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VIRTUAL EVENING WITH ILLINOIS ICES

June 23rd at 6:30 pm

A Virtual Day of Sharing has been organized as an evening meeting via Zoom! It will be on Tuesday, June 23rd starting at 6:30 pm. It will be good to see you and be part of our virtual Illinois ICES family that evening. We hope you can make it, even if it's for a little while.

There are demonstrations planned!

6:30 pm- Welcome

6:45 pm Cocoa Butter Painting by **Kathleen Cheri**

7:15 pm Business Meeting- Part 1

7:30 pm Party Favors- Chocolate Decorated Oreo Cookies by **Debbie Friedman**

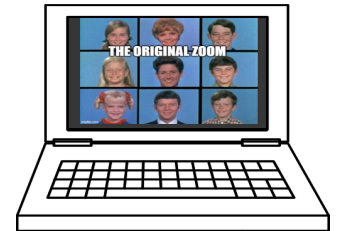
8:00 pm Business Meeting -Part 2

8:15 pm Ombre Buttercream Cake Design by **Barb Evans**

8:45 pm Business Meeting -Part 3



Check your e-mails on how to participate on this evening with Illinois ICES! You will need to bring your own refreshments.



Illinois Elections

It's an election year for a lot of people and Illinois ICES too! We will be holding the elections via an email survey reply this year. So keep an eye open for the special e-mail that is being sent to all active Illinois ICES members. This should arrive the week of July 6. Please respond to it and be counted! Thank you for your continued support to Illinois ICES!

Open Positions

Please consider putting in your name!

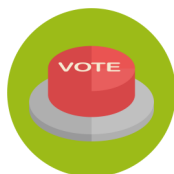
Central Alternate

Website Coordinator

Membership/Email Coordinator

Facebook Coordinator

Instagram Coordinator



Individuals have stepped up and volunteered to fill the following positions for the coming 2020-2022 term are:

Chapter Representative- Rebecca McGreal

Chicago North Alternate- Kathleen Cheri

Chicago South Alternate- Susan Matusiak

Northern Alternate - Pam Eggum

Treasurer- Ellen Pomes

Secretary - Susan Matusiak

Newsletter Editor- Mary Buscemi

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DISAPPOINTING NEWS



On May 24, John Levisay, Bluprint CEO, sent out a letter to the Bluprint community starting that their journey will be ending in July.

Bluprint, formerly Craftsy, have provided enthusiasts a way to expand their artistic skills in various mediums and subjects through their classes that were available on their site for the past 10 years.

The Bluprint company is looking into various

options to allow those who have purchased individual classes with the "own forever" credits. They are also planning to issue pro-rated refunds for paid subscribers based for the annual subscription based on their last date of service. This date, when finalized, will be communicated to their members.

If you have questions, please use the "Contact Us" link on their website. They will do their best to respond as quickly as possible.

WILTON NEWS

The Wilton School has been temporarily closed due to the pandemic like so many in-person businesses since the middle of March. Sandy Folsom and her team have been working on new ways to keep students and instructors safe when the school is cleared to open according to the CDC guidelines. This includes but definitely not limited to smaller class sizes. The school hopes to re-open at the end of June or early July.

The retail store is expected to re-open early July. Also, the Outlet sale has been postponed to the fall. The date is still to be determined.



TREASURER REPORT

There were no financial transactions during March thru June 9, 2020

NOTICE

On April 9, 2020, the Illinois ICES Officers voted to extend the 2019 Early Bird Convention Registration Award to the 2021 Cake Expo. The 2019 recipient is Pam Eggum. We did this even before the 2020 Cake Expo was cancelled; we wanted an option should someone not feel comfortable in going to the convention this year- if it wasn't cancelled.

Mary Gavenda



CAKE EXPO 2020 Update!

The Show Will Go On....

Just in a different format!

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Please clear your calendar on Thursday, July 30th at 7:00 PM central time. There will be a virtual General Membership Meeting to listen, ask questions, and possibly on any matters presented during the General Membership Meeting.

There will be an election for the incoming (BOD) Board Officers and Members. This will be completed by an online voting service.

FYI during the April 7, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting, a motion was made to decrease the number of Directors. It was approved, now the Society shall have no fewer than nine (9), or more than twelve (12), of

VIRTUAL CAKE EXPO

its members serving as the Board of Directors, excluding the Chairman of the Board.

Even though the 2020 Cake Expo in Reno was cancelled to the pandemic or should I say postponed to 2022. The 2020 **Virtual Cake Expo** will be held on *Saturday, August 1st & Sun-*

day, August 2nd. It will be a free **Facebook Live**. It will be on the Cake Expo Facebook Page.

www.facebook.com/ICESCakeExpo/
You do not have to travel far. Just find a comfy spot along with your computer, tablet or phone! Keep your charger handy so you don't miss anything.

