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**MARIN COUNTRY MART INVITES BAKERS TO A SPECIAL EVENT  
AS AMERICAN AS APPLE PIE –  
COME SHOW OFF YOUR CULINARY SKILLS AT THE  
4TH ANNUAL PIE BAKING CONTEST ON SEPTEMBER 13**

**LARKSPUR, CA, AUGUST 14, 2014** – Bakers, start your ovens! While Saturdays at Marin Country Mart's Farmers' Market always feature fun for children, Saturday, September 13 will be a day for adults to shine. Marin Country Mart invites all bakers to show off their skills at the 4th Annual Pie Baking Contest. So if friends and family rave about your culinary talents or that special recipe, now's the time to put some dough on the line. In addition, for aspiring bakers, Three Babes Bakeshop presents a Perfect Apple Pie demonstration, plus samples; Sean Carscadden entertains with live music; and kids' activities feature Grammy-nominated Scott the Storyteller.

As American as apple pie, the Pie Baking Contest is the Farmers' Market's favorite foodie event and one of its most popular gatherings of the year. In 2013, about 40 entrants participated. As before, 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 appearance, crust, filling and overall taste. Winners will be announced around 1:30 pm the day of the contest at the Farmers' Market live music stage.



For those who roll dough, 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 13 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, phone number and email.

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



Any kind of pie, sweet or savory, may be entered in the competition. The Marin Country Mart Farmers' Market, which celebrates American farmers and growers from California, is an ideal place to source ingredients for contest pies. In September, heirloom and organic apples are at the peak of their season, and pears, blackberries and lemons are abundant at the market.

In last year's Pie Baking Contest, the first-place winner was Triple A Apple Pie, entered by Angela Vernarecci; second place for Blueberry Peach Pie was won by Trista Rata; and third place for Salted Caramel Apple Pie was earned by Elaine Blakeley. To receive a copy of the first-place recipe and sign up for future newsletters, send an email to Farmers' Market Manager Michaela Biaggi at [michaela@marincountrymart.com](mailto:michaela@marincountrymart.com), with "2013 Pie Contest Winner" in the subject line.)

In addition to the Pie Baking Contest, aspiring bakers and future contest entrants can learn pie secrets from the renowned bakers of Three Babes Bakeshop. The babes - technically two, not three - are Anna and Lenore, originally from the California's Central Valley and best friends since third grade. These Purveyors of Pie, as they say, have achieved a cult following among pie aficionados. The media is smitten too, with glowing coverage in *Food & Wine*, *Saveur*, *Inc.*, the *Huffington Post* and others.

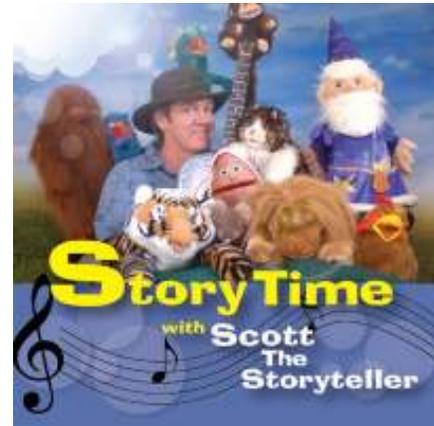


The babes' Perfect Apple Pie demonstration - including tasty samples! - is held from 10:30 - 11:30 am in the Farmers' Market big tent. For those who want more, Three Babes Bakeshop also offers six types of pie, both by the slice and whole pies, all day from 9 am - 2 pm at their booth. All their pies are made from all-farm ingredients that are organic, local and in season. Among their signature pies to be offered are Salty Honey Walnut, Classic Apple, and Strawberry Rhubarb.

From 12 - 2 pm, live music is provided by Sean Carscadden, a local musician, producer, arranger and instructor. Sean entertains with guitar and vocals that blend blues, New Orleans and folk.

As always, the Farmers' Market also welcomes kids with a range of fun activities:

- **Face Painting:** 9 am - 2 pm
- **Kid's Storytelling:** 9:30 - 10:30 am. Scott the Storyteller - a Grammy-nominated songwriter, musician, author, storyteller and puppeteer - entertains and educates children in valuable life lessons such as cooperation, honesty, leadership and compassion. Described as a "kid magnet," Scott Urquhart began working with preschool children in 1998, using "daddy stories" that he created for his own kids. His CD, "Story Time with Scott the Storyteller" has been unanimously embraced by children and parents.
- **Children's Crafts:** 10:30 am - 1:30 pm
- **Pony Rides & Petting Zoo:** 10:30 am - 2 pm



Launched in fall 2010, the California Certified 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 vegetables; 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.



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 [marketing@marincountrymart.com](mailto:marketing@marincountrymart.com) or online at [www.marincountrymart.com](http://www.marincountrymart.com).

*Pie-related photos by Andrew Weeks.*

#### **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:**

