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VICES Newsletter

Greetings VICES members,
Hope 2020 has started well for you! We didn't have a newsletter in January but are picking up again this month. I hope you find the contents useful. We are always looking for ideas to make it better for you, so please tell us what you would like to see, and perhaps even send me something to include.

Member Spotlight:

Our member spotlight this month is Jim Bender.



Many of you already know Jim, a long-time member of VICES and CASANOVA. Jim is currently the Secretary of both VICES and CASANOVA and he serves on the ICES Board. Over the years, he has contributed his time and energy generously to benefit our organization and we thank him for his efforts.

Next Day of Sharing:

We hope to host our next Day of Sharing the first Sunday in May. Our November event was a fun-filled day and we invite and encourage more of our members to participate. Further details will be forthcoming as soon as they are finalized but if caramels and cookies excite you, you won't be disappointed!



Bring a non-ICES member to our next Day of Sharing and, if they join ICES, receive \$5 off your next DOS admission. Help us increase our membership!



I hope you have already signed up for our 10th anniversary cake show (March 27-29, 2020) at the Executive Conference and Training Center, 22685 Holiday Park Drive, Sterling, VA 20166.

Check out the fabulous new website at www.cakeshow.org and don't delay - sign up for classes and demos, read the competition rules, plan your entries, reserve your hotel room, and last but not least, register for the bling bash!

Several of you have already volunteered to assist at the show. We need you so if you, a family member or friend are available even for a few hours that weekend, please let us know.

Remember, being a volunteer will give you free access to the show during the entire weekend after only 4 hours of volunteer time. You will also get a **free show T-shirt** to wear, and a **free raffle ticket** for every hour you work, which you can enter for any of the volunteer-only impressive raffle baskets, each worth at least \$150.

ICES Newsletter:

The ICES Newsletter Committee invites you to submit something for their newsletter. It could be pictures of your cakes, a tutorial, recipe, or an article. Upcoming themes for the ICES newsletter are:

January	Fun snowmen/winter themed cakes and/or cookies
February	Chocolate cakes, cookies, candies
March	Butterflies and insects
April	Spring garden themed cakes
May	Emerald green cakes
June	Teddy bears
July	Ocean, beach, ocean life cakes
August	Back to school themed cakes, apples
September	Food themed cakes

You can use the online form at ices.org to send in your submission or you can email it to newsletter@ices.org.

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Classes:

If you know of any upcoming classes or shows that you think might interest our membership, please feel free to share that information with me and I will include it in the newsletter.

If you plan to attend a cake show this year, attached is a list of shows worldwide.

Member Corner:

Do you have a holiday recipe to share? Been to a great class or traveled to a cake show? Read an informative article? Have cake pictures to share? We want to hear from you.

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.

2020 Cake Expo updates:



The class schedule has been finalized and includes several new instructors. Registration opens March 1 and the registration fee for members will be \$220.

Linda Rothgeb is designing our VICES cake centerpiece for the show. We will start meeting after our NCACS show to bring that design to life, so let me know at mavric7@aol.com if you'd like to participate.

The ICES Committee is aiming to make this the best ever cake expo with a step challenge, a sugar art runway show, a wedding cake competition, and a live relay cake challenge. With multiple dining options to satisfy every craving, an on-site spa and fitness center, specialty stores, an arcade, bowling center, and movie theater, the Grand Sierra Resort has something for everyone.

Check out the latest at cakeexpo.org/.

Recipe:

Here's a recipe I'm planning to try for Valentine's Day!

Almond Fingers



Ingredients

1 cup butter
1/2 cup sugar
1 tbsp milk
1 tsp vanilla extract
1/4 tsp salt
2 cups flour
2 cups toasted, slivered almonds
6 oz. package of semi-sweet chocolate
2 Tbsp Shortening

Directions

Beat butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Then add milk, vanilla, salt. With a hand mixer at a low speed beat in flour to mixture. Stir in chopped almonds. Wrap dough in plastic and refrigerate overnight. When ready to bake, preheat oven to 350 degrees. Shape dough into 2" fingers and place on ungreased cookie sheet or one lined with parchment paper. Bake for 15 minutes and then cool on a rack. In a double boiler, melt chocolate with shortening, stirring to blend until smooth. Dip one end of each cookie into the chocolate. Let dry. Store in a loosely covered container at room temperature. Yield: 5 dozen

Until next time,



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2020 CAKE SHOWS

Rio Cake World - Rio de Janeiro	January 26 - 29	Brown Sugar Cake Retreat - Las Vegas, NV	July 23 - 25
That Takes the Cake - Austin, TX	February 22 - 23	QCDA Qld Australia Cake Expo - Queensland, Australia	July 24 - 26
Irish Sugarcraft Show - Dublin, Ireland	February 22 - 23	Cake Expo (ICES) - Reno, NV	July 28 - August 2
Cookie Con - Louisville, KY	February 26 - 29	All Its Caked Up To Be - Dalton, AL	August 29 - 30
LA Cookie Con & Sweets Show - Anaheim, CA	Feb 29 - March 1	Contra Costa Cake Show	Sept
San Diego Cake Show - San Diego, CA	March 20 - 21	Eastern Idaho Sugar Art Show - Blackfoot, ID	September 4 - 5
National Capital Area Cake Show - Sterling, VA	March 27 - 29	Sugar Art Show - Everett (Seattle), WA	September 18 - 20
Cakeology - Bangalore, South India	March 28 - 29	Ultimate Sugar Show - Atlanta, GA	September 25 - 27
Cakeology - Bengal, East India	March 31 - April 1	Cake & Bake London - London, England	October 2 - 4
Cookie Expo - Orlando, FL	April 2 - 4	Cakeology - Mumbai, India	October 9 - 11
Midwest Regional Sugar Art Show - Madison, WI	April 18 - 19	Jersey Shore Cake Show - Asbury Park, NJ	October 10 - 11
SoFlo Cake & Cake Expo - Miami, FL	April 24 - 25	Orgeon's Sweet Retreat - Lincoln City, OR	October 22 - 26
Cake International - Excel - London, England	April 24 - 25	Sugar Artist of Utah - Salt Lake City, UT	November
ACADA Int'l Cake Show - Brisbane, Australia	May 15 - 20	Cake International NEC - Birmingham, England	November 6 - 8
Cake & Bake Germany - Ruhr/Dortmund, Germany	May 23 - 24	Cake Fiesta - Manila, Philippines	November 13 - 15
Frosting Creators of SA Sugar Arts Show - San Antonio, TX	May 29 - 30	Cake Bake & Sweets Show - Melbourne, Australia	Nov 27 - 29
Iceing Smiles Canada Cake Competition - Kitchener, Ont	June 13 - 14		