

Lehigh Valley Food & Wine Festival Returns for 2021!

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BETHLEHEM, PA (03/26/2021) Following a one-year hiatus caused by the pandemic, the Lehigh Valley Food & Wine Festival is returning in grand style June 3-12, both virtually and at participating restaurants. Plans are in the works for a special online event featuring Chef Emeril Lagasse, the first-ever Lehigh Valley Food & Wine Festival Restaurant Week, and an in-person "sponsors only" event showcasing restaurant favorites from festivals past.

The virtual program will air on Thursday, June 3, at 6:30 p.m., on lehighvalleyfoodandwine.com, and will feature an exclusive appearance by Chef Emeril Lagasse. In addition, several local chefs will prepare their top recipes for viewers, including Christopher Heath, executive corporate chef for Paxos Restaurants. Chris Cree, founder of Cree Wine Company, will provide insights on pairing the right wine with the right meal, and the Craig Thatcher Band will offer a special musical tribute to the festival.

A range of vineyard tours and a highly anticipated silent auction, allowing participants to bid on fine wines and fantastic travel experiences, will also be accessible on the festival website. Festival sponsor Southern Glazer's Wine and Spirits will provide virtual whiskey tastings featuring Maker's Mark, Maker's Mark 46, Knob Creek 9 year, and Basil Hayden's. Viewers can even take out a specially prepared meal from NCC's Hampton Winds restaurant to dine on while watching the program.

The inaugural Food & Wine Festival Restaurant Week will begin June 4 and run through June 12. Select restaurants in the region will be offering specials throughout the week, and will showcase the delicious, extraordinary food which has become the festival's trademark. Participating restaurants to date include blue, Burgers and More by Emeril, Emeril's Chop House, Melt, Top Cut Steakhouse, and Torre. More will be added. Check lehighvalleyfoodandwine.com for the latest.

This year's reimagining of the Food & Wine Festival, with the continued support of founding sponsor Wind Creek, will focus on a special salute to the hospitality industry, especially those employees who have been so hard hit during the pandemic, while maintaining its commitment to raising funds for Northampton Community College student scholarships. Since the inception of the festival, more than \$2 million has been raised to help students. Sponsorship dollars and silent auction proceeds for this year's festival will directly benefit NCC students.

No tickets are necessary for the virtual program. Details about the event, the Hampton Winds take out menu, lineup for Food & Wine Festival Restaurant Week, the silent auction, and video assets, will be shared soon on lehighvalleyfoodandwine.com.

About the Lehigh Valley Food & Wine Festival

The Lehigh Valley Food & Wine Festival is the area's most celebrated cuisine and beverage festival, taking place over three days at Wind Creek Event Center. The festival's growing roster of top restaurants and chefs, craft beers, as well as wine and spirits from around the world provided by Southern Glazer's Wine and Spirits, bring a range of tastes and styles to please everyone's palate. But it's more than good food and good fun - it's a good cause. That's because sponsorship proceeds from the festival go to the Northampton Community College Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that raises funds for scholarships and academic programs at Northampton Community College. To date, the festival has raised more than \$2M. With your continued support, we can keep this program going strong in 2020 and the years to come. For more information, visit lehighvalleyfoodandwine.com.

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