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Let Them Eat Cake

A birthday party isn't complete until the birthday cake has been served, and York will have an incredibly beautiful cake with which to celebrate its 350th anniversary. The cake will be made by Owen Dyer, owner of confectionArt, who will use original artwork for the decorations created by Diana Card, local folk artist. Diana's design was used last year for the Reap the Harvest Raffle T-shirt project. It depicts a colonial village celebrating Harvestfest, and Owen will turn the two-dimensional painting into a 3 dimensional work of art replete with people, the First Parish Church, York Town Hall, and Jake Weare's hay wagon and team of horses.

The birthday cake will feed 300 visitors and residents on Sunday, October 20, during the Colonial Picnic at Harvestfest at noon. The cake will be served free of charge through a sponsorship donation from Sanford Institution for Savings. Diana and Owen will have the honor of cutting the cake. Anyone attending the picnic wearing colonial attire will be eligible to purchase a lobster roll or burger at a reduced rate. Special photography from the collection of Old York Historical Society will decorate the tables.

Dyer has built a reputation for creating extraordinary cakes with requests coming from all over the United States, following a feature article recently in DownEast Magazine. His most unusual cake to date was a five-tier wedding cake that represented the couple's trip to Alaska, topped with the couple kayaking down the coast. His designs include a life like Nantucket basket filled with candy flowers, so real looking that "most people didn't believe they are edible", according to Dyer.

Following the cake ceremony at approximately one o'clock, the Reap the Harvest Raffle prizes will be drawn, including the top prize of \$1,000 in cash, a \$500 shopping spree at Hannaford, a get-a-way trip to Quebec donated by Dockside Guest Quarters, a Weber gas grille donated by Eldredge Lumber, as well as \$5,000 worth of additional prizes. The Harvestfest t-shirt is the ticket for the drawings, and these can be purchased at the Greater York Region Chamber, Hannaford, Fleet Bank, Kennebunk Savings Bank, Ocean National Bank, and the Union Bluff Hotel. T-shirts are \$15.00 each. They can be purchased for \$8 each without the raffle. This year's t-shirts were designed by Alan Junkins of York. They depict For more information about Harvestfest, contact the chamber at 207-363-4422.