

Soda Bread Contest



On Saturday, June 12, 2010, the Worcester Hibernian Cultural Centre will host its first ever Irish soda bread contest as a key event at its annual three day Worcester Irish Music Festival.

Contestants may enter into any one or both categories:

- Traditional Irish White; or
- Traditional Irish Brown;

There will be two prizes awarded: a Juried Prize determined by a panel of judges and a People's Choice prize determined by Festival go-ers.

Entries must be dropped off between 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM at the Temple Street Festival Admission's Gate. Winners will be announced at approximately 6PM. Read the [contest rules and entry form](#) for details.

There is a \$5 fee registration which entitles the contestant to enter either or both bread categories. Contestants must also provide two loaves of the entered bread (one loaf will be used for the juried contest, the other will be used for the people's choice contest). Each contestant may submit only one entry in each category.

The contest is sponsored by the Worcester Hibernian Cultural Foundation. For more information, call Soda Bread Contest Committee Chair persons Barbara Rooney at 508.769.1570 bfrooney@charter.net or Kathy Torrey kathytorrey50@hotmail.com at 508.361.0565

Soda Bread Contest Rules

On Saturday, June 12, 2010, the Worcester Hibernian Cultural Centre will hosts its first ever Irish soda bread contest as a key event at its annual three day Worcester Irish Music Festival.

Eligibility: There are no age restrictions. Judges may not enter. Contest Committee members involved in any part of the registration, judging or voting process are not eligible. The immediate past year 1st prize juried winner may not enter in that category.

Entry Deadline: Entries must be dropped off at the designated table at the festival gate between 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM. No pre-registration is necessary. No late entries will be accepted (strictly enforced). No admission is required.

Entry Form and Fee:

There is a \$5 fee registration which entitles the contestant to enter either or both bread categories.

Contestants must also provide two loaves of the entered bread (one loaf will be used for the juried contest, the other will be used for the people's choice contest). Each contestant may submit *only one entry in each category*.

Entry does not give access to the festival and festival access is not required to participate. Contestants do not need to be present to win. Contestants do not need to drop off their entry in person. However, they should have personally signed their entry form.

There are no ingredient restrictions. HOWEVER, please provide a list of ingredients used to assist juried judging.

Registration Process

When contestants arrive, they will complete an entry form and place each loaf in a plain paper bag provided by the Festival. The bags will each be marked by Festival staff with the Entry Number. Contestants may designate which of the loaves will be used for the juried entry. A committee member will deliver numbered loaves to the judging room/People's Choice contest area. Committee members will divide the people's choice loaves into portion cups/plates.

Judging

Juried Judging will take place privately at approximately 3PM. No contestants will be allowed in the Juried Judging Area.

People's Choice Judging will take place at the festival from **1:45 PM to 5PM**. Festival Go-er's may purchase a sampling plate for \$2 which entitles them to one sample of every entry in a single category and one voting Chip for that category, or \$3 which entitles them to one sample of every entry in all **both** categories and a voting chip for both categories. Multiple purchases by a single festival go-er are allowed.

Winner Announcements

Winners do not need to be present to win. All winners will be announced in a ceremony at approx **6 PM** (time subject to change) and on the festival website.

Winners will also be notified by phone (if not present).

Winners will be announced to local media (though we have no control over publication) as well as on the festival website.

Categories

1. Traditional White Irish Soda Bread

2. Traditional Brown Irish Soda Bread

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Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to the winners of each category for both People's Choice and the Juried Contest.

Soda Bread Contest Entry Form

Complete all items except the entry number. Include a separate form for each loaf that you enter. See the contest rules for deadlines.

Name and contact information

Name	<input type="text"/>	
Address	<input type="text"/>	
City/State/Zip	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Telephone Number	<input type="text"/>	(day)
	<input type="text"/>	(evening)
Email Address	<input type="text"/>	

Category

Select only 1 category: traditional white, traditional brown. (Print and complete an entry form for each category that you enter; only 1 entry per category.)

Traditional White _____ Traditional Brown _____

Declaration

I certify that I am not a professional baker, that this bread was baked by me alone without professional assistance.

Signed _____ Date _____

For Festival Committee Use Only – please leave blank

Entry number

TW _____ TB _____