



CONFECTION CONNECTION

FALL EDITION 2013

T E N N E S S E E I C E S 2013 FALL WEEKEND OF SHARING

It's time to get ready for our Fall Weekend of Sharing. This is the time to visit with your old sugar art friends, meet new sugar art friends, learn new things from everyone involved and share what you've learned. ICES is all about sharing and our Tennessee group is great, not only in sharing but in caring and growing friendships as well.

We will be having classes with Sheila Miller on Saturday and Monday. Also, Sheila and her husband, Gordon, will be doing demonstrations for us on Sunday. Lora Hammond, a long time member and talented lady, will also be demonstrating for us on Sunday. If you have not signed up for any of Sheila's classes and are interested the registration forms were in the Spring and Summer newsletters or if you no longer have those newsletters you can contact Elaine Miller at memiller1953@yahoo.com or call 901-326-8738.

Tammy Duncan, our East Tennessee Alternate Representative, and Jennifer McRoberts, another of our talented members from East Tennessee, have been working on our Day of Sharing decorations and have come up with our theme of "Falling Into Sugar". I think you will all be pleased with what they have planned for us.

You will find the Registration Form for our Day of Sharing on page 9 of this newsletter. I know I'm a little late getting the newsletter to you this time but I want to remind you to get your registration form in as soon as possible to take advantage of the Early Bird price and our Early Bird Drawing that gives the winner a free registration for our next Day of Sharing.

I would like to make note to all our members, to help you with your planning in the future, our Spring Day of Sharing always falls on the third weekend of March and the Fall Day of Sharing always falls on the first full weekend of October. You will also be able to find information on our new Tennessee ICES website that Darla Davidson has been diligently working on to get it updated for us and she has added some new features. Please take a look at the site and let us know what you think and if you have any suggestions. The address is tnices.org.

Those members who signed the form I had with me at Convention, should see Debra Bittle to receive their portion of the funds that were raised at our Silent Auction at our Day of Sharing in the Spring. The purpose of the auction was to help members with their convention expenses.

I look forward to seeing a big crowd having fun in October!



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News from the 2013 Convention in Lexington, KY

By Elaine Miller

Although this was only my second convention I could see that it was a great success! I was the Chairman of a new committee, the “Information/Concierge” booth and in working that booth I talked with hundreds of people that were attending convention. It was a fun spot to be in since I was in a position to meet a lot of people from professionals, hobbyists , first timers and people coming in that had never done any kind of sugar art but were interested and wanted to see the displays of sugar art.

I never got the total count of displays but I know there were several hundred of them. I was glad to see that a lot of those displays came from our Tennessee group including some of our out of state members. I know that Dathern Moon , one of our members from Alabama, had 5 or 6 beautiful displays. I did get a few pictures in the short time that I was away from my booth and have added a few of those below. At the right is a picture of the Lexington Show Directors, Leigh Sipe and Geraldine Kidwell. I caught this shot at the end of the week when I know they were worn out from all the running around they had been doing all week.

We all need to congratulate our own “Tennessee Trio” , consisting of Heather Longpre’ , Debra Bittle and Cindy Zoesch, who entered and was accepted to compete in the “Live Cake Challenge” at Convention. They took Third Place. You can see their completed competition cake on page 3.



LIVE CAKE CHALLENGE AT 2013 ICES CONVENTION IN LEXINGTON, KY

By Heather Longpre

The Tennessee Trio Takes Third Place in the ICES Live Cake Challenge.



A live cake challenge was held during the recent ICES convention in Lexington, KY.

One of the teams selected to participate was the Tennessee Trio consisting of Debra Bittle, Cindy Zoesch and Heather Longpre.

The theme of the competition was All Around Kentucky. The trio built a structure consisting of a Kentucky Derby race-track, complete with horse and jockey, in addition to the iconic rose blanket along with a Corvette worked into the infield. The base of the structure sported Abe Lincoln's hat, as Mr. Lincoln was born in Kentucky and was topped off with a basketball, basketball player, a KFC bucket and a bourbon bottle. The structure was

adorned with red roses and was accompanied by a soundtrack. Sound bites included excerpts from: Four Score and Twenty Years; Bluegrass music; a cheering crowd and the call to the gate, to name a few.

The team was overwhelmed by the amount of support it was given by sponsors and individual donors. Corporate sponsors included: Make Your Own Molds; Simi Cakes; PhotoFrost; Guildcraft and Fondx. Many generous individuals also provided materials and ingredients. The team would like to thank KFC for permitting the use of their logo and also sends a huge thank you to all who supported them both materially but also to those who organized the competition and those who physically helped them onsite.

When asked if the team would do it again Debra stated, with a smile, "I would love to but not just now. It was a LOT more work than I anticipated". Heather responded, "Well, it ranks right up there with those things that you are told you should do even though they scare you. I certainly learned an awful lot. Yes, I would do it again." According to Cindy, "It was a once in a lifetime experience".



