



UPPER OTTAWA VALLEY
Chamber of Commerce

Presents:

**1st Ever Ottawa Valley Butter Tart
Festival and Contest**

November 9, 2019

At the Petawawa Civic Center

Are your butter tarts worthy of being judged Best Butter Tart in the Ottawa Valley? We invite you to show off your skills and enjoy a friendly competition with local bakeries, neighbours and friends.

The Competition

There will be two divisions in this competition:

1. The Professional - registered business
2. The Home/Amateur Baker - you bake for fun or love and you do not have a main income source from selling your baking

There will be three categories in each division and each participant may enter as many categories as they wish to compete in

1. The Traditional – Plain, Pecan, Raisin, Maple Walnut and Coconut
2. Valley Style – Still a butter tart, but you have added a twist with a non-traditional ingredient or two! Think cheesecake, bacon or marshmallows
3. Specialty – Gluten Free, Keto or Diabetic

Winners in each division and category will receive bragging rights, a ribbon and cash prize (will be determined by number of entries received in each division)

First Place – Blue Ribbon & cash prize

Second Place – Red Ribbon & cash prize

Third Place – White Ribbon & cash prize

The Professional Bakers will be given the opportunity to not only be judged but to participate in the Festival as a vendor (vendor fee \$75). It is suggested that you should participate as a vendor with a minimum of 50 to 100 dozen tarts for sale. Please complete Vendor-Contest Application (Professional).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: All entries, regardless of division, must be baked in a **CERTIFIED AND HEALTH INSPECTED KITCHEN**. This means home/amateur bakers **CANNOT** bake their tarts in their own home kitchen unless it has been certified by the local health unit and proof must be provided.

If you are a home/amateur baker you can contact your local health unit for a list of certified kitchens in your area. For those in the Renfrew County area, our local health unit is www.rcdhu.com

When tarts are delivered, bakers must provide proof (approved certificate from health unit) that their entry/entries were baked in a certified kitchen.

Entry Guidelines

- Entries must be delivered on time
- \$10.00 fee for each entry/category (maximum 2 entries per category)
- 5 butter tarts per entry must be submitted for judging.
- Display on a disposable tray or plate wrapped securely
- Bakers must not use any prepackaged items
- Labelled correctly
 - ✓ Name of category
 - ✓ Flavour of tart
 - ✓ Date prepared
 - ✓ Ingredient list (for allergy purposes)

IMPORTANT DATES

- Contest date is **November 9, 2019** and decision of our judges is final.
- The contest will be open for entry on **September 30, 2019** at 5 p.m. We strongly recommend entering ASAP due to the high interest being generated for our first-time event.
- The entry deadline for the contest is **October 25, 2019 at 4 p.m.**, unless we reach our number of entries before this date.
- **BUTTER TARTS FOR THE CONTEST MUST BE DELIVERED IN PERSON TO THE PETAWAWA CIVIC CENTRE, 16 CIVIC CENTER ROAD, PETAWAWA, ONTARIO on Saturday, November 9 between 8 and 10 a.m.** Exceptions will only be granted at the discretion of the event organizers. If you require an exception, you must contact **613-602-2014 by October 29th**. Exceptions will not be considered after this date.
- The contest will be held in the upper level of the Civic Centre. Specialty division will be judged between 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. Valley Style division will be judged between 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. Traditional division will be judged between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. All Category Winners will be announced at 3:15 p.m.

RULES

1. Ottawa Valley's Best Butter Tart Contest is open to any individual who has reached the age of majority (18). Applicants must be residents of Ontario or be businesses operating in the province of Ontario.
2. Tarts must be made by the person/business listed on the application. **All tarts, including those baked by amateur/home bakers, MUST BE MADE IN A HEALTH INSPECTED KITCHEN.**
3. Entry applications must be emailed to events@uovchamber.com . Hand-delivered or mailed applications will not be accepted.
4. The entry fee is **\$10 per flavor category**, with a limit of two entries per baker per flavor category.
5. Payment of **Vendor Fees & Contest Entries for the Professional Division** are payable by e-transfer to manager@uovchamber.com at time of application submission.
6. Payment for **Home/Amateur Baker Division** are payable (cash only) at the time entry is delivered to the contest. (Nov 9th between 8:00 am - 10:00 am
7. Each entry will be assigned a number, thus enabling a "blind" judging. No judge or contestant may be privy to their assigned number during the contest. Contestants who attempt to learn their assigned number(s) will

be asked to leave, forfeiting their entry and their entry fee. **ENTRIES IDENTIFIED WILL BE DISQUALIFIED AND THE ENTRY FEE WILL BE FORFEITED.**

8. In the interest of preserving contestant entry anonymity, no contestant shall linger by the doors or enter the area where the butter tarts are sorted and where the judges scores will be tallied.
9. Entries will be disqualified for the following reasons, and at the sole discretion of the event staff and judging panel:
 - **Branding or identification on butter tarts**
 - **Indication that tarts submitted have not been prepared by the entrant whose name appears on the application**
 - **Not providing proof that tarts were baked in a certified kitchen**
 - **Tarts are not a regular size**
 - **Tarts that are not delivered to the contest by an adult**
 - **Fewer than the specified number of tarts (5) submitted**
 - **Incomplete contest entry form or unpaid entry fee**
10. Butter tarts will be evaluated by a panel of judges on Saturday, November 9, 2019 at Civic Centre in Petawawa, Ontario.
11. Evaluation will be determined based on a pre determined written judging criteria. The decision of all of our judges is final.
12. Entrants unconditionally grant the organizers the rights to all image media of their entry and of the accompanying adults in whole or in part, for any advertising or promotional purposes whatsoever in any kind and all types of media.
13. Entries should be ready for submission prior to being delivered to the judging area and be in DISPOSABLE CONTAINERS. Please do not submit your entries in anything other than disposable containers as we will not be responsible for returning any Tupperware, service trays, muffin tins, etc.
14. Entrants must deliver 5 of the same butter tart flavour per category entered.
15. Applications will be on-line at www.uovchamber.com
Professional Division:
Payments will be taken via e-transfer to manager@uovchamber.com and must be paid at the time of registration. **There will be no refund of entry fees if the registrant does not deliver their tarts on the appropriate day and/or time or cancels their participation in the contest.**
Home/Amateur Baker Division:
Payments will be cash only at the time of delivery of entry.
16. Questions regarding the contest, contest rules or entry registration procedure may be directed to events@uovchamber.com

Good luck to all of our bakers!!