

Sweetie-licious

Bakery Café

Good Food, Good Deeds, Good Lives!

Welcome to our SUMMER 2013 Sweetie-licious newsletter. 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!

No season is quite like summer, as there seems to be a contagious feeling of summer freedom in the air! I think it takes us back to being a kid on summer vacation, where every day was whatever we wanted it to be; we rode bikes, played ball, ran through sprinklers, drank pitchers of Kool-Aid, and simply played all day long. I believe that summer brings out the childlike magic in our hearts and ignites our playful, energetic souls. What a lovely spell summer brings! So get out the fishing poles, water slides, and the barbeque and let's indulge in the magic summer ahead!

While growing up, barbequing was always a magical treat for our family on lazy summer Saturday nights. Daddy would fire up the charcoal grill on the back patio, while all five of us kids watched nervously as flames surged from the old kettle. My twin sister and I would help Mom make the onion burgers with the Tupperware burger mold, which was fun, as long as we made no contact with the hamburger meat! The menu remained steadfast through the years; hamburgers, potato chips, Mommy's homemade dip, potato salad, and a juicy



watermelon that Daddy always sliced at the end of the picnic table.

Dessert was always my favorite part of the Saturday night barbeque, and I was seldom disappointed. Mommy often had homemade fruit pie or cobbler with ice cream or a frosted chocolate or pineapple cake. After dinner, with contented bellies, we all sat around eating dessert, listening to Daddy tell stories of his youth, while the faint sound of Tiger baseball set the serene, Saturday summer mood. Let's remember to stage our next relaxing barbeque to the classic standards of simple foods, dear friends and family, and lovely music and conversation! Timeless delicious memories!

Eat Pie and Love Life ~ Linda

*"There shall be eternal summer
in the grateful heart
- Celia Thaxter*

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Simply Wonderful Summer Relish

The perfect topper for burgers, hot dogs, or brats. This easy-to-make relish doesn't need cooking... and you get that wonderful, out-of-the-garden cucumber flavor.

3 medium cucumbers
¼ C. red onion, minced
3 Roma tomatoes
½ tsp. pepper
1 ½ tsp. salt
¼ C. cider vinegar
2 tsp. fresh thyme, minced
½ tsp. dill seed
½ tsp. celery seed

(Optional add-ons – dash of red pepper flakes, ¼ C. fresh basil, minced)

Seed tomatoes and cucumbers and chop finely. Drain off extra liquid. Add remaining ingredients and mix well. Place in a covered container and chill in the refrigerator for several days to let the flavors blend.

News from the Shop...

Cookbook Update – Linda has completed her cookbook and now it's up to the great folks at Skirt Press to finish it up and make it lovely looking! It is scheduled to be published in September. If you want to see what it looks like stop by the shop for a preview!

Grand Rapids Market Update – Construction of the indoor portion of the market continues. We are so excited about being part of this great new facility in downtown Grand Rapids! The indoor market is expected to open around Labor Day.

Hey Doll Magazine – Linda and Sweetie-licious were featured in the June issue of Hey Doll (available online)

"Where is Your Pie" Photos – Don't forget to take one of our pink pie boxes with you on vacation and take a photo of you and your family. Then send a copy to webmaster@sweetie-licious.com so we can add it to our Facebook photo album!

"Always did enjoy the summer, nature then is at her best; things you don't find on vacation, home and peace, contentment, rest" – Rachel Van Creme

About Linda Hundt ...

Linda resides in a century-old farmhouse with her sweet husband and two lovely daughters, when back from college. She is the owner of Sweetie-licious Bakery Cafe in DeWitt MI. Linda was the "Crisco Innovation" Grand Prize winner in 2011 and won Best-in-Show in 2009...she has won 16 first places at the National Pie Championships since 2007 and has appeared in many national magazines.

Linda has appeared on the Food Network and on the Today Show with Willard Scott. Linda is the co-founder of the DeWitt Farmers Market, a member of the MSU ENet board, and recipient of 2009 Athena Power-Link award. She also writes a seasonal baking column for Michigan Home and Lifestyle magazine.



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