The BOD is looking for additional outlets incase someone does not have a Facebook account. Stay tuned.

There will be demonstrations by teachers, demonstrators, and vendors. Vendors may be sharing special offers available for attendees on their websites.

There will be a published schedule of the days' activities. Look for it, hopefully, around July 15.

BE A DEMONSTRATOR!

If you would like to be a demonstrator on the Virtual Cake Expo now is the time to set it up. If you are not comfortable doing a live segment you can always pre-record your demo and it will be streamed during the event.

Participants will be able to send in a pre-recorded segment 30 minutes to 1 hour in length. If you prefer to do a Live your segment will be a scheduled time slot. On the registra-

tion you will be asked for your preferred time and date. This will be based on Eastern Time Zone. You will also be asked to let them know your topic, medium, or products you will be demonstrating. Since ICES is an international organization demos can run anytime during a 48 hour period!

If you would like to participate as a demonstrator contact Jennifer Knoble at expochair@cakeexpo.org or cakeexpo@cakeexpo.org

Jennifer will send you a registration form.

The expo chairs are also trying to

VIRTUAL CAKE ROOM

organize a virtual Cake Room too! Send in your photo, jpg file, of your sugar art creation to be shared. Details on where to send it are still to be determined.

We can't be together this year in person for the Cake Expo but ICES is going Virtual and staying in touch with you! So Mary Gavenda asks you to get busy and create something to share. If you make a display you can bring it to our Midwest Regional Sugar Art Show too! New dates for that are October 17 & 18, 2020.

A NOTE FROM OUR REP

BY MARY GAVENDA

It has been a long few months since the Spring Newsletter. So much has happened that has distanced all of us from Family and Friends. It's been a challenging time- challenging our health, patience (especially if you're home 24/7 with your family or home alone) and sanity too! May we all survive and may we learn to appreciate each other and the simple things in life. May our lives gradually move forward, finding a safe and healthy way to live and be together again soon.

We miss seeing everyone since our last DOS, which was the January DOS. That was 5 months ago, yikes! Emails are fine but for some of us, we like a more in person get-togethers. To help fill that void, we're going to hold a virtual IL ICES meeting with demos. We will send each active member the link for the meeting, possibly the day before. The meeting is on Tuesday night, June 23, starting at 6:30 pm. All I ask of you is to be patient with the demonstrators and me, as we

learn the Zoom meeting procedures. ;) We want it to be a fun evening for all.

Please join us. Maybe even some faces who haven't been able to make it to DOS in a long time.

We look forward to Phase 4, when 50 or less can come together, and we can celebrate with a Day of Sharing! Kathleen Cheri is already planning for that day! Hope it comes sooner than later!

In the past May ICES Newsletter, a few IL members were called out for their membership achievement. Congratulations and Thank You to Cara Cap, Linda Kelsey and Stephanie Tate (that's Dr. Tate!) for being part of the ICES and IL ICES family for 20 years! So many have reached 5, 10 and 15 years, thank you all and to those been around longer, 25, 30 and 35 years! YOU ALL ROCK! Thank you for your continued interest in the sugar art world and the ICES Family. You are all keeping ICES's heart beat-

ing with life.

Our 2018-2020 officers' term is coming to a close soon. Thank you for your support along the way. I'd like to extend a very special thank you to Pam, Donna, Kathy, Linda, Denise, Lyn, Mary B, Debbie, Ellen, Jessica, and Kristi, for your dedication and support. We were a team, helping each other...we were in it together! I couldn't have done it without YOU! Thank YOU!

A new team, formed of new and current officers and committee chairs, will be stepping up, for the 2020-2022 term. Please support them as they move forward! Stay healthy and be safe.

Hope to see your smiling faces in our Zoom Room on June 23!

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Mary Gavenda



Illinois ICES would like to thank all essential workers whether you are in the front lines or working behind the scenes!

NEW DATES!



We're excited about the upcoming Midwest Regional Sugar Art Show in October.

As of today, we are on schedule and everything in place, from great teachers, awesome vendors and a perfect venue!

If you had registered and paid for classes for the April dates, you were given the choice to hold your seat for the new dates in Oct. or receive a refund.

If you had booked hotel reservations with the Show Code or links, your reservations were moved to the October dates, mirroring what you reserved for April.

As the states open up, we will be paying close attention to CDC directives and those from Madison Area Technical College. Hope to see you all there.

Visit mrsugarartshow.com for more information.

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HELPING HANDS

CONTACT ANYONE IF YOU NEED HELP

We can always use a couple of more helping hands! If you are willing to share your name & contact information as a Helping Hand, please contact Mary Gavenda.

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