



# **ILLINOIS SWEET ILLINOIS QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF ILLINOIS CHAPTER OF ICES**

**December, January and February 2012**

**Greetings Illinois ICES Members,**

The New Year 2012 is almost here and we are planning more terrific Days of Sharing. Linda Kelsey has the February 5th Day of Sharing planned and the registration form is on pg 6. Hurry and send your registration in by Jan 20 to win a free DOS registration! Marilyn Santos-McNabb is planning the April DOS at the Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts in Chicago. We should have a firm date by our February meeting.

Our Fall meeting hosted by Rebecca McGreal was a great success! We had many out of towners and first time people at the meeting due to the fact of the Colette Peters class the day before, plus Colette did a demo at the meeting. Thank you to Barb Evans and Bonnie Krohn for their informative demos.

Colette Peters classes on Saturday, October 15, was very successful and enjoyed by everyone who attended. For one class we made a Peony, bud and leaves and the other class a Pillow cake, Colette was very helpful and sharing in all the little tips to make your project look as good as hers! It was a pleasure to have Colette give the class.

On February 23-26 is the ICES Midyear Meeting in Lexington, KY, this is the site for the 2013 ICES Convention. I will be going to this meeting and if anyone has any concerns or questions that you would like to ask, please email, call or give me your concerns at the DOS meeting.

Wishing you and your family a very Healthy and Happy New Year and hope to see you many more times in 2012!

Sweet Regards,

Sue Matusiak

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## SAVE THE DATE

**February 5, 2012, Day of Sharing, Utica, Illinois**  
**February 23-26, 2012, ICES Midyear Meeting, Lexington, KY**  
**August 2-5, 2012, ICES Convention, Reno, Nevada**  
**March 7-10, 2013, ICES Midyear Meeting, Albuquerque, NM**  
**August 8-11, 2013, ICES Convention, Lexington, KY**  
**March 6-9, 2014, Midyear Meeting, Omaha, NE**  
**July 31-August 3, 2014, ICES Convention, Albuquerque, New Mexico**  
**March 5-8, 2015, Midyear Meeting, Mobile, Alabama**  
**July 23-26, 2015, ICES Convention, Omaha, Nebraska**  
**August 4-7, 2016, ICES Convention, Mobile, Alabama**

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

If you would like to receive the Illinois ICES Newsletter via mail, please email Sue Matusiak at [illinoisices@gmail.com](mailto:illinoisices@gmail.com) to confirm your choice. Don't worry, if you don't have access to a computer and printer, we will mail your Newsletter ASAP, it will just take a few days longer to print, mail and arrive at your door.

We are trying our best to keep all information up to date, but we do need your help too! If you have any changes to your email address, mailing address, phone number or **Name Change**, please send the information to **Helen Osteen, ICES Membership Coordinator** at [ICESmembership@osteenjewelry.com](mailto:ICESmembership@osteenjewelry.com) and Sue Matusiak at [illinoisices@gmail.com](mailto:illinoisices@gmail.com)

Don't forget to renew your membership before it expires. You can do so on the ICES website which is a secure site [www.ices.org](http://www.ices.org) If you are mailing in your renewal dues, please mail it to **Helen Osteen, ICES Membership Coordinator, 2502 Esther Ave, Pasadena, TX 77502-3239** (Mailing your dues to Helen is much quicker than mailing it to the Wyoming, MI address).

Please check out the different levels of our membership dues, you may be receiving a discount depending on your status. There are 7 different categories for membership fees, plus there is a discount for paying for 3 years. Check it out on [www.ices.org](http://www.ices.org)

## Day of Sharing, October 16, 2011

To the 65 attendees of our October Day of Sharing, I would like to say "Thank you very much!" Without your attendance, we would not have reason to plan these events. I hope everyone enjoyed Bonnie Krohn's Polka Dot Cake ideas, Barb Evans' Stenciling ideas and Colette Peters' Fondant Wedding Dress cake as much as I did. Thanks to everyone who brought fantastic ideas for "tool tyme", and to those members who encouraged our eleven first timers to attend!

