

MEDIA RELEASE

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Beer Cheese Book author to sign books at Beer Cheese Festival

(Winchester, KY) Author of *The Beer Cheese Book*, Garin Pirnia, will be on hand to sign her tome dedicated to the spicy cheese spread invented in Clark County at the Beer Cheese Festival in downtown Winchester on June 9. Pirnia will also reprise her role as official Beer Cheese Judge at the festival. The Beer Cheese Festival and Clark County feature heavily in the book published in 2018 by the University of Kentucky Press. Pirnia will sign copies from 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM and from 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM at The Beer Cheese Store located near the Clark County Courthouse. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at The Beer Cheese Store throughout the day. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Beer Cheese Festival presented by Shop Local Kentucky – the only festival in the world dedicated to the celebration of beer cheese.

In *The Beer Cheese Book*, Pirnia traces the history of beer cheese from its beginnings at the Driftwood Inn in Winchester, Kentucky, to today, situating it alongside other dishes such as the German cheese spread *obatzda*, queso dip, and pimento cheese. She surveys the restaurants that serve this distinctive dip, highlights points of interest along the Beer Cheese Trail, the Beer Cheese Festival and includes dozens of recipes, from the classic original to new twists like Pawpaw Beer Cheese, to dishes that incorporate the spread, such as Crab Broccoli, Beer Cheese Casserole, and Beer Cheese Buttermilk Biscuits.

This ode to beer cheese is full of interviews with restauranteurs who serve it, artisans who process it, and even home cooks who enter their special (and secret) recipes in contests. Notable Clark Countians featured in the book include Nancy Turner and Bob Tabor.

A signed copy of the book makes a great Father's Day gift for the beer cheese connoisseur.

Garin Pirnia has written about food and arts culture for more than ten years in various local and national publications, including *Wall Street Journal*, *Rolling Stone*, *Esquire*, *Vanity Fair*, *Cincinnati Enquirer*, and *Paste* magazine.

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