

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

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

Eat Pie, Love Life... L. H.



Giving Thanks ...

I recently ran across this powerful speech giving by Abraham Lincoln and thought we all should be reminded of how this very special holiday came about... "This year that is drawing toward its close has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have added, which are of so extraordinary of nature that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God. In the midst of a civil war of unequaled magnitude and severity... peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has been preserved everywhere except in the theatre of military conflict...

No mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the most high God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy.

It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently, and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American people. I do, therefore, invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens."

Abraham Lincoln – Oct. 3, 1863

Our beloved President Lincoln's speech given some 140 years ago brings as much solace today as it did a century ago. Let us be thankful.



Delícious Cranberry Sauce



If you have never made fresh cranberry sauce for your Thanksgiving table, please give this easy recipe a try. I promise, you will never eat the canned stuff again! The great thing about this sauce is that you can make it all winter long to accompany a chicken dinner or spread on a turkey sandwich. The lime zest gives it a yummy lift. Enjoy!

4 cups of fresh cranberries Zest of one large orange Zest of one lime 2 cups of sugar 1 cup of water

Combine all the ingredients in a pot over low heat and cover. Cook for about 15 minutes or until the cranberries burst, stirring occasionally. Serve warm or cold.



Our Shop at Christmas Time

Have fun and experience our "Christmas Wonderland" chock full of vintage Christmas Santas and delightful decorations. They will take you back in time when the world was a simpler place. You'll love it!



Comments From Our Customers

In each issue we'll feature one of the best stories or comments that our customers have shared with us. This month's comment is especially appropriate now that it's getting dark earlier and staying dark so much later each morning...

My seventeen year old son drives through downtown DeWitt just before 7 am. The town is completely dark. But when he sees the lights on in 'Sweetie Pies' he feels like "all's right with the world".

Our Píes...



Our pies are special because they are completely homemade, exactly how you would make them at home; moreover, exactly how your sweet grandmother or aunt made them so many years ago. We make every filling from scratch, even peeling our own fresh apples! I thoughtfully make each crust and our talented women here at Sweeties hand-roll every one. All of our ingredients are the very best, from Michigan apples and cherries, to real vanilla bean and butter. We take no shortcuts - it's truly a labor of love! We love making pies and making sure that every customer has the best pie they can buy. There is no better feeling for us on Thanksgiving Day knowing that all of our customers are enjoying our pies, made with so much love and care. Thank you!

More about Linda Hundt



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