



## Native Berry Dessert Competition at the 7th Annual Berry Festival

Herring Run Park at Belair Rd x Chesterfield Ave  
Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 11am-3pm

### A LITTLE MORE ABOUT THE FESTIVAL

Live music, the native berry dessert contest, native plant and berry sales, community group and environmental exhibitors and games/crafts for kids! This event is free and open to the public. Tastes of dessert entries require a nominal donation. We'll have local food and drinks available for sale and all BWB volunteers will be treated to lunch and drinks.

### WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

The proceeds from your lovingly crafted dessert will go towards supporting Blue Water Baltimore's restoration and outreach programming. That makes you a volunteer, and a dedicated one, too! We'll treat you to lunch and a drink at the event, and you'll get great bragging rights too. Prizes will be awarded to the winning entries.

### AWARDS:

**PEOPLE'S CHOICE:** Awarded to the dessert with the most votes from festival attendees.

**THE GRAND BERRY:** Awarded to the dessert selected by our celebrity judges out of every entry.

### THE RULES TO COMPETE

You may enter a dessert as long as it is homemade and you use a native berry or fruit as a primary ingredient. You are welcome to bring a store brought dessert for folks to share, but it shall not be entered into the competition. All dessert participants can submit their entries to be posted online for others to try!

#### Native Fruits:

- Apple
- Pawpaw
- Persimmon
- Peach

#### Native Berries

- Blackberry
- Strawberry
- Cherry
- Elderberry
- Red Mulberry
- Raspberry
- Wineberry (yes it is not native but very available)
- Blueberry
- Serviceberry



### SIZE MATTERS:

- Your dessert should be large enough to provide at least 20 1x1.5" samples (i.e. 13" by 9" plate or cobbler, 20 mini-blintzes, etc...)
- You are highly encouraged to bring TWO pans of your dessert entry just in case! The more desserts we have available, the more people can

### SAMPLING AND JUDGING:

- Dessert entries must arrive by noon sharp to be set out for sampling and voting. Report to the dessert competition table.
- Celebrity judges will sample desserts from noon to 12:30pm
- Festival goers can sample from 12:30pm-1:30pm
- Voting ends at 1:30pm
- Awards will be announced at 2pm
- you must collect your dish and utensil before the end of the day
- you may not bribe or lobby a judge prior to or during the competition ☹️

### WHAT TO BRING?

- your dessert and a copy of the recipe (or email it to Debra ahead of time)
- serving utensil
- a creative name and description of your dessert

### CONTACTS

Prior to the event: Debra Lenik, 410-254-1577 x 100 or [dlenik@bluewaterbaltimore.org](mailto:dlenik@bluewaterbaltimore.org)

Event day: Darin Crew, 443-629-6285 or Debra Lenik 856-275-7478



### RESOURCES

#### In the wild

There are a number of nearby locations where native berries can be found in the “wild”: Herring Run Park, Gunpowder Falls State Park, Robert E. Lee Park, etc. Berries you may find currently ripe include:

- Serviceberries
- Blackberries
- Blueberries
- Mulberries
- Wineberries or Raspberries

Pick your own and farmer’s market options

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO MAKE OUR 7TH ANNUAL  
BERRY FESTIVAL A SMASHING SUCCESS!!**