

STSV Membership Form

Updated March 30th, 2011

Welcome, "Sweet Thing"!!

To begin your membership, please send the information below, followed by your dues (by mail or by bringing them to the next monthly meeting). Dues are only \$24 per year (\$2 per month). New members pay for the months remaining until December. **Members joining before June 1st pay a total of \$24 for dues through 12/31/2010. Members joining after June 1st pay \$12.**

Checks may be made payable to: **Sweet Things of Silicon Valley** and mailed to:
Sweet Things of Silicon Valley
c/o Patti Harrington, Treasurer
2032 Adele Place, San Jose, CA
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Membership requirements:

- **All members must submit the following information upon joining the club and keep this info up to date:**
 - **Full Name:**
 - **Yahoo ID (.....@yahoo.com):**
 - **Email address:**
 - **Phone #:**
 - **Cell #:**
 - **Website (or myspace/cakecentralID/bakespace/etc.):**
 - **Mailing Address (City, State, Zip):**
 - **Specialty (brief – fondant, whipped icing, etc.):**
 - **What you'd like to learn (brief list):**
 - **A photo of you and your cake (optional – email to Laurie.clarke@yahoo.com or bring to a meeting)**

Please send all of the above info to laurie_clarke@yahoo.com to activate your membership in the SweetThingsSV Yahoo Group

- All members should have a basic understanding of decorating, to the extent that discussions may be understood and participated in. Novices are very welcome, as are self-taught decorators.
- All members should be sharing, caring decorators, interested in expanding the knowledge of others. "Secret Recipes" do not need to be shared, but sharing is encouraged wherever possible (photos, books, tools, ideas, recipes, etc.).
- All members are expected to read emails from the Yahoo Group periodically, especially messages sent as "Special Notices" or received directly to your email address. **STSV Yahoo Group can be accessed once your information is received: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sweetthingssv/>. Please keep your email status on "Individual Emails" -- It's very hard to participate in the club if you aren't checking emails regularly. We don't have an overload of messages, so your inbox won't be cluttered.**

- All members are invited to attend as many meetings as possible, as their schedules allow. Participation in meetings is not mandatory, but you do get out of the club what you put into it. Many volunteer positions and projects can be taken on outside of meetings.
- All members are expected to “go along to get along”. If misunderstandings occur between members both parties are expected to sort out their issues together or contact a Board Member to serve as a mediator in the dispute *without involving entire club membership*.

Social Meetings are held the **last WEDNESDAY** of each month at **7:00 at:**

MEETING LOCATION HAS CHANGED AS OF March, 2011!!

We'll be meeting at the Monterey Oaks Clubhouse, for March and future months. Directions can be found at <http://www.sweetcelebrations.us/stsvfebmeeting.html>

For the next few meetings we'll be having cake recipe tests/tastings. Please consider bringing a cake (no decoration needed) and a recipe to share. “Themes” for each month will be announced in the Yahoo group. March's theme is “vegetable cakes” – carrot, zucchini, etc.

March's meeting will also include a Panoramic Easter Egg hands-on demonstration!

Meetings consist of a brief club business meeting, a short demonstration by a member or guest, raffle and general cake discussion. Get there early (6:30) for extra socializing before meeting begins! Members are encouraged to bring a small snack to share. Bring items to "share" with the group: Photo albums, books, tools, new recipes and new ideas. Meetings generally last through 9:00pm.

Field trips are scheduled several times throughout the year for tours, cake shows, classes, tea parties, and everything else we can find.

Big events (hosted by our club) are scheduled at least once each year; this one's is on October 8th, 9th and 10th (mark your calendar!!): A Weekend with the Sweet Things. We'll be hosting a meet & greet, a full day of demonstrations and a banquet on Saturday and more demos and a cookie exchange on Sunday. Details will be in your email!

The Club is currently formatted in such a way that “big business decisions” are made by a **Board of Directors**, requesting votes/approvals from members when necessary. This is meant to ensure fewer “business” details need to be discussed at membership meetings. All members are encouraged to participate as a Chairperson if they would like to take a more active role in the direction of the club, or to provide the Board with opinions and ideas when possible. For specific projects and activities members volunteering as **Chairpersons** are responsible for the details of their project. Chairpersons report to the Board for decisions and the Board requests general membership approval when appropriate. **A current list of Board Members and Chairpersons is available in the Files area on the Sweetthingssv Yahoo Group site.**
www.groups.yahoo.com/group/sweetthingssv

Thank you so much for your interest!! We look forward to sharing with you soon!!

Any questions, anytime:

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