

ICES VIRGINIA CHAPTER  
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## VICES Newsletter – NOVEMBER 2020

Greetings VICES members,

I hope this newsletter finds each of you and your families safe and healthy. The social isolation has continued longer than expected, but I hope you are weathering the storm and taking care of yourselves. For me personally, it was a busy summer, dealing with family issues, which thankfully are behind me now.

Thanksgiving is around the corner and my wish is that you enjoy the holiday. Clearly, it will have a whole new look and feel this year but, despite the challenges and hardships of 2020, I hope you find plenty of reasons to be thankful.

As we continue to adjust to the new normal, it's even more important to stay focused on things that spark your interest and bring you joy, spend time with family (with all the recommended precautions), and cherish every moment.

### Day of Sharing:

We have not had a day of sharing since May but are hoping to schedule one in January. I will admit I am not a Zoom expert, but other states have done very well in this area and perhaps you've had an opportunity to attend some of their days of sharing. With everything being virtual now, it will be easier for all of our members to attend. Please let me know what demos are of interest to you. More to come.

### Member Corner:

For those of you who don't already know, I am sad to announce that Chef Norman R. Davis, CMSA is no longer our Alternate Representative. We thank Norm for his unwavering support over the years and all of his valuable contributions to VICES. Jim Bender, our Secretary, has graciously assumed the responsibility of Alternative Representative in the interim. If anyone is interested in taking on that role, please email me at [mavric7@aol.com](mailto:mavric7@aol.com).

How many of you have jumped on the hot cocoa bomb wagon? For anyone not familiar with this new trend, people are literally waiting in line (virtually) to purchase the 3-piece molds to create these confections. The molds are created with chocolate, and then filled with cocoa and marshmallows. The "hot cocoa bomb" placed in a mug melts when you pour hot milk over it. They are all the rage now as I'm sure many of you have seen on social media. If you've made some, we would love to showcase pictures in our newsletter.

### Cake Expo 2021:

The show committee is working diligently to plan next year's expo July 20-25 in Ft. Worth, TX. To view the schedule, list of vendors and sponsors, competitions and challenges, go to [cakeexpo.org](http://cakeexpo.org).



ICES is looking for teachers! If you would like to teach a demo or class, please submit an application at [cakeexpo.org](http://cakeexpo.org) before January 15.

Each state is also being asked to bring a cake (in yellow, black and white) for display at the banquet. Remember if you bring a cake for the cake gallery or the banquet, you are eligible to participate in a drawing with fabulous prizes!

Another benefit of your membership is you can apply for an ICES scholarship. Click [awards-scholarships](#) for more information. The deadline to apply is January 15, 2021.

As always, if you have any ideas or suggestions on how we can make VICES better and stronger and our Days of Sharing more fun, I would love to hear from you at [mavric7@aol.com](mailto:mavric7@aol.com).



Happy Thanksgiving!  
While this year may be different,  
may you and your families  
have a safe, blessed,  
and memorable holiday!

Until next time, stay safe and healthy!

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