



**News Release
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**THE FARMERS' MARKET AT MARIN COUNTRY MART INVITES BAKERS
TO SHOW OFF THEIR SKILLS & BRING THEIR BEST PIE TO THE
3RD ANNUAL PIE BAKING CONTEST ON SEPTEMBER 14**

LARKSPUR, CA, AUGUST 13, 2013 - Calling all bakers! Do friends and family say you make award-winning pies or that your special recipe is the best ever? If so, come show off your skills and enter the 3rd Annual Pie Baking Contest at the Farmers' Market at Marin Country Mart on Saturday, September 14.

This is the Farmers' Market most popular annual event, drawing 37 entrants last year. This year's Pie Baking Contest entries will be judged by six local food experts, including pastry chefs, pie entrepreneurs, and food writers and editors. Pies will be judged on taste, presentation and flakiness of crust. Winners will be announced around 1:30 pm the day of the contest at the Farmers' Market live music stage.

In addition to dough to be rolled, there's dough to be made. The winner of the first prize blue ribbon receives \$200; the second- and third-place winners each receive a valuable gift certificate from a Marin Country Mart merchant. All contest entrants receive a complimentary, one-year subscription to *Edible Marin & Wine Country* magazine, celebrating the harvest of Marin, Sonoma and Napa Counties, season by season.

To enter the Pie Baking Contest, entrants bring their best pie by 10 am on September 14 to the big Farmers' Market tent at Marin Country Mart, across from the Larkspur Ferry Terminal. All entries must also include the title of the pie, the recipe, and the entrant's name and phone number.

Pie entries should be prepared in a disposable 9" pie tin. All ingredients used must be natural (that is, the pie does not contain any artificial ingredients, coloring ingredients, or chemical preservatives.) Please note only one entry is allowed per person.

In last year's Pie Baking Contest, the first-place winner was Coffee Toffee Pecan Pie, entered by Jack and Jacqueline Domet. (To receive a copy of their award-winning recipe and sign up for future newsletters, send an email to PR@marincountrymart.com, with "2012 Pie Contest Winner" in the subject line.)



In addition to the Pie Baking Contest, Three Babes Bakeshop shares its secrets for future entrants with the Perfect Apple Pie Demonstration from 10:30-11:30 am. The demonstration - plus tasty samples - is located in the big Farmers' Market tent. Three Babes Bakeshop also offers pie by the slice all day from 9 am - 2 pm at their booth.

Launched in fall 2010, the Farmers' Market at Marin Country Mart welcomes families and adults year-round on Saturdays from 9 am - 2 pm, rain or shine. It showcases the freshest seasonal offerings from local farmers and purveyors, with an emphasis on organics and sustainability. The 25+ vendors offer a selection of products, including farm-fresh eggs; heirloom fruits and delicious nuts; artisan jams and marmalades; organic berries, dates and vegetables; sweet and savory crepes; caramel specialties; renowned cheeses; delectable bakery goods; French-style yogurt; grass-fed meats; fresh-caught seafood; organic flowers and diverse orchids; items from locally farmed fibers; knife sharpening and more - plus several casual dining options.



The Farmers' Market also features a range of fun activities for kids:

- o Children's Crafts: 9 am - 2 pm
- o Face Painting: 9 am - 2 pm
- o Kid's Music or Storytelling: 9:30 - 10:30 am
- o Pony Rides & Petting Zoo: 10 am - 2 pm
- o Live Music: 11:30 am - 2 pm

Marin Country Mart is located at 2257 Larkspur Landing Circle, Larkspur, CA 94939. There's lots of free parking. Or take the Larkspur Ferry from San Francisco - it's a three-minute stroll to Marin Country Mart's shops and dining. For more information, contact us by phone 415-461-5700, email at PR@marincountrymart.com or online at www.marincountrymart.com.

About Marin Country Mart

In 2009, J.S. Rosenfield & Co. purchased Larkspur Landing, transforming it into Marin Country Mart through extensive upgrades and new retail offerings with independent brands that better reflect the preferences of residents and visitors. The open-air shopping destination, comprised of 12 barn buildings and over 173,000 square feet of space, features appealing boutiques, dining options, services and special events (see purveyors below). Marin Country Mart has two sister venues in Southern California, Brentwood Country Mart and Montecito Country Mart, which are favorites among residents for exceptional shopping and dining. All are conceived with a spirit of community in mind, as lively gathering places that evoke simpler, more gracious times. Inspired by the idea of the village square, Marin Country Mart is a welcoming destination where local residents and visitors enjoy talented artisans who ply their trades with pride and skill, in a congenial environment shared with families, neighbors and friends.

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Purveyors at Marin Country Mart:

