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ATTEND THE 11TH ANNUAL BRISTOL COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAKE SHOW & COMPETITION ON APRIL 7 & 8, AT THE SILVER CITY GALLERIA, TAUNTON

The 11th annual Bristol Community College Cake Show & Competition takes place on Saturday, April 7, from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., and Sunday, April 8, from noon – 6 p.m., at the Silver City Galleria, Taunton, 2 Galleria Mall Drive. Admission is FREE.

This year's theme of "Glitz and Glamour" will most certainly provide a stunning display of gorgeous, sparkly, glittery, glamorous cakes inspired by fashion, travel, and the luxurious lifestyles of the rich and famous.

The event will feature guest judge, nationally recognized cake designer Erin Gardner. Gardner is an award-winning cake designer (formerly Wild Orchid Baking Co.), instructor, and author. She shares her decorating techniques, baking tips, and recipes on her blog, *Erin Bakes*.

For her keynote presentation, on Saturday, April 7, from 11 a.m. – noon, Erin Gardner will focus on creating edible chocolate flowers. Participants will learn how to create beautiful edible flowers using simple equipment and techniques. Following the presentation, from noon – 1 p.m., Gardner will sign copies of her new cookbook, *Erin Bakes Cake*.

The cake show & competition will also include FREE seminars, below, that do not require registration!

11th annual Bristol Community College Cake Show & Competition FREE Seminars

Saturday, April 7, from 2-3:30 p.m.

Wedding Cake Assembly and Delivery Tips

Lisa Raphael, Pastry Chef & Owner, Delicious Desserts

Saturday, April 7, from 4-5:30 p.m.

How to Photograph Your Cakes Like A Pro

Paul Martin, Proprietor, Paul E. Martin Photography

Sunday, April 8, from 1-2 p.m.

What I Wish I Knew Before Starting a Cake Business

Meredith Ciaburri-Rousseau, Proprietor & Pastry Chef, Artisan Bake Shop

Sunday, April 8, from 3-4 p.m.

Fondant Teddy Bear Cake Toppers

Sandra Frezza, President, Mass ICES

Distinguished cake decorators, bakery owners, and culinary instructors from the New England region will be judging dozens of stunning cakes created by local cake decorators, home bakers and culinary students. Judges for the event include Erin Gardner, Author, Pastry Chef & creator, *Erin Bakes*; Sandra Frezza, President, Massachusetts Chapter of the *International Cake Exploration Societé*; Jean-Louis Lagalle, Associate Instructor, *Johnson & Wales University*; Susan Lagalle, Associate Instructor, *Johnson & Wales University*; Lisa Raffael, Pastry Chef & Owner, *Delicious Desserts*; Marlene Souza, Pastry Chef & Owner, *Molly B's Cakes*; Paula Surette, Owner, *Cakes By Paula*; and Robert Zielinski, Associate Instructor, *Johnson & Wales University*.

The day is full of engaging cake decorating demonstrations, displays, and more!

Artisans and vendors scheduled for the cake show & competition include:

Lipsense by Senegence, lipsticks & cosmetics

1620 Wellness, all natural body care products

Paparazzi Accessories, jewelry

Norwex, household green cleaning supplies

Artisan Accents, food coloring and specialty flavorings/extracts

Deb's Candy Creations, homemade/handmade candy

Smackadoodles, homemade/handmade cinnamon buns

The annual BCC Cake Show & Competition is a fundraiser for BCC/SkillsUSA, a nonprofit organization that helps high school and college students train for careers in trade, technical, and skilled service occupations.

Follow the event on Facebook, including tips and reveals, at:

<https://www.facebook.com/bcccakecompetition/>.

About Bristol Community College

Bristol Community College is a leading resource for education and workforce development in Southeastern Massachusetts. BCC has locations in Fall River, Attleboro, New Bedford, and Taunton, along with flexible online offerings that lead to an associate degree, a career-ready certificate, or the ability to seamlessly transfer to baccalaureate colleges throughout the state and country.

The College's Center for Workforce and Community Education provides customized training for businesses and the community including healthcare, workforce and sustainable initiatives, and corporate services.

The BCC Foundation, a non-profit organization utilizing community donations and partnerships, supports the College's mission to meet the lifelong educational needs of the community. For more information, visit <http://www.bristolcc.edu/about>.