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**Kona Coffee Cultural Festival Launches Kona Coffee Cookbook**

**Kona, Hawaii** (August 17, 2021) — The Kona Coffee Cultural Festival is proud to kick off its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this fall with the launch of its new **Kona Coffee Cookbook—*Recipes From Our Coffee Country Kitchens***. The exciting full-color cookbook is a collection of over 300 delicious recipes, featuring appetizers, salads, breads, entrees, and desserts. The extraordinary collection is a culmination of decades of recipes taken from prize-winning Festival recipe contest winners and a wealth of sources including local homegrown recipes. Some of the delicious recipes are even inspired with a dash of, you guessed it, Kona Coffee.

“Food brings people together and with the launch of this wonderful cookbook, it is our hope that many meals continue to be shared with friends and family including dishes inspired by Kona’s famous coffee,” said Kona Coffee Cultural Festival President Valerie Corcoran. “2021 marks the Kona Coffee Cultural Festival’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and there’s no finer souvenir and gift from this year’s Festival.”

In addition to offering a delicious recipe selection for cooks of all kinds, **Kona Coffee Cookbook—*Recipes From Our Coffee Country Kitchens*** is filled with lots of useful information including Kona Coffee History, Festival stories, sidebars and even tips on how to prevent cracking in your cheesecake.

**Kona Coffee Cookbook—*Recipes From Our Coffee Country Kitchens*** is now available for purchase in hardcover online at [www.konacoffeefest.com](http://www.konacoffeefest.com) or in at select Kona retail outlets including Greenwell Farms, Golden Egg Cash Assets, Kimura Lauhala Shop, Kona Coffee & Tea Company, The Spoon Shop Kona, UCC Hawaii Kona Coffee Estate and at the Festival Pop Up retail spot located at 75-6000 Ali‘i Drive in Kailua-Kona.

Excitement is brewing and plans are being finalized as Hawaii’s oldest food festival returns – Thursday, November 4 through Sunday, November 7, 2021. A \$5 Festival admission button is required for events and also gives special rates for ticketed events. Buttons are available for purchase online and at many retail and farm locations throughout the Kona area.

**Festival Accolades**

**Lonely Planet's** Global Coffee Tour book listed the Kona Coffee Cultural Festival as a “world's best coffee experience.” **National Geographic** recently wrote that the “Festival is a Best Fall

Festival in the United States” with the **National Geographic Traveler** listing the Kona Coffee Cultural Festival as a “Best Food Festival in Every U.S. State.” **Country Living Magazine** included this year’s Festival as one of the “Best Fall Festivals and Fairs Across the United States” and earlier as a “Best Fall Festival to Celebrate the Season.”

Visit [www.konacoffeefest.com](http://www.konacoffeefest.com) for event information. Follow the Festival on social media @konacoffeefest

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