



Monteverde Friends School/Escuela de los Amigos

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Dear Ellen,

We count our supporters, no matter how far away, as part of our school community. Thus we invite you to share a bit of community with us by participating in our 2021 Virtual Pie Social.

Our Pie Social custom started in 1952, just a year after Quakers arrived in this area. They had started the Monteverde Friends School (MFS) to provide for their children's education. They realized they would need to pool their resources for the school and came up with a creative way to do that: a Pie Social. To raise funds, they would bake pies, auction them off to each other, then those who bought a pie would sit down to chat and share pieces of the pie with the person who baked it.

Wonderful friendly competition developed for the bidding, with all knowing this was more about contributing to the school than buying a pie. It was done in good fun and provided delightful social time to bring the group together.

Quickly, some new twists developed. As a bit of a joke, back when it was the wives who did the baking, it was agreed that any husband who won the bidding for his wife's pie would have to pay double. The wives responded by trading around their pie plates to better fool husbands who might recognize dishes from home.

*Competition for this kid-sized pie
-- at least two hands in the air!*



*Bidders check the options at our last
Pie Social, May 2019*

Sadly, we can't deliver actual pies internationally, but we would love to deliver pie *recipes* from our most popular pie chefs and a chance to socialize via email with those chefs. Here's how it works:

- Anyone outside Monteverde who donates to the Monteverde Friends School scholarship fund between now and October 22nd will receive recipes from our pie chefs and email addresses to reach our pie makers. You can make a tax-deductible donation **HERE**.
- If you are in Monteverde, the top three donors will get an actual pie. The top donor gets first pick among the pies, second highest get to pick one of the remaining pies, and so on. To make a donation, either come up to the school or scroll down our **DONATE** page for BNCR and BCR account numbers

Meet Our Chefs and Their Pies

Ed's Meatless Mincemeat Pie

Ed, his wife Jenny and their daughter Alia, who is a 5th grader at MFS, have lived in Monteverde most of the last 5 years. They plan to spend the rest of their lives here.

Ed comments, "As for baking, I grew up with the smell of pies baking. My father was the pie baker in the family (my mother handled cakes, cookies, and doughnuts). Every weekend of my entire childhood, he would bake two pies (with five kids in the family, two pies didn't last very long). While he could make any kind of pie imaginable, his two favorites were Lemon Meringue and Mincemeat, so I've chosen to make a (meatless, but with a meat option) Mince pie for the Social. I hope whoever tries this recipe enjoys it as much as I do!"



Murtha's Apple Pie

Longtime pie chef Murtha, her husband Tim and their two sons moved to Monteverde in 2002. Walker and Jackson both attended MFS from grade school through high school. Murtha's Mango Pie for the 2019 Pie Social brought in the highest price of all!

Murtha comments, "Thanksgiving and Christmas are my favorite baking holidays. It's fun and gratifying to make a lot of pies to enjoy with friends and family."



I am working on making more decorative crusts to keep things challenging. Here's the apple pie I enjoyed baking and then eating with my family for the photo shoot. Somebody's got to do it, we were happy to help!"

Harriet's Pecan Pie

Harriet tells us: "Cooking is a real joy for me and I love to share food with others. Knowing that people enjoy what I have prepared makes all the time and effort worthwhile. My mother didn't really like to cook, though she did make sure to pass down family recipes and continued family traditions for special occasions. Over the years I have added a few new "traditions" along with the old and I am passing them on to our sons who both love to cook. This pecan pie is one of those traditions."

"This recipe for pecan pie (pronounced **pee**-kan pi) is really simple, but always one of the first to disappear, especially at the Christmas Community Dinner."



We hope you have fun with the Pie Social. All donations will go toward our Scholarship Fund. Those scholarships allow our students to continue with us for a high quality, bilingual education and cover the extra costs of keeping our students and staff safe from the pandemic.

Thank you for your support!

In peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Liza Ewen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Liza Ewen
Head of School