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**Historic Smithfield to Host Its First Apple Pie Baking Contest**

*Blacksburg, Virginia* --- Historic Smithfield is calling all bakers to participate in the Apple Pie Baking Contest during its Harvest Festival. The Apple Pie Baking Contest will be held on Sunday October 3, 2010 with judging beginning at 12:30 pm. The entry fee for contestants is \$5 and the deadline to enter is September 30, 2010. Judges for this year's contest are Ron Holdren of the Green Market representing the Donald Ayers Orchard, Genie Ranck, owner of The Chocolate Spike, and Catherine Sutton, Executive Director of the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce,

Rules for the Apple Pie Baking Contest are: (1) You must not be a professional chef or baker. (2) The pies must be made from scratch. No store-bought or ready-made pie shells or dough. Also no store-bought or ready-made fillings. (3) The filling for the pie must be at least 60% apple. (4) Pies may be 2-Crust or Streusel. (5) Pies must be in a disposable pie tin. (6) Pies must be served room temperature; cannot require refrigeration. (7) The finished pie cannot contain raw or uncooked eggs (whites or yolks). Eggs must reach 160° to be considered cooked. (8) Pies must be turned in by Noon. Judging will begin at 12:30 pm. (9) Judges' decisions are final. (10) Please provide 2 copies of your recipe (one signed and one blind). (11) Pies will become the property of Historic Smithfield.

The Harvest Festival will be October 2 and October 3 and will feature a Beer Garden on Saturday. The Harvest Festival is an annual event inviting the community to celebrate the arrival of fall in the tradition of Colonel William and Susanna Preston. Admission is \$8 for adults; \$5 for 12 years – college; \$4 for children 5 – 12; free for children under 5. Saturday's Beer Garden admission is \$5 and you must be 21 years old to enter. Following Sunday's apple pie judging, enjoy a slice of pie and ice cream for \$3 while pies last.

To receive an entry form or more information about the contest, call 540.230.1259.

**About Historic Smithfield**

Historic Smithfield is owned by Preservation Virginia (APVA Preservation Virginia), which was founded in 1889 as the first statewide preservation organization in the United States. Since then, the Preservation Virginia has saved and/or restored more than 50 historic properties. Currently Preservation Virginia owns or administers properties that range from historically furnished house museums and civic buildings to cemeteries and gravesites. The local Montgomery Branch of Preservation Virginia manages the daily operations of Historic Smithfield. For more information or to become a member, visit [www.smithfieldplantation.org](http://www.smithfieldplantation.org) or call 540.231.3947.

Historic Smithfield and the Museum Store are open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays 10 – 5 pm. House tours are \$7 for adults, \$4 for students (12 yrs – college) and \$3 for children 5 – 12 years of age. House tours are given on each open day every half hour until 4 pm. Proceeds from the Museum Store and events are used to support the operational budget and preservation of Historic Smithfield, located adjacent to Virginia Tech's campus off Duck Pond Drive.

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