

SPECIAL BAKING CONTESTS

104 Fairs participating in one or more contests
(increase of 1 from 2011)

PA Preferred Contests – overall entries are down for just about every fair. Contribute the decrease to the change in rules and some confusion on how to identify PA Preferred providers. Boots is helping us to work with PDA to rectify some of the issues.

Kept in contact throughout fair season with email updates to the coordinators including a specific list of PA Preferred bakery ingredient providers that they could forward to their contestants, and tips on how to handle contest issues. Considering sending a survey to the coordinators to get their feedback and then use that info to prepare for Convention seminar.

Thanks to Boots for intervening during a “contest crisis” at a Zone 3 fair. The 2nd place winner was contacting PDA directly asking for them to resolve an issue – she was given 1st place ribbon but later told she won 2nd. She was contesting the judging process. Boots contacted the Fair President who investigated. The cake contest was properly conducted and judged. The problem occurred when the ribbons were placed on the winning cakes. A department volunteer mistakenly placed the first place ribbon on the second place cake and the second place ribbon on the actual first place cake. When the actual second place winner was informed of the mistake, things went bad from there. Boots informed the contestant that we do not get involved in local fair problems; he continued to encourage the fair to resolve on their own, which they did. Contestant who received the 1st place ribbon (but was really 2nd) does not want to go to Farm Show, so the disgruntled 2nd place contestant will be going.

Farm Show:

1. Certified Winners must bring 2-part form and recipes

Convention:

1. Will be holding our Baking Contest seminar on Friday from 2:00 – 3:00 pm.

Other General Contest Notes:

1. Summaries due by November 15.
2. No Scrapbook materials required for any of the contests. Fairs only send in the Contest Summary forms in a standard envelope.
3. Fairs must provide the winner names and phone numbers for places 1st through 3rd for each contest. Any sponsored prize money not awarded must be returned to PSACF.

Requests from Directors:

1. Encourage Fairs to send 1st place winner to Farm Show. If 1st place cannot attend, Fair can certify the next place winner (in order of award, i.e. if 2nd place cannot attend, certify 3rd place and so on)