

STATE FAIR OF TEXAS® COOKING CONTEST

★ *New!* **BATTLE FOR THE** ★  
**BLUE RIBBONS**



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THE STATE FAIR OF TEXAS IS  
ANNOUNCING A NEW WAY TO  
TEST YOUR COOKING SKILLS.

THE BATTLE FOR THE BLUE RIBBONS hosts three of the Fair's most popular Creative Arts Cooking Contests – Cookie, Cake, and Bread – over one weekend in May. All blue-ribbon winners from the three contests will be invited to “Best of Show-Down” in the Competition Kitchen during the Fair on Sunday, 10/8/2023 and each blue-ribbon winner will receive two (2) 1-day admission tickets and a 1-day parking pass to the 2023 Fair.

The weekend will offer 45 opportunities to showcase your treasured family recipes or to create a recipe especially for the contest.

**All cooking contests are open to ALL AGES.** Contestants may enter each of the three (3) contests as part of this program. Contestants are limited to six (6) entries per contest, with one (1) per category.

Ribbons will be awarded for First, Second, Third, and Honorable Mention.

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MAY 19 - MAY 21

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— *in* —

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# *New!* BATTLE FOR THE BLUE RIBBONS



Howdy Folks! The staff of the State Fair of Texas is very excited about this new program.

We understand that entering a Cooking Contest during the Fair takes a great deal of commitment both of your time and financially. Offering a portion of our Cooking Contests during Spring helps us remove some of the challenges for you.

We hope that you will join us for one or all of the contests this May and hopefully win one of the coveted blue ribbons.

*Kathy Bennett*

KATHY BENNETT | DIRECTOR OF CREATIVE ARTS

★ ★ ★ ★ CONTESTS ★ ★ ★ ★

<b>COOKIE</b>	<b>CAKE</b>	<b>BREAD</b>
<b>MAY 19</b>	<b>MAY 20</b>	<b>MAY 21</b>

**BEST OF SHOW-DOWN · SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8**

CONTESTANTS EARNING A BLUE RIBBON IN THE COOKIE, CAKE, AND BREAD CONTEST ARE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN THE BEST OF SHOW-DOWN.

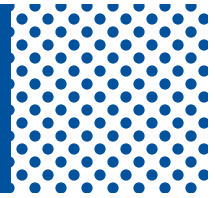
## WHO CAN ENTER?

CONTESTS ARE OPEN TO CONTESTANTS OF ALL AGES.

CONTESTANTS MUST COMPLETE ONLINE PRE-REGISTRATION FOR THIS CONTEST.  
REGISTER ONLINE AT [HTTP://WWW.CREATIVE.BIGTEX.COM](http://www.creative.bigtex.com)

**HAVE QUESTIONS? EMAIL [CREATIVEARTS@BIGTEX.COM](mailto:creativearts@bigtex.com) WITH ANY QUESTIONS.**

# COOKIE CONTEST



ENTRY FEE	AGES		SKILL LEVEL
\$2 PER ENTRY	ALL		AMATEURS
<b>RIBBONS AND PRIZES</b> BEST OF SHOW AWARDED AT THE BEST OF SHOW-DOWN ON OCTOBER 8, 2023. OTHER RIBBONS AWARDED IN EACH CATEGORY.			
BLUE 1ST PLACE	RED 2ND PLACE	WHITE 3RD PLACE	YELLOW HONORABLE MENTION
\$25	\$15	\$10	RIBBON
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**FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2023**

**CHECK-IN 9-10:30 A.M. • JUDGING 11:00 A.M.**

## ★ ————— COMPETITION INFORMATION AND RULES ————— ★

### ENTRY RULES

- Contestants MUST complete online pre-registration for this contest. Register online at [www.creative.bigtex.com](http://www.creative.bigtex.com).
- Participants may enter up to six categories. One entry per category.

### JUDGING

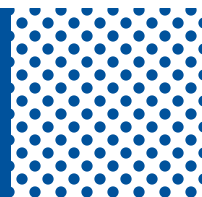
- Entries will be judged on: appearance (40%); taste (40%); and texture (20%).

### CONTEST RULES

- Entries must have at least 1½ dozen cookies in any kind of container.
- No mixes allowed.
- No refrigeration.

- The recipe for each entry must be included and typed on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of white paper. The contestant's name, address, and phone number must be printed on the backside of the recipe.
- Must use U.S. standard measurements in the recipe. The use of metric system measurement is not acceptable.
- Contestants who enter a cooking contest(s) and win first place through honorable mention, grant the State Fair of Texas the right and license to the entry (recipe and/or image) in perpetuity. Thus, allowing the State Fair to publish the recipe and/or image in the State Fair of Texas annual cookbook or any special edition cookbooks, recipe blogs on Fair or sponsor websites, and in third-party media placement. The contestant will receive credit for the recipe in all published forms.

# COOKIE CONTEST



## CATEGORIES



**BA10.** CHOCOLATE

**BA11.** CHOCOLATE CHIP

**BA12.** CHRISTMAS

**BA13.** GLUTEN FREE

**BA14.** HOLIDAY (ANY)

**BA15.** LEMON

**BA16.** MACARON

**BA17.** MACAROON

**BA18.** OATMEAL

**BA19.** PARTY

**BA20.** PEANUT BUTTER

**BA21.** SHORTBREAD

**BA22.** SNICKERDOODLE

**BA23.** SPICE

**BA24.** SUGAR

# CAKE CONTEST

**COLLIN STREET BAKERY**

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**SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023**

**CHECK-IN 9-10:30 A.M. • JUDGING 11:00 A.M.**

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### ENTRY RULES

- Contestants MUST complete online pre-registration for this contest. Register online at <http://www.creative.bigtex.com>.
- Participants may enter up to six categories.

