

Perfect Pie Contest baker wins again with \$600 pie

BRIGHTON INDEPENDENT

By Sue Dickens

Warkworth – How sweet it is!

Four-time winner, which includes champion of the Perfect Pie Contest for two years in a row, Alie Ryken of Castleton, went home this weekend knowing her culinary expertise raised a sweet \$600 for the fundraising competition. Last year she won with her raspberry pie.

This year the judges all agreed that her mouthwatering – wait for it – maple walnut pie – was a winning culinary creation.

The event was the 36th Annual Perfect Pie Contest organized by Warkworth Chapter 279 Order of the Eastern Star.

Lisa Meekes baked the next highest selling pie at the auction, a savoury pie entry which raised \$200.

A special treat this year was the junior apple category in which five-year-old Abby Francis entered a pie and raised \$40. James Lewington received honourable mention.

In the Eastern Star category, which allowed members to participate, Jean Bryan raised \$150 with the auctioning off of her pie and Maggie Shillington received honourable mention.

Worthy Matron Marina Williamson explained that the proceeds will go to the Campbellford Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. There were 120 pies entered this year, the same number as last year.

“This was the most successful pie contest we’ve had in terms of fundraising,” said Worthy Matron Williamson. She was excited about the fact that people didn’t rush off after the auction but stayed to socialize. There had been a lineup down the street prior to the doors opening so it was a packed hall.

“Our auctioneer Jim Nelson was



A total of 120 pies were judged at the 36th Annual Perfect Pie Contest organized by the Warkworth Chapter 279 Order of the Eastern Star: from left, Earline Armstrong, Marion Hartford, Jean Peters, Cheryl Casselman, Jean Bryan, and Georgia Jacob, 5, Earline’s great granddaughter. Photo by Sue Dickens

wonderful,” she added. “He’s done this for the past four or five years and is always excellent.”

Pat McLellan who has also helped with the contest for years noted,

“The price of \$600 for the auction of the most perfect pie was the highest auction bid ever.” She also noted that visitors came from as far away as Saskatchewan as well as Kingston and

Lindsay, Ontario.

“There was even a lady who came from the Northwest Territories just to be at the pie contest and help cut pies,” she added.

The winners of the pie contest are: (amount raised and honourable mention in brackets): fruit (\$100) – Marg Newman (Caroline Quinn); apple

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Perfect Pie Contest



The 36th Annual Perfect Pie Contest hosted by the Warkworth Chapter 279 Order of the Eastern Star was the most successful yet according organizers. The crowd was lined up outside the town hall to check out and bid for the sweet culinary creations. Photo by Sonny Lennon

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(\$40) – Heather Clarke (Barbara Trent); meringue topped (\$60) – Lorraine Telford (Leslie Woof); maple syrup (\$30) – Heather Aide (Jacqueline Beamish); filled (\$50) – Barbara Yatsula (Lorraine Telford and Carolyn Shier); pumpkin (\$50) – Valda O’Kane (Barbara Trent and Heather Clarke); seniors 65 and over (\$40) – Alie Ryken (Mary Mitchell); men’s open (\$35) – John Little (Ian Hartford and Dale Bateman); pecan (\$75) – Nancy Bauer (Annette Grant and Rachel Pardoe); Youth ages 13 – 18 (\$35) – Stephanie Shakura (Madie Sullivan); local ingredients category (\$110) – Heather Aide (Lorraine Telford and Kate Balsara Pardoe). No tally at press time on the proceeds raised. Plans are already underway for the 37th Annual Perfect Pie Contest which will be held Nov. 5, 2016.

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