

2023 NAPLES GRAPE FESTIVAL
"WORLD'S GREATEST GRAPE PIE CONTEST"
Sponsored by JOSEPH'S WAYSIDE MARKET in NAPLES

APPLICATION AND RULES

ABOUT THE GREAT GRAPE PIE CONTEST

Since the early 1950's, when the grape pie was introduced and became popular in the Naples area, over 50,000 grape pies are baked and sold annually during the fall season. The Naples Grape Festival is the event that determines and recognizes the "World Champion Grape Pie Baker" in the Grape Pie Capitol of the World. If you would like to participate and bake a grape pie, read the following rules and submit your entry. Plaques will be awarded for first through third places and cash prizes of \$75.00 for first and \$50.00 for second place winners. The first-place winner will have their name added to the Champion's Plaque.

**ENTRIES, JUDGING AND THE AWARDS WILL ALL TAKE PLACE ON
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd, 2023, at the
Grape Pie Tent next to Memorial Town Hall**

THE RULES:

1. There is NO fee for each pie entered into the contest.
2. The completed entry must be brought to the Grape Pie Tent, located at the south side of the Memorial Town Hall on Saturday, September 23rd, between 9:00am -12:00 noon, along with your grape pie, to be eligible. **PLEASE NOTE:** There are no vehicles allowed on the grounds of the Town Hall after 9:30. Dropping off of pie after 9:30 will require you park your car and walk to the booth. Signs will be posted pointing to the Grape Pie Tent.
3. There must be no identifying marks on your pie, pan or bakery box indicating who the entrant is. If there are such identifying marks, the pie will automatically be disqualified from the contest. Only the Committee will know the identity of the baker.
On the day of the contest, Saturday, September 23rd, each contestant must submit one freshly baked grape pie, baked in a disposable pie tin or pan.
4. Pies must contain 100% GRAPES ONLY. No mixture of any other type of fruit (other than grapes) or any other additives (other than thickeners & spices) will be accepted.
5. Pies will be judged impartially, and will be graded on (1) appearance, (2) taste, and (3) texture. This contest is taken seriously regarding the actual judging.
6. The judging will start to take place at the pie tent on SATURDAY at 12:00 noon.
7. Contestants should be aware that the pie submitted will be displayed in the tent and then sold, with winners auctioned off on Saturday afternoon.
8. The winners will be announced and awarded their prizes at the end of the judging (usually between 1-2 PM) Saturday, **September 23rd**, at the Grape Pie Tent.

2023 "WORLD'S GREATEST GRAPE PIE" ENTRY FORM

I understand the rules listed above and will identify my pie with the numbered sticker.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

TYPE OF GRAPES USED IN PIE: _____

DATE: _____ ENTRY NO. _____

World's Greatest Grape Pie Contest

For all those aspiring and accomplished pie bakers out there, we welcome your entry to the *World's Greatest Grape Pie Contest*. Unique to our area of the Finger Lakes, Grape Pies were created in the 1950's and credited to longtime Naples resident Irene Bouchard. **Joseph's Wayside Market**, is our proud sponsor for the contest at the Naples Grape Festival where contestants enter a freshly baked pie anonymously to be judged on Saturday afternoon by our panel to determine the winner based on taste, texture and appearance. We are thrilled to say we have had winners from every age group - teenagers to Grandma and one year Grandma and Granddaughter took 2 of the top 3 spots!

Judging of the pie entries begins at noon. The judges panel will be located at the Grape Pie Tent table located to the side of the front lawn of the Memorial Town Hall. Winners will be announced at end of judging and score compilation. Trophies/Plaques and checks for the winners are presented at the contest. After the Winner(s) are chosen, the remaining pies will be auctioned off. This is a great time to be had by all!!

Contest Winners will receive:

- 1st place winner will receive a plaque and \$75.00 check. And name added to the Champions Plaque
- 2nd place winner will receive a plaque and \$50.00 monetary check.
- 3rd place winner will receive a plaque