

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION AS A CHILI COOK AND FOR SHOWING US THE ART OF CHILI-MAKING AT THIS ANNUAL EVENT...**



#### EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Who:	Waterworks Visual Arts Center
What:	The 9 <sup>th</sup> Annual BIG CHILI Cook-Off: <i>A taste of the BEST chili recipes in Salisbury/Rowan County</i>
When:	Saturday, October 7, 2017; 6:30-11pm Chili-tasting 6:30-9pm; DJ/Dancing/Bull Riding until 11pm
Where:	Waterworks Visual Arts Center / F&M Trolley Barn, 123-125 E. Liberty Street
Tickets:	\$30pp Members/\$35pp Non Members; must be 21 to attend. Includes: chili tasting, beer, wine, and other beverages, plus <b>fifteen (15) tickets to vote on your favorite chili recipe.</b>
Purpose:	A fundraiser for the education and outreach programs of the Waterworks Visual Arts Center

#### BIG CHILI COOK'S GUIDELINES / CHECKLIST

Chili Cooks: Day of the Event set up begins at **5:15pm. We will not be able to accommodate early arrivals.** Please park and enter through the Easy Street entrance (parking lot side). Event begins at 6:30.

Bring with you the following:

- **5+ gallons homemade chili\***, prepared offsite and pre-heated
- Warming devices - Electric crock-pot or hot plate/s (no open flames permitted)
- Serving utensil/s
- Side items, optional - cornbread, cheese sticks, crackers, etc. to complement your chili
- Condiments, optional **\*we anticipate 350-400 guests to attend**

Chili Stations: Chili stations are pre-set with:

- two eight-foot banquet tables covered with red/white checked vinyl cloths
- two chairs
- two 120-volt electrical outlets - 800 watts of power. Additional power is available at one of two warming stations. **NO HOUSEHOLD EXTENSION CORDS PERMITTED!**
- Waterworks will provide each station with napkins, spoons, and 4-oz tasting cups.

The **reigning champion** will have his/her pick of station location. All other station locations will be determined through a **hat-draw** on a **first-come, first-served** basis.

**\*\*Cooks are welcome to display their company banner or other promotional materials relative to the business/organization they are representing at their stations.**

**\*\*No signage can be hung from the ceiling, attached to windows or walls, or placed in the pedestrian walkways.**

Helpers:	Chili cooks, individual or teams of two, may bring <u>only one</u> helper to work in their booth. <b>Additional helpers/friends/guests are expected to purchase a ticket.</b>
Clean up:	Each cook is responsible for cleaning up his/her station area following the chili tasting, including cleaning tables and bagging/removing of trash. All trash containing any type of liquid should be double-bagged and removed to designated outdoor trash receptacles.
Voting:	All guests will have the opportunity to vote on their favorite chili recipe to determine the people's choice winners. Voting ends at 9pm. <i>The more guests that attend on "your" behalf the more votes you are likely to receive!</i>
Winners:	Awards are presented for 4 <sup>th</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 1 <sup>st</sup> place (Big Chili Award). The Big Chili Award is presented to the cook who receives the most votes. This award is presented by the previous year's recipient. The winner's name/s will be added to the engraved plaque.
Presentation:	People's Choice voting ends at 9 p.m. then votes are tabulated.. At around 9:30 all participants will be recognized and presented a commemorative gift, followed by the announcement of the award winners.
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