A special thank you to Mary Scepurek for all of her help with the caramel apple favors, and set-up/clean-up for the day. Sue Matusiak deserves a special thanks as well for arranging the fondant drapes demo by Colette, and for sharing her icing and cake flavors she found at the convention in Charlotte, yummy!

I wish everyone a wonderful holiday season and am looking forward to seeing you on February 5<sup>th</sup> at our next Day of Sharing. Congratulations to **Deborah Ross-Greene who was the lucky winner of the Kitchen Aid Mixer raffle!**

Rebecca McGreal,  
Illinois South Alternate Rep

COLETTE PETERS CLASSES

On Saturday, October 15, 2011 we had 2 half day classes with Colette. Our morning class was the Gum Paste Peony and everyone left with a beautiful Peony, bud and leaves. The afternoon class was a fondant covered and decorated Pillow cake, amazing to see 23 different designs! Both classes were filled to the max and everyone had an enjoyable time with Colette and learning many new techniques. I had many people request other classes the day before our Day of Sharing, if anyone has anyone special in mind that you would like to have classes with, please send me an email or give me a call. I think this would be a nice addition to our Day of Sharing as a weekend. We did have about 8 people from out of state attend the classes and attend the Sunday DOS. There are pictures of the classes on our website [www.illinoisices.com](http://www.illinoisices.com) Thank you all for coming to the class and those who also helped during the class and to the Wilton School/Sandy Folsom(Lorena for delicious treats and Andre for setting up/cleaning the class)for allowing us to use the school! Let's do this again!!

### **Day of Sharing Business Meeting**

**October 16, 2011**

- **Welcome to everyone, introduce officers**
- **Thank you to Rebecca for arranging the DOS**
- **Thank everyone who supported Colette Peters class, thanked Colette**
- **Did anyone go to "All Things Baking"?**
- **Reminder of the National Gingerbread Contest at the Grove Park Inn in Asheville, NC**
- **Michigan is having their Mini Classes and Cake Competition in March 2012**
- **Ices Scholarship due January 15, 2012, Illinois Scholarships due June 1st**
- **ICES Convention in Charlotte, NC**
- **Talked about ICES Convention for 2012 in Reno, Nevada**
- **Next DOS February 5 at the Grand Bear Resort**
- **We had 11 first time members from Indiana, Iowa, Tennessee, San Diego and Illinois.**
- **Early bird winner, Sharon White!**
- **Motion was made to give a \$25 appreciation check for DOS demonstrators, who demo more than 45 minutes. This doesn't apply to scholarship demonstrators. Passed**
- **Meeting adjourned**

**From Pam Montee, Secretary**



## **ICES SCHOLARSHIPS**

The deadline for ICES Scholarship applications either postmarked or emailed by January 15, 2012. ICES has many scholarships and memorial scholarships, the winners will be announced at the Convention in Reno, Nevada in August, 2012. You do not have to be present to win the scholarship. You can go to [www.ices.org](http://www.ices.org) and print the scholarship application and mail to Heidi Schoentube, 2664 Eldridge Ave, Easton, PA 18045-2407.

## **Congratulations Artists!**

**Barb Evans and MaryJo Dowling** (our ICES Prez) won 3<sup>rd</sup> prize at the Grove Park Inn Gingerbread Contest in Ashville, NC. They were also on HGTV several times showing them assembling their beautiful couple, sleigh and Clydesdale horse! This is the second time they have won! The gingerbread is on display until January 1, 2012.

**Michelle Boyd, Mike Elder**(from Missouri) **and Karen Scobbie** (Homewood, IL) were on TLC's "Extreme Christmas Trees" with their real cake, this show was also on several times during December. The tree was 12 foot tall and Michelle made the gingerbread cookie ornaments with a few of which incorporated Braille. Karen Scobbie made the garland and many of the 3D ornaments. Both Michelle and Karen assisted Mike Elder, of Black Sheep Custom Cake, on the baking and assembling the tree together. The tree was donated to benefit the Children's Center for the Visually Impaired in Kansas City.

