

Calling all Culinary Artists!

A Grand Soteltie Contest is announced for Twelfth Night in Nordskogen. Haus Waldfurster invites you to bring a Soteltie for all to admire and vote for. The entries may be offered for eating, but need not be absolutely "period"; they all will be judged by popular favor (bean count). For those who DO want to go for some period veracity, a judged review of documentation will be offered and for those who want to flaunt their cooking, a judged tasting is offered. Three prizes will be awarded: Popular Favorite, Best Documentation, and Best Flavor.

What is a Soteltie? A Soteltie, also caled a Subtlety or Sotelty, is a well known medieval feast hall conceit. Simply put, it is an edible food item in a fanciful or decorative shape, which may be presented with performance art. Sotelties of all kinds are described in Medieval and Renaissance literature. Some examples are Boar's Heads (the real ones – roasted and gilded or decorated in some manner), Boar's Heads sculpted from marzipan or carved from other foodstuff, meat pies shaped like ships, cockatrices made from suckling pigs and turkeys, six-legged poultry (game hen stuffed in a chicken stuffed in a turkey), sugar paste castles, gingerbread sculptures, cookies made in fanciful shapes, shaped breads, and the list goes on. Some of these are perhaps more medieval than others, but all are enjoyable.

For those of you who are fans of the Food Network's *Challenge* or *Ace of Cakes* program or The Learning Channel's (TLC) *Cake Boss* show, this is a chance to show off your culinary and artistic skills. For this contest, your entry must be made from edible items and be in the hall for display and judging by 11:00 AM and it must be completely finished.

Important Notice

We have NO KITCHEN ACCESS at the site and there are no refrigeration, cooking, or clean-up facilities for us and no site-provided utensils. Crock pots, electric skillets and roasters, grills, griddles, hot plates, hibachis, etc are not permitted at the site. ALL food items MUST be prepared in advance and MUST be room-temperature safe. In keeping with site requirements, flaming alcohol or pyrotechnic displays are not allowed.

TO REPEAT: ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES ARE NOT PERMITTED, there is NO KITCHEN ACCESS, there are NO SITE-PROVIDED UTENSILS, and there is NO PLACE FOR CLEAN-UP on site.

Further Information

Contact the contest sponsor,

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