Fall Flavors: History Center’s Annual Hometown–Homegrown Food Expo Returns on Oct. 20

Visitors can sample food from more than 50 local vendors and enjoy cooking demonstrations by Pittsburgh’s premier culinary experts.

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 8, 2018 – The Senator John Heinz History Center will celebrate the region’s passion for food at the seventh annual Hometown–Homegrown™, a fun and flavorful food expo presented in partnership with GoodTaste! Pittsburgh® on Saturday, Oct. 20 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., sponsored by Republic Foods, Isaly’s, Atria’s, and Flaherty & O’Hara Law Firm.

Visitors can sample a delicious assortment of foods from more than 50 local vendors representing the best of the ‘Burgh’s neighborhoods, from long-time Pittsburgh staples such as Isaly’s (West View), Wholey’s (Strip District), and Prantl’s Bakery (Shadyside), to emerging local businesses like Remi’s Root Beer and Amber’s Comfort Kitchen.

Throughout the day, Hometown-Homegrown will feature special cooking demonstrations with local culinary experts, including perennial favorite Chris Fennimore of QED Cooks, Chef Shawn Bohling of Bakersfield (Cultural District), and Chef Josef Karst of Atria’s (multiple locations).

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.

**Weisbrod Kitchen Classroom Schedule (third floor)**
- 11:30 a.m. – Chef Josef Karst, Atria’s
- 12:30 p.m. – Chef Shawn Bohling, Bakersfield
- 1:30 p.m. – Chris Fennimore, QED Cooks

**Campbell Gallery Schedule (fourth floor)**
- 10:30 a.m. – Paul Family Farms
- 11 a.m. – Ultra Macha
- Noon – Mondo Italiano
- 1 p.m. – Amber’s Comfort Kitchen

**Featured Hometown–Homegrown vendors**
House of 1000 Beers, Amber’s Comfort Kitchen, Anthony Hunt State Farm, Arsenal Cider, Atria’s, Bakersfield, Biddle Escape, Blume Honey Water, Chocolate Moonshine, Common Plea Catering,

**Destination Moon Pies**

Visitors to Hometown-Homegrown can also purchase packs of astronaut ice cream or Moon Pies in the History Center’s Museum Shop, in conjunction with the museum’s new *Destination Moon: The Apollo 11 Mission* exhibition. Developed by the Smithsonian, the exhibit features space-flown artifacts from the Moon landing mission, including the Command Module Columbia and Buzz Aldrin’s helmet and gloves.

All Hometown–Homegrown activities, food samples, and six floors of History Center exhibitions are included with regular admission and free for History Center members. Admission to the museum is $18 for adults, $15 for seniors (age 62+), $9 for students and children (age 6-17), and free for children (age 5 and under).

Advance tickets can be purchased at [www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events](http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events).

**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](http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org).
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