



Mrs. Claus' Cookie Shoppe

Cakes of all shapes and sizes (including smaller items such as cookies) have been part of festive holiday rituals long before Christmas. Ancient cooks prepared sweet baked goods to mark significant occasions. Many of these recipes and ingredients (cinnamon, ginger, black pepper, almonds, dried fruits, etc.) were introduced to Europe in The Middle Ages. They were highly prized and quickly incorporated into Europe baked goods. Christmas cookies, as we know them today, trace their roots to these Medieval European recipes. Dutch and German settlers introduced cookie cutters, decorative molds, and festive holiday decorations to America. "By the 1500s, Christmas cookies had caught on all over Europe. The earliest Christmas cookies in America came ashore with the Dutch in the early 1600s."

One of the holiday traditions eagerly anticipated by many families is baking Christmas cookies. However, it's also one of the most time consuming traditions if you hope to bake enough variety to assemble attractive cookie trays for your holiday parties and/or gifts. With time in short supply for most families, this can turn a beloved tradition into a dreaded chore. Fortunately, there's a solution to this dilemma that will keep the fun in the baking, yet minimize the time pressure and provide support to area charities.....Mrs. Claus' Cookie Shoppe at the Christkindlmarkt!

The holiday season is a time spent with friends, family, and special treats: This year why not share your good taste and talent by participating in the Black River Falls Downtown Association's successful annual tradition. Donate 4-dozen of your favorite Christmas treats and join other area bakers in this charitable donation program. All cookies and treats will be assembled at Mrs. Claus' Cookie Shoppe at the Christkindlmarkt and will be available for sale throughout the event. Festival goers can pick-up their favorite treats or get a head-start on their baked good gifts.

HOW TO DONATE YOUR BAKED GOODS

- * Submit completed Entry Form to Nancy Iuliano, 519 North 8th St. #11D, Black River Falls, WI 54615
- * Baked goods will need to be delivered by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, December 2, 2011 at the Jackson County Bank located At 8 Main Street, Black River Falls, WI 54615
- * For further information and/or questions, please feel free to contact Nancy Iuliano @ (715) 299-8215
- * Web Site: www.christkindlfestival.com

Mrs. Claus' Cookie Shoppe Donation Form (Please print all information completely)

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Type Of Baked Goods

_____ Cookie - Name Of Cookie: _____

_____ Candy - Name Of Candy: _____

_____ Other - Name of Baked Goods: _____