



If some of your members are not computer literate, or prefer to fax or mail in their convention registration, that form has been uploaded to www.ICESreps.com; click on "Forms".

Here's an idea for your next Day of Sharing: "Cookies for the Troops." Ask your members to bring cookies to the meeting and send them to Iraq. Ask members if they have family or friends over there and then choose which unit to send the cookies to. The troops will be excited to hear that cookies are coming from home.

A few new members are crediting specific Reps when joining ICES. While we love the fact that you're bringing in new members, please remember that the Membership Coordinator does not keep records to prove that you have gained ten new members. Reps, to receive credit for new members, YOU must keep records and be able to provide a list of names to be verified.

Important Notice from the Bylaws Chairman . . .

The ICES Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity to address the rumors that are circulating regarding a possible Bylaws change to the ICES nominations and elections procedures.

The fact is that there has been a proposal submitted to the Board of Directors which we are obligated to consider. The Board of Directors routinely receives suggestions and carefully discusses them all. Some of these suggestions are adopted and some are not.

If, after discussion by the Board, it is determined that it is in the membership's best interests for changes to be made to the existing voting procedures, such an occasion will require an amendment to the ICES Bylaws.

Please know that in such an event, not only will all of our members be given proper notice, you will also be given the opportunity to voice your opinions and vote for or against any proposed amendments.

The Board of Directors realizes that any change to the Bylaws requires a vote of the membership. The ICES Board of Directors is not empowered to change the ICES Bylaws without an affirmative vote by the ICES membership.

Don't Forget

- May 15 is the deadline for reserving your caucus room for your caucus meeting.
- May 15 is the deadline to reserve your seat at the FREE Reps' Breakfast at convention. Visit the ICESreps.com web site to download the Reps' Breakfast Form for the Omaha Convention. Click on "Upcoming Events" for information.
- May 18 is the postmark deadline for Early Bird convention registration.
- May 31 is the deadline to enter the ICES Sugar Artistry Design Competition. See page 3 for details.
- June -- It's a good month for a Day of Sharing or a newsletter to your ICES members!

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Ways to Have Fun in ICES

ICES Reps, you might want to read this to your local members:

ICES is an organization that promotes, advances and encourages exploration of the sugar arts. It provides an opportunity for education and enjoyment of this art.

ICES has so many members who are willing to share their talents. Some do it on a local level, some at a regional level and some even share at national and international levels. While it may be difficult sometimes to let people know about your talents, we have some suggestions to make your membership with ICES more pleasant and enjoyable.

You may want to consider some of the following ways to contribute to your local ICES group:

Do a demonstration at your local Day of Sharing. Call your Representative to suggest a day for this event. Offer to help him/her host this Day of Sharing.

Send in an article in for publication in the ICES Newsletter. It's not only a great way for all members to see your work, it will contribute to your own sense of satisfaction. The ICES Newsletter Editor is always looking for articles. Please include photos for possible step-by-step articles from which others can learn. Send e-mails and digital photos for publication consideration to IcesEditor@aol.com.

2008 and 2009 Convention and Shows will be looking for demonstrators; sign up early to volunteer!

Don't forget that for this year's convention, you might consider demonstrating on Sunday night at the Sunday Evening of Sharing. Pull up a chair at an empty table, unload your tools and begin working. Before you know it, someone will stop by and ask a question or two, and you'll be having the time of your life!

We strongly suggest that you bring a display for the Cake Room for this year's convention. The work we have seen from national and international ICES members has been so detailed and beautiful. I'm sure yours is in the same category.

I have also looked at pictures from cake decorators at the Vendors Showcase while sitting at the tables in that room. You might bring a portfolio of your work and share it there.

Attend the First Timers Meeting, or the International Meeting and Social on Thursday, July 26, 2007 -- and bring photos of your work to share!

By all means, we hope you will contact your ICES Representative. Make him/her aware of your wish to demonstrate and share your talents, ideas and time with those in your area.

Notes from the ICES Board of Directors

International Representatives

The Board of Directors invites you to the International Social to be held at the Omaha Convention on Thursday, July 26, 2007 at 4 p.m. Please check the schedule at convention for any possible changes. Come and meet the President, get your certificate and have your photo taken with fellow Internationals. Meet others from around the world as you view two demonstrations just for you. This is a wonderful time for “sharing and caring!”

As the Representative of your province or country, you are also invited to the Reps Breakfast to be held at the convention on Thursday, July 26, 2007 at 7 a.m. While the breakfast is complimentary to the Reps, please note that you must sign up before convention to be admitted. You will find the necessary form in your Reps Handbook (form B4) or at ICESreps.com. I encourage you to come and participate. This is the time for you to bring any questions, concerns, problems and solutions for discussion with other Reps. Be sure to schedule this important breakfast during your time at the convention. You should plan at least two hours for this event. Please adjust your demo schedule accordingly.

