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Fall Flavors: History Center to Host Hometown–Homegrown Food Expo
-Visitors can sample food from more than 40 local vendors and enjoy cooking demonstrations by Pittsburgh’s premier culinary experts-

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 27, 2017 – The Senator John Heinz History Center will celebrate the region's passion for food at the sixth annual **Hometown–Homegrown™**, a fun and flavorful food expo presented in partnership with **GoodTaste! Pittsburgh®** on **Saturday, Oct. 7** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., sponsored by **Republic Foods, Isaly’s, Farm to Table of Western Pa., and Green Mountain Energy.**

Visitors can sample a delicious assortment of foods from more than 40 local vendors representing the best of the ‘Burgh’s neighborhoods, from long-time Pittsburgh staples such as Isaly’s (West View) and Wholey’s (Strip District), to emerging local businesses like Zeke’s Coffee (East Liberty) and 5 Generation Bakers (McKees Rocks).

Throughout the day, Hometown-Homegrown will feature special cooking demonstrations with local culinary experts, including perennial favorite Chris Fennimore of QED Cooks, Chef Mark Swankler of Republic Foods, and Chef Dennis Marron of the new Distrikt Hotel restaurant “or, The Whale.”

Visitors can enjoy activities throughout six floors of the History Center, including live music, a cookbook exchange, and spirits sampling.

For those looking for fun new recipes to try, visitors can bring in gently-used cookbooks and exchange them for another at the Hometown–Homegrown Cookbook Exchange and Pop Up Shop in the History Center’s Great Hall. Small donations, which support the History Center’s educational programs and exhibitions, will also be accepted in exchange for a cookbook.

Big Tuna: New StarKist Exhibition to Highlight Company’s 100-Year History

Visitors to Hometown-Homegrown can also learn more about the 100-year history of locally-headquartered food company StarKist as part of a new exhibition, **StarKist at 100**. The 1,500-square-foot exhibit showcases the history of the tuna industry with a StarKist historical timeline, videos, and more than 50 objects, including a vintage Charlie the Tuna costume and original glass-blown fishing floats from tuna boats. The temporary exhibit is open through Sunday, Oct. 22.

Weisbrod Kitchen Classroom Schedule (third floor)

- 10:30 a.m. – Chris Fennimore, QED Cooks
- Noon – Chef Mark Swankler, Republic Foods
- 1:30 p.m. – Chef Dennis Marron, “or, The Whale” (Distrikt Hotel)

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Campbell Gallery Schedule (fourth floor)

- 11 a.m. – Chef Jeremy Reed, Art Institute of Pittsburgh (Making Golden Gazpacho)
- 12:30 p.m. – Sarah Needham, Leafhopper (Entertaining with Found Objects Demonstration)
- 2 p.m. – Alyssa Fine, Pittsburgh Honey (The Buzz About Honey Demonstration)

Featured Hometown–Homegrown vendors

5 Generation Bakers, Allegheny City Farms, Anar Gourmet Foods, Art Institute of Pittsburgh, Blume Honey Water, Chocolates by Paul, Christian W. Klay Winery, Common Plea Catering, Conover Organic Farm, Cutco Cutlery, East End Co-Op, Emerald Valley Artisans, Farm to Table of Western Pa., Gloria's Heavenly Kitchen, Gracie's Wok, Green Mountain Energy, Isaly's, J.L. Kennedy Meat Stand, Just Ugly Mugs, LaDorita Cooks, Lamagna Cheese Co., Le Petit Chocolat & Café, Local Ladle, Local Yokels Fudge Co., Moe's Southwest Grill, Olive Tap, One Classy Cook, Penn's Corner Farm Alliance, Pranti's Bakery, R Wine Cellars, Red Ribbon Soda, Republic Foods, Ridge Runner Distillery, Riverwood Trading Co., Soergel's Orchard, Steel City Salt, The Smokey City's 412 BBQ, Wholey's, Wigle Whiskey, Zeke's Coffee, and more.

All History Center exhibits, Hometown–Homegrown activities, and food samples are free for History Center members and included with regular admission for non-members: \$16 for adults, \$14 for seniors (age 62+), \$6.50 for students and children (age 6-17), and free for children (age 5 and under).

The Senator John Heinz History Center, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution and the largest history museum in Pennsylvania, presents American history with a Western Pennsylvania connection. The Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum is a museum within a museum, comprehensively presenting the region's remarkable sports story through hundreds of artifacts and interactive experiences for visitors of all ages. The History Center and Sports Museum are located at 1212 Smallman Street in the city's Strip District, and are open every day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The History Center's museum system includes the Sports Museum; the Fort Pitt Museum in historic Point State Park; and Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village, a National Historic Landmark located in Avella, Pa. in Washington County. More information is available at www.heinzhistorycenter.org.



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