



ILLINOIS SWEET ILLINOIS

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF

ILLINOIS CHAPTER OF ICES

September, October and
November 2009

Greetings Illinois ICES Members,

What a fabulous summer our Illinois ICES members have had! First we had a great Day of Sharing (pg 2) on June 28 at Jumer's Casino in Rock Island, hosted by Laurie Heller and Pam Schwigen who did a wonderful job entertaining us for the day.

Then in July we had our most spectacular ICES Convention in St Charles. After 4 years of planning and lots of hard work from our show directors and fearless leaders Barb Evans and Samantha James, the many committee people and the numerous volunteers we produced a very successful convention----lots of positive feedback from many people! You should all be very proud of the work you did to make this convention the huge success it was. Also at the convention they announced the 2012 convention host city will be Reno, Nevada at the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino (start saving those quarters in the BIG jar!). They have over 2,000 rooms, and the room rates are the lowest we have had in years--\$89, plus breathe taking views of the Sierra Mountains from many rooms. Check out their website www.grandsierraresort.com

The next Day of Sharing will be October 25 at the Bettenhausen Recreation Center in Tinley Park (pg 8 & 9) hosted by Beth Fahey and Becky Palermo. Beth and Becky set up some exciting hands on demonstrations (look on pg 8 for what you need to bring) and our wonderful Jing Palasigue will do a Pulled Sugar demonstration. Also Bob Brougham and Pat Jacoby (Pat is on Monday night, Sept 14, 9pm) will relive their TLC "Ultimate Cake Off" experience with us! So please send in your registration form and check as soon as possible or before Oct 14.

Enjoy these beautiful days of fall and I hope to see many of you on October 25!
Best Regards in Icing,

Sue Matusiak
Illinois ICES Chapter Representative
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 25, 2009 Day of Sharing, Tinley Park, Illinois

March 11-14, 2010 Midyear Meeting, Charlotte, NC

August 12-15, 2010 Convention, San Diego, CA

2011 Midyear Reno, Nevada

August 4-7, 2011 Convention, Charlotte, NC

2012 Convention, Reno, Nevada

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

If you would like to receive the Illinois ICES Newsletter via email, please email Mary 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 and Mary Gavenda at **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** 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)

MARY GAVENDA---ILLINOIS E-MAIL CHAIR

JUNE 28 DAY OF SHARING

About 50 people attended the Day of Sharing at Jumer's Casino in Rock Island on June 28.

Our day started off with Peg Terrey from Exceptional Events sharing her philosophy on making a wedding cake the showpiece of a reception. She gave a very interesting demonstration on dressing up a cake table by using a variety of textured and colored fabrics.

Tim Heim, the Director of Hotel Operations with Jumer's, then followed with a talk on the importance of building relationships and earning referrals.

Jeanne Kirkpatrick shared several interesting and unique (imagine palm to forehead "why didn't I think of that") types of fantasy gum paste flowers and Linda Kelsey showed us different ways to display and arrange those flowers on a tiered wedding cake.

Pam Schwigen and Katie Orwig surprised everyone with just exactly what a "pink poodle" wedding cake is. And of course, they shared how to create it using wafer paper and an airbrush.

With much speed and efficiency we then bagged 1500 gum paste tools (in about 45 minutes) to be used in the convention bags and called it a day.

Thank you everyone who attended and demonstrated. It was a real pleasure to invite everyone to the Quad City side of Illinois.

Laurie Heller, Northern Alternate

Minutes from June 28 Day of Sharing

First Timers at the Day of Sharing: Amanda Pronko, Rose Mohr, Darrell Hill, Susie, Hill, Kate Friedlob, Delores Figueroa, Carol David, Sara Veath, Sandy Lampe, Katie, Orvig and Maureen Mosse.

- Cookbooks available from the South Carolina ICES, "A Treasure Trove of Recipes" is \$25 with shipping.
- Missouri State Weekend of Sharing is in Kansas City, Sept 20 & 21. Glenda Stockwell announced the demonstrators for the WOS, email **www.moices.org**
- Oregon Weekend of Sharing is October 1-4, 2009. Registration needs to be in by September 15, email Kelly Lance at **kdc47@juno.com**
- Thank you to Lori Heller and Pam Schwigen for planning this great Day of Sharing.
- Sue and the 4 alternates will decide the DOS schedule after convention.

