

# Salute to the Women's Club: *THE Annual Bake Sale, Book Sale, Food Bank Drive.... and a PIE-O-U!*

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**THE Annual Crail Ranch Bake Sale on Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup> from 10 through 3** not only goes well beyond a typical bake sale fundraiser; it also harkens back to "Old Big Sky's" roots.

Always scheduled to coincide with the Big Sky Country Fair, the tradition of THE Annual Crail Ranch Bake Sale continues, although 2012 saw the 32<sup>nd</sup> and last Country Fair. In fact, some of the area non-profits, such as the Friends of the Library, which had exhibited at the Country Fair, now have joined the Crail event.

Another bake sale historical root is grounded in the Gallatin Canyon Women's Club. The GCWC women were fully engaged in the restoration of the Historic Crail Ranch. In fact, prior to the Crail Ranch association with the Big Sky Community Corporation, the homestead was restored through the efforts of the Historic Crail Ranch Restoration Committee of the Gallatin Canyon Women's Club. The ranch owes its initial rehabilitation to the energy and financial donations of the Women's Club.

For decades the Women's Club held a bake sale to support the ranch restoration efforts. Despite the BSCC affiliation in the last 8 years, the Women's Club generously continues the traditional bake sale.

The Conservators have included other non-profits agencies again this year. Friends of the Library will offer books for sale. A Big Sky Community Food Bank barrel will gladly accept your non-perishable food donation, while Sarah Gaither paints kids' faces.



**Barbara Hoberecht poses for Bake Sale picture in the Crail Ranch kitchen, 2012. Baked goods were prepared offsite and brought to the Ranch; the old stove was not actually usable for cooking!**



2009 Bake Sale...

Another new tradition is emerging – Olive B’s Bistro and Buck’s T-4 will donate a dessert for silent auction.

The ranch museum will be open for tours. So check out our new pantry display (after you drop off those cupcakes!)

If you see the last of your favorite dessert walking out the ranch gates as you arrive, then ask for a “Pie-O-U!”

So - Bake a cake or take a cake... Come to the Crail Ranch on July

26<sup>th</sup>, bring a non-perishable food item, buy a book, and let the tradition continue!

All donations should be at the ranch by 8 a.m. If you need to make special arrangements for drop off, please contact us at [crailranchmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:crailranchmuseum@gmail.com) or 406-993-2112.

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*Special events at Crail Ranch Summer 2012:*

- July 4 • KIDS FLYFISHING
- July 8 • ARTISAN'S MARKET
- July 14 • OLD FASHIONED COMMUNITY FUN DAY
- July 28 • THE CRAIL RANCH BAKE SALE
- July 28 • COLORS OF KYRGYZSTAN
- Aug 12 • OLD TIME FIDDLE MUSIC AT THE RANCH
- Aug 26 • CRAIL RANCH HARVEST CELEBRATION

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*Glenniss Indreland of ImageCrafters in Bozeman designed Crail Ranch Summer Event posters for many years*