### JUDGING

- Entries will be judged on taste, texture, and moistness.

### CONTEST RULES

- No mixes or sauces allowed.
- No chocolate allowed.
- Cakes cannot be cut before serving.
- No refrigeration.
- Categories under “Layered Cake” must have more than one layer.
- No chocolate allowed (exception: German Chocolate Cake.)

- The recipe for each entry must be included and typed on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of white paper. The contestant's name, address, and phone number must be printed on the backside of the recipe.
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# CAKE CONTEST

COLLIN STREET BAKERY



## CATEGORIES



### LAYERED CAKE

(2 layers only)

**BB20.** CARROT

**BB21.** GERMAN CHOCOLATE

**BB22.** GLUTEN FREE (ANY)

**BB23.** SPICE

**BB24.** WHITE (NO YOLKS)

**BB25.** YELLOW

### LOAF, BUNDT, OR SHEET CAKE

**BB26.** ANGEL FOOD

**BB27.** CUPCAKES (12)

**BB28.** FRUITCAKE

**BB29.** GLUTEN FREE (ANY)

**BB30.** NUT

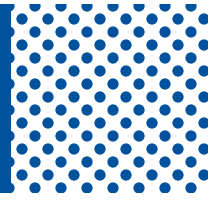
**BB31.** POUND

**BB32.** SPICE

**BB33.** SWEET ROULADE (CAKE ROLL)

**BB34.** UPSIDE DOWN CAKE

# BREAD CONTEST



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### JUDGING

- Entries will be judged on taste, symmetry of shape, uniform browning, and texture.

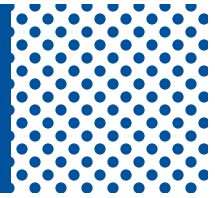
### CONTEST RULES

- Dough may be prepared traditionally or in a bread machine.
- No mixes, sauces, or heating allowed.
- No refrigeration.

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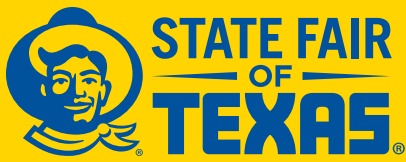
### YEAST BREAD

- BC30.** BREAD (CHEESE, HERB, ONION, ETC.)
- BC31.** GLUTEN FREE BREAD (ANY)
- BC32.** LOAF BREAD, WHITE (WHOLE LOAF)
- BC33.** LOAF BREAD, OTHER (WHOLE LOAF)
- BC34.** ROLLS, DINNER (12)
- BC35.** SWEETBREAD, LOAF & COFFEE CAKES
- BC36.** SWEETBREAD, SWEET ROLLS (CINNAMON, FRUIT, ETC.)
- BC37.** SOURDOUGH

### QUICK BREAD

*No added sauces or whipped cream on quick breads.*

- BC38.** COFFEE CAKE
- BC39.** CORNBREAD
- BC40.** GLUTEN FREE BREAD (ANY)
- BC41.** MUFFINS (12)
- BC42.** FRUIT BREAD (APPLE, BANANA, ETC.)
- BC43.** VEGETABLE BREAD (PUMPKIN, ZUCCHINI, ETC.)
- BC44.** COMBO BREAD (FRUIT/VEGETABLE)



# COOKING CONTESTS

KEY DATES ⇄⇄ **APRIL 19** COOKING CONTEST GUIDE AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD **AND** **MAY 10** ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS FOR ALL CONTESTS

## COOKING CONTEST SCHEDULE 2023

SATURDAY | SEPT. 30 **PIE**

SUNDAY | OCT. 1 **PIZZA COOK-OFF** *New!*

MONDAY | OCT. 2 **BEEKEEPERS HONEY CONTEST**  
**HONEY, THE MAGIC INGREDIENT**  
**FARM TO FORK**

TUESDAY | OCT. 3 **4-H NATIONAL FOOD CHALLENGE**

WEDNESDAY | OCT. 4 **BISCUITS & JAM** *New!*

FRIDAY | OCT. 6 **COOKING WITH CHEESE**

SUNDAY | OCT. 8 **BEST OF SHOW-DOWN** *Invitation-Only*

TUESDAY | OCT. 10 **CHOCOLATE**

THURSDAY | OCT. 12 **SPEEDY DISHES**  
**FAIR CONCOCTIONS**

SATURDAY | OCT. 14 **YOUTH COOKING CONTEST**

SUNDAY | OCT. 15 **INTERNATIONAL CUISINE** *New!*

TUESDAY | OCT. 17 **ICE CREAM FREEZE-OFF** *New!*

WEDNESDAY | OCT. 18 **COBBLER COOK-OFF**

FRIDAY | OCT. 20 **AIR FRYER, SLOW COOKER, AND**  
**PRESSURE COOKER** *New!*

SATURDAY | OCT. 21 **TEX MEX**

SUNDAY | OCT. 22 **CANDY**

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SATURDAY  
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