- 2 Illinois scholarships were given out at \$200 each. Applications were due June 1st to be used for continuing education in the sugar arts. 4 members applied and the winners were, Nathalie Schmidt and Tracy Vasquez. Congratulations!
- Early Bird drawing for the DOS was Barb Evans—Congratulations!
- Reminder to keep the sheet of paper that comes with your ICES magazine/newsletter, your membership number is above your name.
- Conventions News: Read instructions carefully to turn in proxies at the correct time: 2 are needed for voting at each meeting. Read bylaws to be educated on what you are voting for.
- Mary Gavenda sent posters to be displayed at the local venues about convention
- Maps of the hotel are available for checking out the layout.
- Pre-register display cakes for cake room by July 10, 2009 to be eligible for drawing. We need more Illinois people to display cakes.
- Jan Wolfe motioned to adjourn; Melinda Manoni-Granzky seconded the motion.

Gail Hayward
Secretary pro-tem

GET WELL WISHES

Pam Schwigen recently had back surgery, we wish her a speedy recovery.

NEW BABY GIRL!

Lori Parrett and her husband Lloyd are proud parents of a baby girl (no name yet!), born on **09-09-09 at 9am**. This little darling will never forget her birth date! Congratulations to Lori! They also have 2 boys, plus Lori helped as a volunteer for the ICES Convention.



International Cake Exploration Societé

34th Annual Convention & Show

St. Charles, Illinois

July 30 – August 2, 2009

Dear Illinois Members

THANK YOU!!! As many of you know we had a fantastic crew that put on a wonderful convention. We had a total attendance of 1489 people attend not including over 400 one day shoppers and public tickets to the cake room. This was a tremendous undertaking and our members stepped up to the plate. We had volunteers way beyond committee members - we can't thank you enough for all you did.

If you were on the property there is no way you could have missed the buzz about the tours. All 15 buses full of ICES members were thrilled upon return. Wilton, The French Pastry School and all of the Bakeries went out of their way to make it a wonderful experience for all of our guests. The Bakeries included: Jarosch's, Creative Cakes, Rueters, Fleckenstein, Deerfield & Weber Bakery. If you get an opportunity to thank these folks please do so.

The show cake was definitely a team effort and wow - it was awesome. The cake room was brimming with great displays and did you notice how long the Illinois row was - it spilled into the next row! The Boys and Girls club had a great time making their cake and then coming to the show. How fun!

We hope you got a chance to enjoy a demo or two - there were some very good ones including some local talent. Did you get a chance to shop? With such a huge number of vendors we hope you were able to take home a car load!

We must mention the fantastic job that the Pheasant Run staff did for us. From the food to the a/v to the meeting planning they did a top notch job. And if you are looking for some good local entertainment both Bill Robinson and Chapter 6 were a big hit.

But, the biggest hit of all were all of our volunteers! THANKS AGAIN FOR MAKING OUR CONVENTION "A SWEET TIME IN '09"!

Barb and Samantha

NOTE FROM ILLINOIS REP SUE

I would like to add this email I received from an Illinois member on her experience of the convention, so all of you who volunteered will know your effort and time were definitely very worthwhile to many of the conventioners.

Hi Sue! 😊

I just joined ICES this year and had the time of my life at the ICES convention right here in my hometown of St. Charles! What an experience!! To see all the great cake decorators I've been reading about all these years! Wow.....it was the best!! 😊

What a compliment to all of our Illinois ICES Convention Volunteers---Thank you!

SPECIAL DATES

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**September 17-20, 2009, Cake Camp, Las Vegas, NV**—The California Cake Club is having their cake camp at the Riviera Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas. [www.cakecamp.com](http://www.cakecamp.com)

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September 20-21, 2009—Missouri ICES Weekend of Sharing, This 2-day WOS is in Kansas City at the Embassy Suites, they have over 17 demonstrations and over 6 confirmed vendors. If you have any

questions please address them to Carolyn Lawrence, bridal1@aol.com or Glenda Stockwell, glendas@pdsi.com or their personalized group web page for making reservations is <http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/MKCPDES-CAK-20090918/index.jhtml>

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**October, 2009—3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Haunted Cupcake Contest**, check [www.pastrychicago.org](http://www.pastrychicago.org) for all the information.