UPCOMING EVENTS

Proposed Agenda
for
Tennessee Chapter of ICES
Fall Into Sugar
2013 Fall Day of Sharing

Open Meeting
Introductions
New Business
Old Business

Demonstration by Sheila Miller—

“Sanitation in the Kitchen” and “Emergency Cake Repair Kit”

Demonstration by Gordon Miller—

“How to Maintain your Kitchenaid™ Mixer”

(If anyone has a Kitchenaid™ Mixer that needs repairs let Elaine Miller or Leah Langford know about it and bring it with you as Gordon has offered to try and repair it if he can.)

Buffet Lunch prepared by Betty Dean

Lora Hammond—Large Butter Cream Flowers

Close of Meeting

Find Day of Sharing Registration Form on Page 10

We still have our 25 Year Anniversary Pins/Pendants and Key Rings available for you
to purchase in the amount of \$15.00.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TENNESSEE ICES SUGAR PLAY DAYS

Middle Tennessee

Hey it's Middle Tennessee Sugar Play Day Time. Come join the fun, hear the latest from the KY ICES Show and Convention and learn to make a pocket book with cake and fondant. Beginners or experienced decorators, ICES members or non-ICES members, all are welcome NO CHARGE.

Date: Sunday, September 15, 2013

Location: Sugar Drop, 7020 Church Street E. Brentwood, TN

Time: 2pm – 5 pm (Afterwards take time to shop in the Sugar Drop and then join us at a local restaurant for a Dutch Treat Dinner)

Supplies: Cake and buttercream will be provided. Bring an apron and hand towel or handi wipes, fondant, mat for rolling fondant, rolling pin and small spatula. If you don't have these supplies we are always willing to share.

Thanks to Jan Edens, owner of the Sugar Drop owner for sponsoring this event.

Reservations are not required but would be helpful in our preparations. Please contact Claudette Tidwell, 615-356-3746 or claudt2002@aol.com or The Sugar Drop 615-373-5003

If you have any questions, please e-mail or call: Claudette Tidwell, TN ICES, Middle TN Alternate Representative. claudt2002@aol.com or 615-356-3746.

Cake Club-Nashville Area

Meets the 2nd Sunday of every month

2:00pm—5:00pm (or whenever the last person leaves)

Open to all cake decorators from beginners to professionals

For more info contact:

Lydia Spencer at

kakedecorator@bellsouth.net

or

Phone (615)228-3547

Tennessee Chapter of ICES Reports from the 2013 Spring Day of Sharing

MINUTES OF GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

Tennessee chapter of ICES

March 17, 2013

State Representative Elaine Miller called the meeting to order at 9:05am in the Assembly Hall at Cedars of Lebanon State Park in Lebanon, Tennessee.

Minutes from the past meeting were read. Linda Mowell moved to approve the minutes as read; the motion was seconded by Heather Noble, the motion passed.

Claudette Tidwell asked us to pray for our Treasurer, Debra Bittle, who has been ill for several weeks.

Claudette read the Treasurer's report. She also went over the budget, which was prepared at the request of the membership at our last meeting. She explained key points in the budget.

Elaine discussed how to compensate out of state demonstrators, she has discussed this issue at the Mid Year meeting with other chapter reps, and each chapter seems to handle it differently, so we will play it by ear.

Claudette explained how the silent auction would work today. The auction will benefit those who attend the convention in Lexington. The money will be divided equally between attendees who must sign a form that Elaine will have at the convention.

Mary Jo Manis made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Heather Longpre seconded, the motion passed.

Elaine asked for nominations from the floor for the offices of Treasurer, Secretary, and Newsletter Editor. There were none. Claudette moved to accept the slate of incumbents who have offered to serve again. Mary Jo seconded the motion, the motion passed. Debra Bittle, Treasurer, Cindy Zoesch, Secretary, and Elaine Miller, Newsletter Editor, will retain their offices.

Claudette stated the auction today would end at 2pm. She and Leah Langford will accept your payment for items you have won at that time.

Elaine said it would be best to see her at the banquet at the convention Saturday night to sign the form to qualify for your share of the auction profits.

Elaine explained that convention goers would receive a packet of information; your banquet ticket will be in it. If you would like to sit with our group give Elaine your ticket and she will get us tables.

Leah mentioned the Friday morning meeting for first time convention goers and thought this would be a good time to see Elaine.

Glenda Tant pointed out that Elaine will be at the information booth during the convention.

Cindy asked how those of us who have volunteered to help at convention would be notified as to what is expected of us, Elaine will notify us of this.

Elaine mentioned that Debra, Cindy, and Heather have sent in an application for the live cake challenge to be held at the convention.

Mary Jo called for a show of hands of those who plan on going to the convention. Approximately 23 women raised their hands.

Elaine informed us that Bridget and Katie Mays are doing our luncheon today, it has a Tea Party theme. This ties in with the theme of the banquet at convention, which is "Fancy Ball".

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Tennessee Chapter of ICES Reports from the 2012 Spring Day of Sharing

Minutes of General Business Meeting *(Continued)*

Elaine listed the 3 demos we will be treated to today. Laura Grater will show us how to do a sugar bottle, Heather will demo how to enhance our cake drums, we will break for lunch, and then Elaine will demo painting on Isomalt.

