



Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association

1403 W. Hines Hill Road, Peninsula, Ohio 44264
Phone: (330) 657-2909 Fax: (330) 657-2328 www.cvnpa.org

For Immediate Release
Friday, May 29, 2009

Contact: Jocelyn Buckey
(330) 657-2909 ext. 106
jbuckey@cvnpa.org

Park Place in Peninsula offers *Picnic in the Park*

Peninsula, Ohio - Join Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association (CVNPA) on Saturday May 30, to welcome local food producers Alex Bevan's Skinny Pickles, Mom's Gourmet spices and sauces, and Abby's Jam for *Picnic in the Park*. Stop by Park Place in Peninsula store from 1 - 3 p.m. to sample some savory selections and learn simple ways to make your picnic in the park delightful and delicious. This event is free and open to the public. Park Place in Peninsula is located at 1593 Main Street in Peninsula and is open Wednesday through Sunday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Alex Bevan's Skinny Pickles started in a kitchen filled with baskets of garden-grown produce waiting to turn into holiday gifts for family and friends. Over the past few years, the recipe for "Bread and Butter" pickles was tweaked and refined. The company's pickle crop production continued to grow and it hired a food scientist to assay and establish the official recipe and production formula. Each jar is full of the highest quality and best tasting pickles around. "This jar is a summer filled with taste, and the taste is a Norman Rockwell painting of someone's Grandma smiling and serving up her best," stated Alex Bevan.

Mom's Gourmet spices and sauces began when "Mom," a.k.a. Patsy Flattery, made her first batch of "Whatsa-majiggie Sauce" at the age of 16. Little did she know that her sauce would be a main staple for her family of four. Patsy's youngest daughter, Sally, grew up and acquired the passion for cooking. What began with Patsy's sauce, evolved into a seasoning and spice partnership. The product line is available at fine specialty and gourmet food stores.

CVNPA is a non-profit organization created to engage public support for the park and provide services to enhance public use and enjoyment of the park. For more information about CVNPA and its membership program, visit www.cvnpa.org or call (330) 657-2909.

CVNP covers 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron, Ohio. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting. For more information visit www.nps.gov/cuva/ or www.dayinthevalley.com or call (216) 524-1497 or (800) 445-9667.

###