



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 10th Annual BIG CHILI Cook-Off: *A taste of the BEST chili recipes in Salisbury/Rowan County*
- When: Saturday, November 3, 2018; 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 **tickets to vote on your favorite chili recipe.**
- Purpose: A fundraiser for the education and outreach programs of 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 (F&M Bank parking lot side). Event begins at 6:30.
- Bring with you the following:
- **Minimum of 5 gallons homemade chili***, prepared offsite and pre-heated
 - Warming devices - Electric crock-pot or hot plate/s (no open flames permitted), not to exceed 400 watts per device.
 - 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 only one helper to work in their booth, maximum 3 per booth. **Additional helpers/friends/guests are expected to purchase a ticket.**
- 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. *The more guests that attend on "your" behalf the more votes you are likely to receive!*
- Winners: Awards are presented for 4th, 3rd, 2nd, 1st 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.
- Questions: Contact Anne Scott Clement at 704.636.1882; email director@waterworks.org