



A P R I L 2020

VICES Newsletter

Greetings VICES members,
I hope this newsletter finds each of you and your families safe and healthy. We live in unprecedented times that are evolving daily, leaving us scrambling and uncertain, waiting anxiously for that light at the end of the tunnel. We will come through this but in the meantime, follow the CDC's guidelines, and take care of yourself, your families, and each other. Use this time, if you can, to catch up on all those fun projects you've always wanted to try but never seemed to find the time. Remember, this is a time for us to come together and support each other.

Member Spotlight:

Our member spotlight this month is Chicnika Weatherley.



Chicnika (Ms. Pebbles) Weatherley is a self-taught cake decorator from Painter, Virginia. At an early age, she learned how to bake from her grandmother. The joy of cake decorating started when she made a Jimmy Neutron cake for her son's 4th birthday party.

It was not until she made a coworker's daughter's birthday cake that she

started baking for others and with their support, she has had the opportunity to make cakes for former NFL players, Fred Smoot and Ben Tate, Blaakbhoi Records, LaFern Batie and The Copeland Family.

In 2017, she attended her first cake show "The National Capital Cake Show." The following year, she returned to the show and joined ICES. In February 2019, she had the opportunity to have her Fondant Crown Tutorial published in the ICES News Letter.

She is currently an Administrative Assistant for Accomack County Parks and Recreation and in her free time, she enjoys charity events, reading, traveling and enjoying life with her family.



I know many of you are disappointed that our 10th anniversary National Capital Area Cake Show had to be cancelled. But we will be back with an even more spectacular show for you next year (March 26-28, 2021 at the Executive Conference and Training Center in Sterling, VA). That gives you one more year to plan a prize-winning worthy competition entry. Stay tuned for more information after the Committee regroups.

ICES Newsletter:

If you'd like to share something in the ICES newsletter, email your submission to newsletter@ices.org or via the online form at ices.org.

The upcoming themes are:

May	Emerald green cakes
June	Teddy bears
July	Ocean, beach, ocean life cakes
August	Back to school themed cakes, apples
September	Food themed cakes

2020 Cake Expo update:

As of now, the cake expo is still on track.



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

The ICES Committee has worked extremely hard to plan a spectacular event, and classes/demos have been posted online. So, check out cakeexpo.org and sign up if you haven't already done so. Many other classes, shows, and events are currently being cancelled so it gives us something to look forward to in the summer.

Next Day of Sharing:

We were hoping to host our next Day of Sharing the first Sunday in May. However, based on federal, state, and local guidelines to ensure your safety and well-being, it appears more likely that will not happen. We may consider doing a virtual event but we will keep you posted as we know more.



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!

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Classes:

If you plan to attend a cake show this year, attached is a list of shows worldwide. **Please know that some understandably have already been cancelled or postponed**, or may have to be because of the pandemic.

Member Corner:

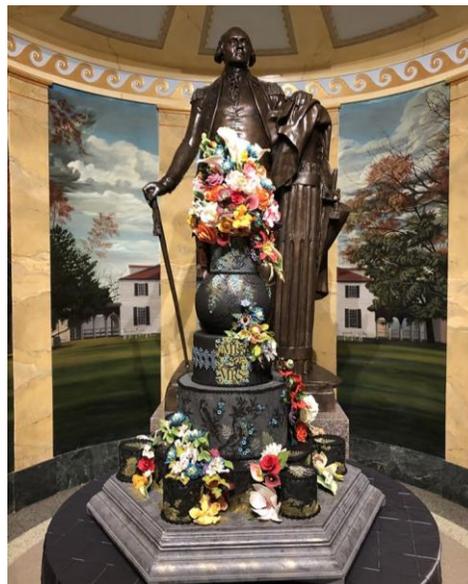
Do you have a recipe to share? Been to a great class? Traveled to a cake show? Purchased a must-have product? Read an informative article? Have cake pictures to share? We want to hear from you.

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.

Congratulations!

Please join me in congratulating our very own Zane Beg and his beautiful wife, Erum, on their recent wedding. Naturally, their wedding cake was stunning and adorned with flowers from cake artists all over the world! It took Chef Norman R. Davis, CMSA eleven hours to place all the flowers on the cake!

For those who haven't seen it yet, here's a picture of the cake.



Until next time, stay safe and healthy and keep caking!

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2020 CAKE Shows



SEE YOU THERE!

Rio Cake World Rio De Janeiro.....	Jan 26-29	Icing Smiles Canada Cake Competition Kitchener, Ont.....	June 13-14
That Takes The Cake Austin, TX.....	Feb 22-23	Brown Sugar Cake Retreat Las Vegas, NV.....	July 23-25
Irish Sugarcraft Show Dublin, IR.....	Feb 22-23	QCCA Old Australia Cake Expo Queensland, Australia.....	July 24-26
Cookie Con Louisville, KY.....	Feb 26-29	Cake Expo (ICES) Reno, NV.....	July 28-Aug 2
LA Cookie Con & Sweets Show Anaheim, CA.....	Feb 29-March 1	All It's Caked Up To Be Dalton, AL.....	Aug 29-30
San Diego Cake Show San Diego, CA.....	March 20-21	Eastern Idaho Sugar Art Show Blackfoot, ID.....	Sept 4-5
National Capital Area Cake Show Sterling, VA.....	March 27-29	Sugar Art Show Everett (Seattle), WA.....	Sept 18-20
Cakeology Bengaluru, South India.....	March 28-29	Ultimate Sugar Show Atlanta, GA.....	Sept 25-27
Cakeology Kolkata, East India.....	March 31-April 1	Cake & Bake London London, England.....	Oct 2-4
Cookie Expo Orlando, FL.....	April 2-4	Cakeology Goregaon, India.....	Oct 9-11
Midwest Regional Sugar Art Show Madison, WI.....	April 18-19	Jersey Shore Cake Show Asbury Park, NJ.....	Oct 10-11
SoFlo Cake & Candy Expo Miami, FL.....	April 24-25	Oregon's Sweet Retreat Lincol City, OR.....	Oct 22-26
Cake International-Excel London, England.....	April 24-25	Cake International NEC Birmingham, England.....	Nov 6-8
ACADA Int'l Cake Show Brisbane, Australia.....	May 15-20	Cake Fiesta Manila, Philippines.....	Nov 13-15
Cake & Bake Germany RuhrDortmund, Germany.....	May 23-24	Cake Bake & Sweets Show Melbourne, Australia.....	Nov 27-29
Frosting Creators of SA Sugar Art Show San Antonio.....	May 29-30		