**Michelle Boyd** also did a gingerbread creation of the Hotel Baker, located at 100 W Main St, St Charles, Illinois. The Hotel Baker was one of three local landmarks to receive a prestigious American Institute of Architects Northeast Illinois Chapter 150 award in 2007. Hotel Baker is recognized as one of 150 great places in Illinois. Michelle's hotel has lights inside and is displayed at the hotel for the holidays.

Congratulations to all on a great job using your gifted cake decorating talents!

## **CONVENTION NEWS**

### *The Sweet Sierra Spirit*

March 1, 2012 will be the beginning of registration for the August 2-5, 2012 ICES convention in Reno, Nevada. I will have more information brochures at the Feb 5 Day of Sharing. Keep checking the [www.ices.org](http://www.ices.org) website for updates on the demos/classes, so you can plan on which demos/classes you would like to take, you know how quickly the interesting ones fill up! The hotel is the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino, check their website, the hotel has everything located right inside. 9 restaurants, 7 lounges, shopping center, 50 lane bowling center (open 24hrs), duo-plex movie theatre, 178 slot RV Park adjacent to the hotel, beach, golf, and surrounded by the beautiful Sierra Mountain range! The hotel rates are the best we have had in a long time. The hotel is located almost next to the airport and the shuttle service is free. Amtrak stops at the Downtown Reno station is just a quick cab ride away from the hotel.

## **SPECIAL DATES**

February 18 & 19, 2012 Connecticut Cake Competition & Cake Challenge, contact Beth Lee Spinner & Kathy Farner at [www.ctcakecompetition.com](http://www.ctcakecompetition.com)

March 2-4, 2012 Queen City Cake and Sugar Art Show in Cincinnati, Ohio. For more information visit [www.queencitycakeclub.com](http://www.queencitycakeclub.com)

March 3-4, 2012 KC Cakefest at the Kansas City Convention Center, classes and demos by Susan Carberry, Peggy Tucker, Bob Brougham, Charity George, Debbie Goard, Dana Herbert, Eric Woller and Wayne Steinkopf. For more information [www.kccakefest.com](http://www.kccakefest.com)

March 23-25, 2012 Great Lakes Mini Classes 2012 at the DoubleTree Hotel-Dearborn in Detroit, Michigan. Classes and vendors contact [www.michiganices.org](http://www.michiganices.org) Cake competition on Sat/Sunday March 24-24, 2012

March 25-27, 2012 Norman Davis National Capital Area Cake Show, classes and more.

April 22, 2012, NOARDA Cake Show in North Aurora, Illinois

### Wilton School of Cake Decorating & Confectionery Arts Classes 2012

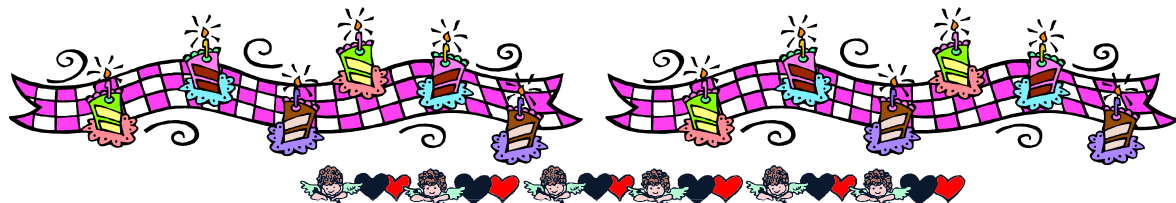
January 9, Cupcake Fun 9am-4pm  
January 10, Create a Cookie 9am-4pm  
January 11-13, Hands on Baking Workshop 9am-4pm  
January 15, Decorate Chocolate Flowers and Bows with JING PALASIGUE 9am-4pm  
January 16, Creative Cake Decorating for Kids 10+ 10am-3pm  
January 17, Basics of Cake Icing and Filling 9am-4pm  
January 18, Bake and Decorate Cookies 9am-4pm  
January 19, Fondant Fun 9am-4pm  
January 20, Bake and Decorate Cupcakes 9am-4pm  
January 21, Chocolate Inspirations with Pam Vieau 9am-4pm  
January 22, Intro to Sugar Artistry with Laurie Bradach 8am-6pm  
February 3-5, 11-12, 18-19, 25-26 Weekend Master Course 7:30am-5m  
February 13, Extreme Stringwork with BARB EVANS 9am-4pm

Check online at [www.wilton.com](http://www.wilton.com) for all the course schedules and registration forms.



