

Milaeger's

Tomatomania---Saturday Sept 7!

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Once again it is time for one of our favorite events here at Milaeger's--Tomatomania! True tomato enthusiasts wouldn't want to miss this unique

opportunity to sample well over 100 kinds of tomatoes (hybrids and heirlooms)---all grown by us here at Milaeger's. This is a FREE "blind" taste test, meaning that the samples are labeled with only a number. Keep track of your favorites, and at the end of the tasting we will give you an identification key. You can then vote for your favorites. Your votes are very important; they help us determine which varieties we will grow next year, and which ones we will drop. Think of it as "Tomato Idol"---if it doesn't get enough votes, it won't be back!



"Pepper Heads" (the endearing name for pepper lovers) can enjoy



sampling over 40 kinds of peppers. This is not a blind taste test. All types are fully labeled, because many of them have considerable heat. (Although owing to the cooler temperatures this summer, they will likely not be as hot as normal.) We even have 'Carolina Reaper,'

the world's hottest pepper, as well as the ultra-hot favorite 'Ghost Pepper.'

In addition to the tomato and pepper tastings, we have many tomato based foods for you to try, for which you will need to buy tickets. This year's offerings include Johnsonville brats grilled by Philip and Alex

(featuring a tomato "jam" condiment), nachos supreme, Caprese bruschetta, numerous salsas and guacamoles, petite BLT's (made with our fresh lettuce), and a gourmet soup prepared and served by chefs from Milwaukee's famed Bartollota's restaurants.



To complement all those delightful treats we have an excellent selection of beverages including two types of Bloody Mary's, margaritas, vodka and tonic, eight kinds of wine, craft beers from Esser's,



a local Wisconsin microbrewery, as well as lemonade, soda, and water.



In addition to all the custom prepared foods for you, we have available for purchase tomatoes, peppers, and various "greens." Additionally, as part of our "Greens to Grow" program, we also have young plants of various "greens" that you can take home to plant. This is a great, easy way to add some interesting "greens" to your diet. Some of these will be ready for a light harvest in as little as a week.

Tomatomania is open from 11-3 this coming Saturday. See you there!

Please email me if you have any questions or comments.