

NATIONAL ASPARAGUS FESTIVAL

N.A.F. FOOD SHOW

8513 N. 80th Avenue
Pentwater, MI 49449

May 1, 2008

Dear Asparagus Cooks:

The National Asparagus Festival Board of Directors is busy putting the final touches on plans for the 35th Annual National Asparagus Festival. A featured event of the festival is the Annual NAF Food Show. The 13th Annual NAF Food Show is scheduled for Saturday, June 14, 2008 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Hart, MI. We hope you will take a moment to review the enclosed materials and become a part of this tasty tradition.

*We are looking for anyone, business, grower or organization, that would be willing to help promote this wonderful vegetable by sharing their favorite asparagus dish with our festival attendees. Recipes need not be original, but must contain asparagus as a main ingredient. In preparing your dish, we ask that you prepare enough for 200-300 bite sizes (sample size) helpings. We will be happy to make arrangements for donated asparagus to use in dish preparation. Please request donated asparagus on the application form and I will contact you with arrangements for picking up your asparagus. **Donated asparagus will be limited to 10 lbs. per entry and must be requested by June 1, 2008.***

The public will be our judges as they sample each dish exhibited. There is a Commercial and Non-Commercial Division, with five different categories to enter. There is also a Junior Division for youth under-14 years of age, with any dish prepared category. For each entrant's efforts they will receive an NAF Food Show Gift and Participation Award plus the chance of placing first or second in their category and competing for the overall title and trophy. Those placing first or second in their category will receive cash prizes. Those winning the overall title in the commercial or non-commercial division will also receive a cash prize and the honor of displaying the traveling trophy, with their name engraved on it, for one year. The junior division winner will also receive a cash prize and engraved trophy as well.

An application with additional information has been included. Please review the information and if you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the numbers listed. The application deadline is June 1, 2008. This will allow time to have signs and programs printed prior to Saturday, June 14th.

Please join us and help make the 2008 NAF Food Show the best ever.

Sincerely,

*Kathy Walicki
NAF Food Show Director*