

Historic Washington to hold Chocolate Festival April 11-12

The historic 1700's village of Washington, Kentucky (now part of Mayville), invites all chocolate lovers to the "Annual Chocolate Reunion" from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday, April 11-12. Always the weekend before Easter, this is the fifth annual Chocolate Festival and the perfect time to "Fill Your Easter Basket" with homemade candies and other goodies.

Chocolate was very expensive in America as it had to be imported until about 1765 when milling chocolate started in Massachusetts. After the Boston Tea Party in 1773 its popularity increased, as patriots were boycotting tea and started drinking chocolate. One of the villages many shops will hold "High Chocolate" (a variation of the British High Tea), serving cocoa and chocolate bread spread with cream cheese. This same shop will hold a contest to guess the number of chocolate licks in a container, have drawings hourly for Chocolate prizes and also a drawing for a door prize.

An invitation to the public to submit their favorite CHOCOLATE fudge recipe with 5 pieces of the homemade fudge for the annual Chocolate Fudge Contest. Everyone wishing to enter should bring their fudge with the recipe to the 1790 Row House Mall by 2 p.m. Sunday, April 12. No entries will be accepted without the recipe. First prize is dinner for 2 up to \$50, donated by DeSha's Restaurant in Mayville, second and third prizes will be awarded with all entrants receiving a gift. There will be candy making in the village. Here one can see their candy being made.

There are 20 shops in the village, each participating in their own way. A feast spread throughout the village of homemade, hand-painted chocolate goodies for Easter Baskets. Rivers of homemade chocolate fudge, hills and valleys of bonbons, choc-

olate dipped cream candy (a Mason County delicacy), and Kentucky bourbon balls piled high on silver trays for sale. Fresh baked chocolate cakes, even chocolate angel food by the cake or by the slice, brownies and cookies will be available. Hand made, decorated Ukrainian Easter Eggs will be offered.

One shop will feature a "Chocolate Bee" or chocolate trivia contest as one of the festival events, a contest to guess the number of chocolates in an old glass store container, a "Basket of Eggs" so each customer may draw their discount up to \$20, a free pin with each purchase and candy in each bag. This shop also holds an annual "Easter Egg Hunt" for adults 18 years and older - everyone finding an egg picks a prize from a basket of unwrapped prizes. One shop holds "Kisses", several hold drawings for door prizes, and have contests. All this and much more awaits the resourceful chocolateists who find fulfillment in taking the many delights and

other chocolate fantasies every day all year except Christmas Day. So plan your Chocolate Vacation in Washington, Kentucky, located on US 68, 1/2 mile south of the new AA Highway (Route #546), 65 miles Northeast of Lexington, Kentucky, and 65 miles East of Cincinnati.

For more information on the Chocolate Festival or the Simon Kenton Festival, September 19-20 or to setup at either festival or shop spaces for rent, send self-addressed stamped large envelope to Box 111, Washington, Kentucky 41096 or call (606) 759-7423 from 9 a.m. until 11:20 p.m.

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