

PRESS RELEASE

EAST HADDAM WELCOMES YOU FOR THE 10th ANNUAL CHOWDER COOK-OFF

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East Haddam, CT – East Haddam Village will be the site of the 10th Annual Chowder Cook-off on Saturday, March 23rd, (3/24 rain date) starting at 11:30am. All the East Haddam participants are cooking up tasty offerings to share with residents and visitors alike.

Cook-off hosts, **La Vita Gustosa** and **Gelston House** plan to bring their best recipes to compete for the title. Fox Hopyard Golf Club's **On the Rocks** will be defending last year's "People's Choice Chowder." Newcomers **Town Tavern**, **St. Stephen's Episcopal Church**, **Franklin Academy**, and **East Haddam Business Association** will be looking for best chowder bragging rights, as well. Also vying for the People's Choice silver soup ladle prize is the special candy chowder served up by **Hillside Sweet Shoppe**, featuring the best gummy fish, candy clams, sweet peas and carrots this side of the Connecticut River.

For a \$10 fee (\$5 for children 12 and under), tasters receive a 10th Anniversary commemorative Chowder mug and a sample of all the chowders. Designed by Sharon Chemacki of the East Haddam Art League, the mug features a picture of the East Haddam Swing Bridge, celebrating its centennial anniversary, and Goodspeed Opera House celebrating 50 years. The artist's drawing was inspired by reading about the history of DOT Bridge #1138, view looking across the river from Haddam's Eagle Landing State Park, a flag flying above the East Haddam Senior Center, and clouds above the Nathan Hale-Ray High School soccer fields.

Plan on arriving by noon to get a taste - this is a sell-out event. Proceeds will be donated to East Haddam charities and local non-profit organizations. Participants are also judged on Best Table décor. Back for the third year, be sure to visit the East Haddam Business Association's Business Expo inside at the Gelston House. Area businesses will showcase their goods and services, offering coupons, free raffles, samples and information. Meet some of the folks who can help you keep your money local – save gas, save time, save money!

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