

Sweetie-licious™

Sweetie News – Winter 2009



Good Food, Good Deeds Good Lives... by Linda Hundt

Welcome, welcome, welcome to our Sweetie-licious newsletter. Our mission is to celebrate home-life through stories of good food, good deeds, and good lives. Each issue will also present a delicious and simple recipe. I am thrilled to share my treasured library of recipes, stories and traditions with you all! So friends, here is to making our lives meaningful, our homes happy, and our palates joyous! Some Winter thoughts...

As I write this I am gazing out my living room window onto the open cornfield west of our farmhouse. Snow has long ago covered the broken cornstalk remnants and right this minute a beautiful airy snow is gently falling all over it again. It looks magical and quiet – a truly peaceful landscape. I realize many folks look at winter as a nuisance, but I encourage all of us to remember its beauty and its nesting goodness. There is no better time of the year to enjoy family and friends and to renew home-keeping ideals. Both are wonderful past-times for the long winter, giving us plenty of time to rekindle relationships and overhaul broom closets. For recreation, why not invite the gang over for a delicious pot of chili on a lazy Sunday afternoon; or enjoy a slow Saturday afternoon stroll down the halls of a wonderful historical museum? Knitting? Movie Marathon? You see there is much to do inside during the winter that we neglect to do in the other seasons when the weather is more pleasing.

So let us enjoy the restful winter season as we cozy up to a good book in front of a warm fireplace while enjoying a delicious plate of warm cookies!

I have found through the years that seasons dictate people's palates more than they realize. For instance, my customers cannot get enough apples and pumpkin in the autumn nor enough cinnamon and molasses

in the winter. I am enclosing the recipe for a winter cookie favorite at the shop – the classic snickerdoodle. Enjoy doing any of the above mentioned winter pastimes and try and tell me that you hate winter. ☺

Eat pie, love life... Linda



*If Winter comes,
can Spring be far behind?
-- Shelly, Ode to the West Wind*

Yummy Snickerdoodles



1 1/2 cups of flour
1 tsp. of ground cinnamon
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1/4 cup of shortening
1/4 cup butter -softened
1/3 cup sugar
1/3 cup brown sugar
1 beaten egg
1/2 tsp. vanilla

2 Tbsp. sugar
1/2 tsp. cinnamon

Mix flour, baking soda, cinnamon in separate bowl.
Combine sugars, butter, shortening till combined.
Add egg & vanilla. Stir in flour mixture until mixed.

Grease cookie sheets. Stir together the 2 Tbsp. sugar and cinnamon. Shape into desired size and roll each ball into cinnamon. Place on cookie sheets 2 inches apart. Bake in a 375 oven for 6 to 8 minutes or until edges are golden brown.



Memorable Moments

What a memorable winter this is destined to be. We are set to experience record snowfall, frigid temperatures, a scary national economic recession, our first African American President...and a few new cookie creations at Sweetie-licious...some of these events will most likely be more memorable than others...☺

Speaking of memorable moments - Happy 200th Birthday anniversary to Abraham Lincoln! We share the same birthday and I have always loved him dearly. I have enjoyed reading about his life throughout the years as he is truly a man of greatness in spirit, moral courage, loyalty and love for fellow man. He is indeed a man that provided a life legacy for us all to emulate.

I am starting to strategize for the National Pie Championships coming up in April - Hope to bring more First Places home to you all!!!! More later...



I have faith in the people...
-- Abraham Lincoln

Comments from Customers...

We are pleased to share some special comments that our customers have shared with us

"As a first-timer at this charming shop I can already say that I feel at home. The food is delicious and the staff wonderful. My face has been brightened with a smile and my heart warmed by sweet pies. What a restaurant what a home!"

"We happened upon this special place by accident - or should I say serendipity - a few weeks ago on our way up north. We couldn't get the memory of the pie (and especially the crust) out of our mind so... on a trip from Holland to Plymouth MI we had to come by again. Then, we realized that we had read about Linda in Faith Magazine. Just one more divinely inspired opportunity to enjoy the many good things in life!"

"We were so lucky to have gotten lost on our way to 127 from the airport because we found Sweetie Pies! How lucky for sure- we even got to meet Sweet Linda - you are a true blessing!"

*Love is the beginning, the middle,
and the end of everything*
-- Lacordaire



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