

Celebrate Fall in New England with a Seaside Flair

Harvest Fest

2024

Apple Pie Bake Off



Contest Rules & Regulations



Show off your apple pie baking skills at Harvest Fest and claim the right to call yourself Number 1!

To enter the Apple Pie Bake Off, fill out the online entry form at bit.ly/ApplePieBakeOff. Entry forms will be collected through October 5th. Selection of the 12 contestants will then be made, with priority given to Rockport residents. If your entry is selected, you will be notified by email or phone.

On the day of Harvest Fest (Saturday, October 19) bring your homemade apple pie to Dock Square between 2 PM and 2:30 PM (rain date for the event is Sunday, October 20). The judging will begin promptly at 3 PM (see judging criteria below) and winners will be announced immediately after. ***Bakers must remain present to win.*** There is no entry fee, this is a FUN community event!

The Apple Pie Bake Off is open to **amateur bakers only**. Professional bakers may not compete.

A professional baker is defined as someone who works for a bakery, works for or owns a catering company, or someone who sells pies.

Rules

- Only apple pies will be allowed for entry to the contest.
- The contest is open to all ages and will be capped at 12 entries.
- One pie per contestant.
- Pies must be prepared by individual submitting the pie.
- Crust and filling must be made from scratch. No store-bought crust, dough, or canned fillings may be used. A list of ingredients must accompany the pie upon registration.
- Pies must be 8 or 9 inches in diameter.
- Do not write your name on the pie pan/tin. You will be assigned a number at registration, which allows for anonymity during judging.
- All judges' decisions are final.
- In the case of a tie, judges will judge those pies again.
- Prize ribbons will be awarded for first, second and third place.
- Contestants must claim their pie after the contest.

Judging Criteria

- **Appearance before slicing**
 - Color
 - Decoration
 - Visual appeal
- **Crust**
 - Texture
 - Uniformity
 - Flavor
- **Filling**
 - Consistency
 - Flavor
 - Uniformity and texture of apples
- **Overall Impression**
 - Memorable qualities of the pie
 - Originality
 - Creativity