decisions will be final. First, second and third place prizes may be awarded. Ribbons may or may not be awarded in all categories at the discretion of the judges. Entries from previous shows are acceptable, as long as they are not more than 3 months old. If the entry won first place in a show in any prior competition, it must be entered in the Winners' Circle category. Winners' Circle entries will not be judged. Judges will provide comments on all entries judged.

## Awards/Prizes

All entrants, except those in the Winner's Circle Division, are eligible for special prizes to be drawn. 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.

Anyone winning the Grand Prize in the Divisional Show 2 years in a row, must sit out the following year, but is welcome to enter the Wedding Cake Competition. After a "Best of Division" win in the same division (Beginner through Professional), the entrant must move up to at least the next division.

## Advertising

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, at their sole discretion.

## Photography

Please allow time to have your display(s) photographed. Divisional cakes should be taken to the "photo studio" for photos after you have checked in at Registration, so that clear, uncluttered photos of each entry can be taken. Wedding Cake Competition photos will be taken of each of the cake/table displays. Only photographs taken in the photo studio will be available for posting on the GACS website. All photographs will be submitted to American Cake Decorating magazine for publication. Photos chosen for publication will be the choice of the editor of the magazine. If you like, you may purchase an 8x10 print of the professional photo to be mailed to you after the show. The cost of each print is \$30, including mailing costs. You are not obligated to purchase a print if your cake is photographed



## ***Description of Categories***

**Any occasion / novelty – non-tiered:** Cakes in this category may be made using any medium (buttercream, royal icing, rolled fondant, candy clay, piping gel, etc.) or method (airbrushing, color flow, piping/flowers, molding, drop stringwork, etc.). Cutout cakes or unusually shaped cakes can be made of Styrofoam so long as they can be easily made of cake (there must be a pan in the shape of the Styrofoam such as a ball or star). Anything else would be considered a sculpted cake.



**Any occasion / novelty – tiered:** Same as above, with at least two tiers, either stacked or separated.

**Special Techniques:** Cakes entered in this category should highlight one or more special techniques. Examples would be needlework, cocoa or food color painting, bas relief, appliqué, crimping, lace points, collars, bridge/extension work, gum paste dolls, etc. Typical mediums include rolled fondant, royal icing, gum paste, pastillage, pulled/blown sugar, and marzipan. Note that some special techniques may be incorporated in other categories as well.

**International/Special Techniques:** In addition to the Special Techniques listed above, cakes identifiable as following a particular foreign style such as Lambeth, Nirvana, South African, Australian, etc. should be classified here.

**Marshmallow Peeps ©:** Displays can be, but do not have to be on a cake, and must have at least 75% of the decorations made with commercially purchased Marshmallow Peeps©. Edible decorations are preferred. Any color, shape or holiday themed Marshmallow Peeps© are acceptable.

**Sculpted cakes:** Any cake that has been cut or carved to form a particular 3-dimensional shape that cannot be obtained from a cake pan alone. Internal supports will be allowed and is encouraged. A minimum of three (3), in-progress, step-by-step photos showing the actual carving of the cake is required. Rice cereal treats are allowable, but cannot be more than 10% of the display. This is a **cake sculpting** division.

**Specialty Division:** The theme of this division will change each year. You must create a display to fit the chosen theme. This year is Designer Purses. You may use other sugar accents on the purse, but the purse must be the focal point of the display. If it is a carved or sculpted shape, you must submit three (3) in-progress, step-by-step photos showing the actual carving of the cake. Any icing medium is allowed (fondant, buttercream, etc.). Display board should not be larger than 16”.

### ***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 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 \$70.00 per night  
For a list of other nearby hotels, see the information page at [www.greatamericancakeshow.com](http://www.greatamericancakeshow.com).

**2010 Great American Cake Show  
Registration and Release Form**  
*PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION*



Name (individual only): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (include area code) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Entry fees are non-refundable.** See schedule of fees and deadline on the first pages of the rules. Entrants do not have to pay the general admission fee, however, this does not include anyone helping you set up your cake. They must pay the admission fee.

Please circle the Divisions and Categories you are entering (The show Committee and the judges reserve the right to reclassify any display to another category or division, or to disqualify displays that, at their sole discretion, are in poor taste).

<i>Divisions</i>	<i>Categories</i>			
A. Wee Ones	A1	A2		
B. Youth	B1	B2		
C. Teen	C 1.a.	C 1.b.	C 2.a.	C2.b.
D. Beginner	D1	D2	D3	D4
E. Intermediate	E1	E2	E3	E4
F. Advanced	F1	F2	F3	F4
G. Semi-Professional	G1	G2	G3	G4
H. Professional	H1	H2	H3	H4
J. Masters	J1	J2	J3	J4
K. Chocolate	K1	K2		
L. Gingerbread	L1	L2		
M. Decorated Cookies	M1	M2		
N. Marshmallow Peeps	N1	N2		
O. Cupcakes	O1	O2		
P. Specialty Division	P1	P2		
Q. Winner's Circle	Q1			

Number of cakes in category Q1 \_\_\_\_\_

**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 ICES, the event organizers, and the Carroll County Agriculture Center from and against all claims, demands, costs, loss, damage, expense, 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. (Parent or Guardian should sign for youths under the age of 18).

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Send completed form to: Pat Ditmore 1105 Leslie Rd. Havre De Grace, MD 21078. Enclose check for entry fees payable to "Great American Cake Show".