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October 1-4, 2009---Sweet Retreat, Hosted by the Oregon ICES in Turner, Oregon, registration is \$225.00 includes housing and all meals. Classes will be priced separately; instructors include B. Keith Ryder, Kim Morrison, Kathy Scott, Lucinda Larson, Mari Senaga, Rhoda Sheridan and Kelly Lance. For more information contact Kelly Lance, 10118 SW High Lane, Gaston, Oregon 97119, phone503-985-3133 email Kdc47@jumo.com

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**November 16, 2009—National Gingerbread House Competition & Display**, at the Grove Park Inn, Ashville, North Carolina. Competition is November 16 then from November 18 until January 3, 2010 the houses are on display at the Inn. For more information 1-800-413-5778 or [www.groveparkinn.com](http://www.groveparkinn.com)

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December 11, 2009—Student Gingerbread Competition at CHIC, check www.pastrychicago.org for more information.

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**December 5-12, 2009—cake cruise**—The California Cake Club is set to sail on another cake cruise, this time it will be to the Mexican Riviera departing from San Diego. The guest instructors will be Colette Peters, Norman Davis and Zane Beg and Susan Carberry. Visit their website [www.cakecruise.com](http://www.cakecruise.com)

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The San Diego 2010 convention website is www.ices10.org check out all the information for next year's convention.

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**International Pastry Tour:Paris & Lyon, France: May 10 - 20, 2010**

Master Sugar Artist Mark Seaman, owner of Marked for Dessert, will lead an "International Pastry Tour: Paris & Lyon, France" beginning Monday, May 10, 2010 through Thursday, May 20th, 2010.

The exclusive 10-day tour is limited to 6 adults and will offer behind-the-scenes access to some of France's most notable pastry chefs and chocolatiers.

Reservations are now being accepted for the 2010 International Pastry Tour. The package includes all lodging, internal transportation, meals, cultural activities, and guided tours. International air travel to France and optional personal travel insurance are the responsibility of the individual. The cost of the package is \$9,475 per person. Individuals traveling together who are sharing a room will each receive an \$825 price reduction. A \$500 non-refundable deposit is required to reserve a place. For more information, call **773/988-4964** or e-mail Mark at [mark@markedfordessert.com](mailto:mark@markedfordessert.com)



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**FALL FACTS**

**Candy Corn** had existed for a century before manufacturers began offering it in other colors, such as pastels for Easter and red and green for Christmas, in the 1980s. The traditional Halloween variety remains the favorite, according to the national Confectioners Association.

**Ghoulisn Lanterns** were fashioned from turnips in the Middle Ages to celebrate the festival of Samhain, the beginning of the Celtic calendar. Turnips were eventually discarded in favor of an easier-to-carve vegetable: the pumpkin.

**Chrysanthemums** have long been touted for their health and nutritional benefits. As early as the 15<sup>th</sup> century B.C., the Chinese used the boiled roots to treat headaches. The petals and sprouts of the plant were eaten in salads, and the leaves were brewed as teas and crushed into powders that were used to promote longevity.

The **Apple** was an emblem of social status in ancient Rome and Medieval Europe, and it was often displayed on banquet tables as a boastful centerpiece