Claudette reported on plans for the Mid Tennessee Sugar Play Day, which will be held April 21. We will work on centerpieces with Glenda for the convention from 2pm to 5pm. Following will be a Dutch treat dinner for those who care to attend.

Elaine asked Lydia Spencer to talk about the Nashville Cake Club. Lydia stated it is held the second Sunday of the month at her house. Contact her for further information.

Tammy and Jennifer McRoberts are working on establishing the East Tennessee Sugar Artists group. There will be monthly meetings. The second annual Fall into Sugar cake show will take place May 18 in Oak Ridge. Contact Jennifer for further information.

Elaine thanked those who helped her carry the television down to the Assembly Hall for our use during the demos. She also thanked those who made roses for centerpieces to help our Kentucky friends with convention.

Katie Mays announced her fondant roses won first place in her 4-H competition. Applause followed, we are all very proud of Katie.

Elaine announced that Gail Forrester has been awarded the TN ICES Scholarship that is awarded by TN ICES. It is for \$250.00. Gail was not in attendance; she was a state rep for 4 years.

Elaine called for other announcements. Leah Langford, International ICES President, commented that she is glad so many of us are planning on going to the convention. Leah hosted a reception at Mid Year, she asked the New Mexico members for help and was gratified by their response. She asked if we would help with the reception in Lexington by supplying finger foods along with its' recipe. She will use the recipes to make a booklet which will be given to attendees of the reception. She did this in New Mexico and it was well received. Those willing to help should let Leah know by July 1. You should bring your tray of finger food to the reception which is held in the Presidential Suite. Those who bring food will be welcome to attend the reception. Claudette commented that the reception and recipe booklet were a great success in New Mexico.

Elaine reported on her experience attending Mid Year. It was her first time attending. She heard lots of good things about how Leah is conducting the ICES meetings. Leah thanked Elaine and said she has good board members.

Lydia asked Leah to introduce herself to new members who might not know she is our International President.

Leah told us they are looking for nominations for the board. There are certain requirements and it is a lot of work but very enjoyable. It is a 3 year commitment, 4 years for President who serves as Chairman of the Board after his or her tenure as President is over. 6 members will be elected .

Cindy won the Early Bird drawing. She received a certificate which will waive her fee for our next DOS.

Drawings were held for special door prizes, Jennifer McRoberts and Drue Tulip Valerio won.

Mary Jo made a motion to close the meeting, Jennifer McRoberts seconded. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Zoesch
TN ICES Secretary

RECIPES

Come on all you ICES Members !!! I know ya'll cook so you have to have some recipes to share with the rest of us. Please send them in to the email address listed at the back of this newsletter.

From Lydia Spencer

I always have lots of egg yolks leftover after making a white cake so I started making "lemon curd" with them. Once made I freeze the lemon curd in one cup packages until I need it. Great in cupcakes, cake filling, éclairs and lemon bars.

--Lydia

SIMPLE LEMON CURD

Ingredients:

- 4 egg yolks
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup lemon juice
- 4 tablespoons (or half a stick) unsalted butter, room temperature
- 1 tablespoon lemon zest (optional)

Directions:

1. Bring water ,in a medium sized saucepan (or bottom pan of double boiler) to a simmer. Make sure the saucepan is big enough to hold the bowl.
2. In a medium sized metal bowl (or top pan of double boiler), cream together butter and sugar, whisk in egg yolks and lemon juice until thoroughly combined.
3. On medium heat, place the bowl of mixture into the simmering water (place top pan with egg mixture into bottom pan of double boiler). Continue whisking the mixture until it starts to thicken. It should resemble a thick salad dressing or candy thermometer should read at 160 to 170 degrees Fahrenheit. Should take around 10 to 15 minutes.



Send us your
favorite recipe
sweet or savory

Tennessee ICES Day of Sharing
REGISTRATION FORM

Demonstrators: Sheila Miller, Gordon Miller and Lora Hammond

October 6, 2013 , 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Registration starts at 8:30 a.m.

Cedars of Lebanon State Park – Group Lodge

328 Cedar Forest Road, Lebanon, TN 38090

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ FIRST TIMER: YES ___ NO ___

EMAIL: _____

TN ICES MEMBERS: EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION: \$25.00

(Must be postmarked by September 16, 2013 to be eligible for this price and the Early Bird Drawing for free registration for our next Day of Sharing)

REGULAR REGISTRATION: \$30.00

(Must be postmarked by September 28, 2013)

NON-MEMBER: \$30.00

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: TN ICES

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: September 28, 2013

(Registration after this time cannot be assured a meal)

LODGING – GROUP LODGE: \$25 per evening (Friday and Saturday)

VENDOR REGISTRATION:

The fee for vendor registration during the Day of Sharing is \$25. Please complete the following information and include the fee with your registration.

NAME OF BUSINESS: _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (if different from above): _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

BUSINESS PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

MAIL REGISTRATION TO:

Cindy Zoesch

533 Hunting Hills Drive

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Registration Fee: \$ _____

Vendor Fee: \$ _____

Lodging (# nights ___ x \$25 per night): \$ _____

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