As the Representative for your country, you must fulfill your contract obligations and hold two business meetings a year. What a great time to have some demonstrations and interaction for all the members in your country!! You will be reimbursed for your communications through the ICES Treasurer, Maureen Cleveland.

You must also hold elections every two years. You will find the

updated forms to accomplish these procedures at ICESreps.com.

I look forward to meeting and greeting each one of you at this year's convention during the International Social.

Please feel free to contact me with your concerns.

JoAnne Beauvais
ICES Board of Directors
International Liaison

ICES Sugar Artistry Design Competition

We would like to ask the ICES Reps to remind ICES members of the ICES Sugar Artistry Outfit Design Competition. We're looking for working comfort, professional style, size flexibility, ICES logo and pockets.

Please remember that the outfit should be designed uniquely for ICES. This competition is open to all interested parties.

Submit your name, address, phone number, e-mail address, and a 5x7 photo or sketch of the design(s) by May 31, 2007 to Fran Tripp, 303 West Main St., Gonzales, LA 70737-2813, or e-mail your design in jpeg format to fransugarland@eatel.net.

“Thank you gifts” will be awarded to all participants. Outfit designs will be voted on and announced at the ICES Convention in Omaha; the winner will receive a prototype of the winning outfit.

Century Club Information

The Century Club tradition continues in 2007 as a complement to our Global Sugar Art Gallery. Century Club gifts serve as incentives and a show of appreciation to

those in the ICES spirit of “caring and sharing” who bring their displays of sugar art for the show's cake gallery, one of the most anticipated features of the Convention. Everyone, from the beginning decorator to the professional, is encouraged to bring as many sugar art displays as he/she wishes for display only. The cake gallery is always spectacular!

Every sugar art display on a 6” board or larger that has not been displayed at an ICES Convention in the past, is eligible to win one of the many gifts that the Century Club Chairmen have collected. Displays of more than one tier are entitled to one ticket for each 6” or larger tier. Cakes of more than two layers of the same size and decorated as one cake will receive only one ticket. If there is a question about the number of tiers in the design of a cake display, the number of tickets a display receives will be decided by the Century Club Chairmen. The more displays you bring, the more chances you have to win!

If you would like to donate a gift or volunteer your services to help with the Century Club, please contact Steven Stellingwerf, 2915 Lyme grass Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57107-0917; phone 605-367-6826; e-mail sscakes@sio.midco.net; or Denise Weller, 720 S. Regal Place, Sioux Falls, SD 57106-0148, phone 605-339-2654; e-mail WellerD@mct.comcar.com.

We're looking forward to admiring the sugar art displays from your areas.

Fran Tripp
ICES Board of Directors
Century Club Liaison



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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REMINDERS

The Nominations and Elections Committee would like to request 21 volunteers to be tellers for the elections, to count ballots. Only one person per state/area/province/country may serve. Please indicate if you have had previous experience.

The Nominations and Elections Committee also needs a separate list of 30-40 persons willing to collect the ballots at the General Membership Breakfast.

The Nominations and Elections Committee also needs volunteers to man the ballot pick up table.

If you wish to volunteer for any of these duties, please contact Heidi Schoentube at tubes3@verizon.net.

Is your chapter interested in doing a collective article for the ICES Newsletter? Wouldn't that be a fun project at your next Day of Sharing? Appoint different people to be in charge of various elements, create something unique to your area and have someone take step by step photos as you go!

I have enjoyed serving ICES as the Publicity and Logo Chairman. This is my last year to serve on the ICES Board of Directors; I go off the Board at the Omaha Convention this year.

Please e-mail me at mfstidham@talkamerica.net if you want ICES brochures. Be sure to state the quantity you want me to bring. I am driving to Omaha and can transport larger quantities if desired. This will help ICES save on postage costs.

If approvals for state/area logos or revisions are needed, please e-mail those requests to me as well, so that I can get them approved before convention.

—Michaelle Stidham

Are you interested in doing a 30-45 minute demo in the cake room at Omaha? We are looking for basic demos geared to the general public. We need someone for Saturday at noon and Sunday at 2:00 and 3:30. Please contact Jo Ellen Simon at joellenssugarart@aol.com.

ICES ID Numbers

ICES Reps, please remind ICES members of the following:

Please note that your ICES membership ID number will be required for convention registration. Your ICES ID number can be located as the very first item on your newsletter mailing label. File that number.

For online registration, enter your last name EXACTLY as it appears on your mailing label. For example: Jones Jr (no commas or periods). If a hyphen appears in your last name, use a hyphen online. If your second name after the hyphen is not complete on the mailing label, do not complete it online.

SAVE THE INSERT!

This will save you (and the Membership Coordinator) time when you register for convention.