**ILLINOIS CHAPTER OF ICES DAY OF SHARING**

***“FALL MEETING”***

**HOSTED BY: BETH FAHEY/BECKY PALERMO**

**OCTOBER 25, 2009**

**TONY BETTENHAUSEN RECREATION CENTER**

**8125 W 171<sup>ST</sup> STREET, TINLEY PARK, IL 60477**

- 9:30-10:00 Welcome, registration, coffee and rolls  
10:00-10:45 **Mary Gavenda “Brushed Embroidery” hands on** please bring tip 2 &3, soft flat tip artist brush #1or #2 or Wilton brush set, 8” or 10” fondant covered cake board any color.\*  
10:45-11:30 **Sue Matusiak “Lambeth Ring Design” hands on** please bring tip 2, 3, 199, 349 and 1 coupler, one 10” cake board, small spatula and handi wipe or kitchen towel.\*  
11:30-12:00 **Our Own “TLC Ultimate Cake Off” contestants** giving us their “view” of the show!!  
12:00- 1:00 Lunch  
1:00-- 1:30 Business Meeting/ Convention News  
1:30- 3:00 **Jing Palasique “Pulled Sugar”**  
3:00- 3:30 **“Tool Tyme”** show and tell on new “toys”from convention. Anyone can bring a tool Or product.  
3:30- 4:00 **Raffle and clean up.**

\*FOR THE HANDS ON WE WILL SUPPLY THE ICING AND BAGS.

**Early Bird Deadline** –Registration form and payment must be postmarked by **Saturday, October 10, 2009.**

Please avoid walk in registration: **We will need a firm commitment of how many will attend by October 14**, so if you are in a situation that you absolutely don't know if you are coming until **Friday or Saturday, please let Beth) know asap.** We will be happy to have you! If you have any questions or get lost **Beth.**

**Please fill the form below and mail with your check.**

Make checks payable to **ILLINOIS ICES**

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NAME: _____ **PHONE:** _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Members and Immediate Family Fee: _____ **\$25.00**

Guests (Non-Members) Fee: _____ **\$30.00** Guest's Name: _____

MEMBERSHIP FEE _____ **\$60.00** **A separate check made out to ICES**

Tony Bettenhausen Recreation Center
8125 W 171st Street, Tinley Park, IL 60477
708-342-4200

Driving directions:

FROM THE NORTH:

Take I-355 to I-80 east (Indiana) exit at LaGrange Rd (Rt 45) north to 171st Street and turn right and go 2 miles, center is on the right. **If you take I-294** south exit after the 159th Street toll booth to I-80 (Iowa) west to Harlem Ave (Rt 43) north go to 171st Street turn left and the center is 1 mile on the left.

FROM THE SOUTH:

Take I-55 or I-39 to I-80 east exit at LaGrange Rd (Rt. 45) north to 171st Street and turn right and go 2 miles, center is on the right.

FROM THE EAST OR FROM THE CITY:

From the city take I-94 to I-57 south, exit I-80 west (Iowa) exit at Harlem Ave (Rt 43) north to 171st Street turn left and the center should be on the left side about 1 mile.

FROM THE WEST:

Take I-90 or I-88 to I-355 south to I-80 east (Indiana) exit at LaGrange Rd(Rt45) go to 171st street turn right, go 2 miles the center is on the right.

PAT JACOBY
SEPTEMBER 14, 2009
TLC'S "ULTIMATE CAKE OFF"

Pat Jacoby from Patty-Cakes competes in an episode airing September 14 at 9pm. Pat is from Highland, IL (near St. Louis) will appear on the new TLC competition series the "Ultimate Cake Off". In the episode pat will face off against two other contestants in a challenge to create an edible masterpiece in hopes of winning \$10,000 and to have their cakes featured at a marquee event. With only nine hours, the competitors must make cakes that are at least 5 feet tall and are creative enough to be featured at the Fourth of July Celebration sponsored by the Ronald Reagan Library and Museum in Simi Valley, California.

The series is hosted by chef Michael Schulson, owner of Atlantic City's Izakaya. Joining Michael are judges Margaret Braun, an acclaimed sugar artist based in New York, and Leigh Grode, owner of Los Angeles' Cake Divas Bakery.

The series fan site will be at <http://tlc.com>

Pat's assistants are ICES members: Ruth Rickey/Oklahoma, Steven Stellingwerf/South Dakota and Eric Woller/Florida. GOOD LUCK TO PAT AND HER TEAM!!!



AHOY MATEYS!

Bob Brougham and his talented team at the Ultimate Cake Off, August 31. Bob's cake is above and this team below, from the left is Bob and Diane Ahrens, Michelle Boyd and Jared (Bob's son). **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL ON A WONDERFUL JOB!**



