

Announcing the 2012 Baked Foods Contest
Upper Midwest Bakery Association Convention February 25-26, 2012
Treasure Island Resort and Casino

Categories and Rules

Best Bear Claw

This category is open to all interpretations of a "Bear Claw." The goal is to find the best overall Bear claw in the Midwest. Participants must execute 6 Bear claws. Participant can use any filling. The Bear claw items must be similar to Bear claws that could be found in any specialty/retail/wholesale bakery operation. Bear claws must be in an enclosed box, or packaged similar to how they would be sold to a customer. We want to know what it looks like when it goes out your door. Bear claws will be judged on overall presentation, uniqueness, eye appeal of product, skill of execution, practicality of product, taste and flavor.

Bread Showpiece/Display

This category is fairly open. The goal is to show off the talent of our member baker's. The product can be any design, as long as it is made from bread. The end product does not need to be 100% edible. Our main focus is on the artistic designs of the overall display. There will be no height or weight requirement so go big or go home! Just kidding. Great, small detail work will do just as well. This is your opportunity to push the limits of what you can do as a baker. There is no theme for this category so have fun and create some cool designs. The judging will consist of eye appeal, overall presentation, skill of execution, and difficulty of design.

Best 100% Whole Wheat Bread

This contest is open to any 100% whole wheat bread produced in a 1# loaf pan and sellable in a retail/specialty/ wholesale bakery. Participants must provide 3 uniform loaves of 100% whole wheat that weigh 1#. Bread must be presented to the table in individual clear plastic bags. 100% whole wheat will be judged based on eye appeal, taste and flavor, execution, cell structure, and weight. Loaves that weigh over or under the weight will be deducted one point for every ounce it is off.

Entrants are to be members of the Upper Midwest Bakery Association.
For information on how to participate please reference the Winter Baker 2011 on the UMBA web site: www.uppermidwestbakery.net

Prizes for Baked Foods Categories are as follows:

\$100 for 1st Place in each category
\$50 for 2nd Place in each category
\$25 for 3rd Place in each category