



SWEET ENDINGS DESSERT CONTEST AND SILENT AUCTION

When: Fall Festival on **October 24**; delivered to market by 10:00 am for judging at noon

Who: Everyone can enter except judges

What: Any and all desserts: pastries, cakes, cupcakes, puddings, cookies, pies, etc. Recipes can be original or from another source but “personalized.” Dessert must contain two ingredients purchased at the Lansdowne Farmers Market and should be made from scratch, not using prepackaged mixes.

Entering

- There is an entry fee of \$5 per dessert.
- By entering, you agree to having your dessert sold by silent auction to the highest bidder, proceeds of which will go to a local food bank.

Judging

- A panel of four judges will select three winners:
 - Third Prize winner will receive \$10 in Market Bucks.
 - Second Prize winner will receive \$15 in Market Bucks.
 - First Prize winner will receive half the entry fees collected, in cash. The winning recipe will be featured in the Farmers Market e-newsletter the following week.
- Desserts will be judged on **flavor, appearance, seasonality, and originality**.
- Judging will take place at approximately noon on October 24, with winners to be announced immediately afterward.
- Entries will be assigned numbers and entrant names will be hidden to ensure impartiality in judging as well as in the silent auction.

To Enter

- Select your secret weapon recipe and pick up at least two ingredients at the Farmers Market.
- Complete the Entry Form and bring it, your dessert, and your \$5 entry fee to the Lansdowne Farmers Market, Saturday, October 24, for delivery by 10:00 am.
 - Present your dessert in a pan or plate that you don't want back with your name marked on the bottom or out of sight.
 - If your dessert must be kept cold, please bring it in a cooler to ensure temperature control.
- Before judging, desserts will be subject to a silent auction. You are welcome but not required to bid on your own dessert.

Silent Auction

- Between 10:00 am and noon, all entries will be on display and shoppers can bid on what they'd be willing to pay for the desserts (bidder names and bids will be visible). Placing a bid is an agreement to pay for the dessert if you are higher bidder.
- After judging, all desserts will be sold for the bid price to the highest bidder except for the winning entry, which will be awarded at no cost to the winning bidder.
- If you bid on a dessert, you need to remain on site or leave your phone number so you can purchase and receive the entry.
- Proceeds for sales of the desserts will be donated to the local community food bank.