



Mid-Atlantic Wedding Cake Competition

*Shipley Arena at the Carroll County Agriculture Center, Westminster, MD
April 19-20, 2008*

Rules/Regulations and Information

Important Dates and Information

Theme:	Fabric Fantasies
Pre-Registration date:	April 5, 2008
Entry fee:	\$25.00 per entry
Tablecloth rental (optional):	\$10.00 each
Make checks payable to:	Mid-Atlantic Cake Show
Sign-in and setup hours:	Friday April 18, 6:00pm – 8:00pm (display setup continues until 10:00 pm) Saturday April 19, 7:00am – 9:45 am
Judging begins:	Saturday April 19, 10:00 am
Mail registration to:	Pat Ditmore 1105 Leslie Rd. Havre de Grace, MD 21078

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Rules and Regulations:

1. All Entrants in the Wedding Cake Competition **MUST** be received by the pre-registration date above. Entries **will not be accepted** after this date. Complete the attached form, and mail with payment to the address above.
2. This competition is open to all adults age 18 and over. You may enter as many times as you wish. There will be no refund of entry fee(s) for any reason.
3. The theme for this year's competition is "Fabric Fantasies". Let a trip through the fabric store inspire your creativity; use any piece of fabric as your design inspiration. The fabric **MUST** be included in the table decoration. You must use your interpretation of the theme to design and decorate your cake and table. You must also select a title for your entry. If the title you have chosen has already been selected, you will be notified and given the opportunity to select another title. Titles can only be used once.
4. Real cakes or cake dummies are acceptable. Cake dummies must be able to be reproduced in cake form. Sculptured cakes must be made of real cake; submission of at least two in-progress photos is required for sculptured cakes.
5. Each entrant will be provided a bare, 48" round table (standard height 29-30 inches) on which the cake is to be displayed. Draping and decoration are the responsibility of the entrant. The wedding cake must be at least 3 tiers, and the cake, draping, and table decorations should be in proportion to the size of the table. You may use anything you wish to drape and decorate the table, although edible decorations will be given a higher value by the judges. We can supply a white tablecloth sized to cover the table to the floor for an additional charge. Drapes and table toppers may be used over or pinned to the rental cloths. However, absolutely no cutting, sewing or alterations will be allowed on these cloths. A replacement fee of \$50.00 will be charged if the cloth is damaged. If you wish to rent a tablecloth, you must check the appropriate box on the registration form and include the fee with your registration. Fee is non-refundable. The entrant may have assistance in setting up the table and the cake; however, **all work on the display must be the sole work of the entrant**. Entries from previous shows are acceptable as long as they are not more than 6 months old and have not won 1st place in another show.
6. While every precaution will be taken to ensure that your display is not touched and/or damaged, the Carroll County Agriculture Center, the International Cake Exploration Society (ICES) and the Maryland and Virginia

Chapters of ICES will not be liable for any loss or damage during the time of the show. Use expensive or irreplaceable table decorations at your own risk.

7. Plastic items, such as tier separators, may be used on the cake for the completion of the design. However, other plastic items on the cake or table decoration may lose points in judging. No Cold Porcelain will be allowed. We encourage the use of sugar and other edible mediums throughout your display.
8. Each display will be judged on a 100-point scale. Grand Prize, 2nd Place, 3rd Place and 4th Place will be awarded for overall score. In case of ties, the Judges will reconsider the displays in question in order to break the tie.
9. Anyone winning the Grand Prize in the Wedding Cake Competition 2 years in a row must sit out the following year, but is welcome to enter the divisional show.
10. The decisions of the judges will be final. Displays will be judged on the following criteria (10 points each):

Interpretation of theme

Originality & creativity

Use of color

Difficulty of techniques used

Neatness of cake covering

Neatness of decorations

Skill

Table decoration

Overall appearance

Judge's Discretionary *

The "Judge's Discretionary" points are bonus points that are up to each individual judge to award as he or she sees fit. Points can be gained for new techniques, new application/interpretation of existing techniques, unusual presentation, creativity, etc.--anything that stands out in the judge's mind. Essentially, the "wow" factor.

11. The Show Committee and the judges reserve the right to disqualify displays that, at their discretion, are in poor taste or fail to adhere to these rules.
12. **Displays must remain on display until 5:00pm on the last day of the show.** They may be picked up from 5:00pm to 6:00 pm. Any displays not picked up by 6:00pm become the property of the Mid-Atlantic Cake Show and will be disposed of according to the wishes of the organizers.
13. Displays may be set up during the times indicated above. At the end of the setup period, all work must stop, and the display area will be cleared. Judging will commence promptly on time. Any entry not checked in and set up by the time judging starts may be displayed but will not be judged. You may park in front of the exhibit hall to unload your cake but cars must be removed as soon as possible to allow others to unload. Parking is directly across from the exhibit hall.
14. Awards and prizes will be distributed during the Awards Ceremony. If you cannot attend the ceremony, please make arrangements for someone to collect your prize if you should win. Each entrant will be given a ballot to cast a vote for the Decorator's Choice award. Members of the general public will be provided with ballots for the People's Choice award. All entries in both the wedding cake competition and the divisional competition will be considered together for these two awards.
15. Entries may be photographed and photos used by MACS/WCC for promotional purposes. The photo release form must be signed. If you like, you may purchase an 8x10 print of the professional photo to be mailed to you after the show. The cost of each print is \$30, including mailing costs.
16. No advertising of any kind is allowed on or near display tables. Entries must be made in the name of the individual who completed the entry, NOT A BUSINESS NAME. Advertising is available in the event program only; contact the organizers for more information. The program advertising deadline is the same as the pre-registration deadline above. The organizers reserve the right to refuse any advertising, at their sole discretion. Entrants are welcome to leave business cards at the hostess table to be taken by the public. Business cards and/or accompanying literature may not identify the entrant's display(s).

ANY ENTRY THAT DOES NOT ADHERE TO THE ABOVE RULES AND REGULATIONS MAY OR MAY NOT BE DISPLAYED BUT WILL NOT BE JUDGED.



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Entry & Release Form

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Name (individual only): _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone Number (include area code): _____

E-mail: _____

Title(s) _____

ENTRY FEE(S)

Number of 48" round tables: _____ @ \$25.00/table \$ _____

Rental of White Table Cover: _____ @ \$10.00 /cover \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

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A judge's information sheet will be e-mailed to you along with a map and any further information. Please send a business size self-addressed, stamped envelope along with your registration form and check if you would rather receive hardcopy information.

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RELEASE OF LIABILITY/PHOTO RELEASE

By signing this form, I hereby give permission for my entry/entries to be photographed and to the International Cake Exploration Soci  t   (ICES), and the Maryland and Virginia chapters of ICES to reprint any such photos for the promotion of ICES and the Mid-Atlantic Cake Show and Wedding Cake Competition. I have received and read a copy of the Show Rules and Regulations and hereby agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the show. I understand that neither ICES, nor the event organizers, nor the Carroll County Agriculture Center assumes any responsibility for loss, theft or damage to displays or personal items at the Show. I agree that I indemnify and hold harmless ICES, the event organizers, and the Carroll County Agriculture Center from and against all claims, demands, costs, loss, damage, expense, attorney's fees and liabilities growing out of, or arising from, caused or occasioned by my activities on the Agriculture Center premises. I will abide by the decisions of the judges. I understand that failure to comply with any rule will result in my entry being disqualified.

Signed _____ Date _____