

PUNKAHARJU WILD FOOD CHALLENGE

A Culinary Adventure Competition

Punkaharjun Valtionhotelli hosts Europe's first Local Wild Food Challenge on September 24th 2011.

Have you recently caught fish, shot a rabbit or foraged berries, mushroom or herbs? If you have, and you can make a delicious meal using any of these or other wild ingredients you should definitely enter the Punkaharju Local Wild Food Challenge this autumn.

One of the around the world travelling Local Wild Food Challenges is held in Punkaharju, Finland, this year. These challenges are organised by Kiwi chef Bill Manson, and are designed to showcase the resourcefulness of local people living in communities where wild food is abundant. The Local Wild Food Challenges are community events inspired by the beauty & bounty of some special parts of the world. They are for the people & by the people to promote understanding, appreciation & sustainability of these fantastic resources surrounding us. The deeper one ventures into their environment, the more motivation one has to protect it.

The Challenge: to create the best dish with at least one wild ingredient. We encourage people to pre prepare most of their entry dish. Also provide a short story how the ingredients were sourced. The dish can be cold or warm (barbeques provided by the venue), entrée, main or desert. Judging is designed to keep a level playing field for everyone. Points are given for ingredient, taste, effort and presentation. There are different judging categories with great prizes, for example pro, amateur, wildest dish, best effort, best kids, best forest dish, best lake/ocean dish and many more.

Punkaharju Wild Food Challenge is free to enter for anyone. You can register to enter via email to info@punkaharjunvaltionihotelli.fi or on the 24th of September at the venue before 17.00. The challenge starts at 15.00. Punkaharjun Valtionhotelli offers a Wild Food Buffet (25 euro pp), drinks and music on the day.

Come and enter the challenge, get together, eat, drink, learn and have fun!

More info on
www.localwildfoodchallenge.com and www.punkaharjunvaltionihotelli.fi