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**Delicious Delights Cupcakes Named “Best in Show”  
at 1st Annual Bluewater Area Tastefest**

May 21, 2013 - It wasn't easy to pick just one favorite eatery to be “Best in Show” at the 1st Annual Bluewater Area Tastefest, but after some deliberation and several taste tests, the panel of judges were unanimous: the winner was Delicious Delights Cupcakes of Marine City. The competition for People's Choice (selected by Tastefest attendees) and Peer's Choice (chosen by the other vendors) was fierce too, but in the end, The Little Bar and Roasted with Perks were declared the winners (respectively).

The charity fundraiser event, hosted by Marine City Maritime Days at Fellowship Baptist Church on Saturday, May 18, featured a dozen local eateries and vendors from across the Bluewater Area. Even restaurants and specialty shops who couldn't sample their food were there in spirit, donating gift cards or other items for the raffle.

“We were delighted that so many of our local restaurants and eateries showed up to sample their signature dishes and treats,” said Jennifer Knightstep, this year's Maritime Days Treasurer, and organizer of the Tastefest event. “It gave people a chance to experience food they may not have had before. Thanks to Walid Azar of Azar's Market, I had my first taste of tabouli.”

Other featured restaurants and food vendors included Granola by Cindy, the Corner Grocery, Tastefully Simple, Achatz Soups and Catering, Fran's Favorites, The Riviera, VG's Grocery, and Sweet Memories by Mary.

“We wanted to make this Tastefest a little different from other events, so we included some smaller, independent food vendors and artisans from the area, along with our already well known and well-loved restaurants.” explains Knightstep.

As tough as it was for the judges to choose just one winner at this year's event, Knightstep says she's excited to tempt them again next year – and the restaurants and eateries will certainly be up to the challenge.

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The Marine City Festival Inc., hosts of Maritime Days, was founded in 1982 and is dedicated to improving the community and local economy through travel and tourism. Each summer, they host the Maritime Days Festival in downtown Marine City. As a 501(c)(4) non-profit organization, all of the funds they raise stay in the local community.