

St. Charles, Naperville cooks claim Norwegian soup contest honors

St. Charles resident Nancy Anderson and Diana Raimond of Naperville took first and second places, respectively, in a Norwegian soup cook-off held Super Bowl Sunday at St. Olaf Lutheran Church in Montgomery.

Anderson won a traveling golden soup bowl for her ertesuppe, Norwegian yellow-pea soup. Later she was awarded a Sons of Norway cultural medal for cooking projects during the past year.

Raimond was awarded a soup ladle for her Bergen fish soup. In addition to Raimond and Anderson, other contestants were Kelly Welin, Wheaton; Jerry Lynn Baker, Oswego; Barb Johnson, Yorkville; Stephan Tanda, St. Charles; and Carol and Richard Vigsnes, W. Chicago.

The third annual contest, held during a monthly lodge meeting, attracted eight entries. The top chefs were voted in blind taste tests by lodge members.

Contestants' recipes will be published in a cookbook to be published by the Norsk Museum in Norway, IL, this fall.

The cook off continues a monthly cooking club sponsored by the lodge. Members prepare recipes in advance or in the church kitchen for serving at a potluck luncheon.

PHOTO (top right): Nancy Anderson of St. Charles, left, and Diana Raimond of Naperville pose with their prizes as champion and runnerup in a Norwegian soup contest held Super Bowl Sunday by Sons of Norway Polar Star Lodge 5-472 at St. Olaf Lutheran Church in Montgomery. (Al Benson photo)

PHOTO (bottom left): Phoebe Bergh of Aurora, right, samples an entry in a Norwegian soup cook-off held Super Bowl Sunday by Sons of Norway Polar Star Lodge 5-472 at St. Olaf Lutheran Church in Montgomery. (Al Benson photo)