### COOKIE LORE

Cookies started out as little cakes used to test the oven temperature before the larger cake was baked. The word cookie is derived from the Dutch word *koekje*, meaning "little cake".



**ILLINOIS CHAPTER OF ICES DAY OF SHARING**

**HOSTED BY: Linda Kelsey**

**Sunday February 5, 2012**

**Grizzly Jack's Grand Bear Resort**

**Illinois Route 178~Utica, IL 61373**

- 9:30-10:00 Welcome, registration, coffee
- 10:00-11:00 Michelle Boyd ~Isomalt ideas that everyone can use in everyday applications.
- 11:00- 12:00 Pat Jacoby ~ Flower pot
- 12:00- 1:00 Lunch
- 1:00 - 1:30 Business Meeting
- 1:30----3:00 Nancy Robinson~Christening Dress
- 3:00—4:00 Raffle and clean up

Early Bird Deadline ~ Registration form and payment must be postmarked by **Friday, January 20, 2012**. Please avoid walk in registration: **We need a firm commitment of how many will attend by January 30**, so if you are in a situation that you don't know if you are coming until FRIDAY February 3rd, CALL Linda ASAP at 815-481-9276. We will be happy to have you! If you have any questions or get lost call Linda's cell 815-481-9276.

Make checks payable to **ILLINOIS ICES** and mail to:

**Linda Kelsey**

1009 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Peru, IL 61354-1417

**Please fill out the complete form below and mail with check**

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Members and Immediate Family Fee: \_\_\_\_\_ \$30.00 each

Guests (Non-Members) Fee: \_\_\_\_\_ \$35.00 Guest's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(You can only be a guest **once** and then you must become a member)

MEMBERSHIP FEE \_\_\_\_\_ \$60.00 **A separate check must be made to ICES.**

**Vegetarian lunch** \_\_\_\_\_

## **DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS**

You can also get driving instructions on the following website  
[www.grizzlyjacksresort.com](http://www.grizzlyjacksresort.com) Illinois Route 178. Utica, IL 61373

We will have a sign inside the front entrance of the resort as to the room we are in.

**From the South:** Take I-39 to State Route 71 and go north. Follow Route 71, it will take you through Oglesby, and down the hill to Jonesville and you will be following Route 71 and turning right to stay on Route 71. Don't go straight, it will take you to Route 351, stay on Route 71 and it will curve around and come up to a 4-way stop. It is Route 178 and go approx ½ mile, Grand Bear is on the left hand side.

**From the West:** Take I-80 to Route 178, Utica exit. Go south through Utica and follow Rt 178 up and over the bridge. Directly after the hill going up. Grand Bear is on the right hand side.

**From the North:** Take I-39 south to I-80 and go East, exit at Route 178 Utica and follow directions above.

**From the East:** Take I-80 to Route 178 and follow directions above



**Nancy Robinson's demo cake**



**"Extreme Christmas Tree" TLC**

**Michelle Boyd, Karen Scobbie and Mike Elder**





Pat Jacoby's demo cake for the Day of Sharing

## **ICES CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**

**The ICES Certification Program is currently accepting 4 more candidates for 2012 certification test in Reno, NV. The certification test is a live 8 hour adjudicated practicum evaluation of a candidates sugar art proficiency. Requests for a guide manual or other inquiries should be sent to Mary Jo Dowling, ICES Certification Chair, email [mjdices@gmail.com](mailto:mjdices@gmail.com) or mail to 23 Village View Rd, Westford, MA 01886. There are also openings for 9 more candidates in 2013, Lexington, KY.**









