

## Our Summer 2015 Newsletter

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Do you remember summer Sunday drives? While growing up, I remember them in the late, warm afternoons best, usually after a backyard cookout, when tummies were filled with hot dogs and watermelon! Everyone and everything was at a slower pace in the summer back then; from the moment we all sluggishly got up in the morning for church, until the last firefly was captured in our mason jars at dusk.

So, when a late Sunday afternoon would slowly come to be, my parents would pile us all in the family station wagon, and go on a Sunday drive. My mother would pack a snack - cheese and crackers, sliced apples or banana bread, wrap them in a paper napkin and hand the treats out to each child during the ride. My daddy was in the driver seat, with the window down and his strong arm resting on the car door, as confident as a train engineer taking his passengers across the country. The Detroit Tiger baseball game was the background ambience, as the wind tossed our hair to and fro. We always traveled through picturesque country roads of farms and fields where my father would point to barns, farm animals, crops and tree groves, conducting living history lessons of most everything we passed. Teaching my brothers, sister and me, that everything and everyone has a back story of relevance, from the Jersey cows in a barnyard, to the sugar maples on a property line.

Nowadays, most summer Sundays are packed with sport practices and a to-do list a mile long. I urge us all to slow down our pace, and plan nothing on Sundays and let the day organically evolve. Maybe you have an easy family/friend picnic, or a leisurely Sunday drive, but most importantly, you must end your lazy summer evening with a delicious slice of Michigan fruit pie surrounded by the ones you love! Happy Summer to you all!





"Every summer has a story." -Anonymous

Enjoy the fruits of the summer season! Bake a delicious fresh pie using a recipe from Sweetie-licious Pies: Eat Pie, Love Life!



Linda shares 52 recipes of her signature creations and the stories that inspired each one. Honored as a 2014 Michigan Notable Book, this beautiful hardcover edition is loaded with colorful vintage style photos taken at Linda's farmhouse and shop, and step-by-step instructions on how to recreate these award-winning desserts at home.

To get your copy, go to: www.sweetie-licious.com or stop by one of our three locations.

For more recipes and seasonal ideas, check out our Sunday Dinners post, at www.sweetie-licious.com.

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# Sweetie-licious Blueberry Buttermilk Muffins

Fresh Michigan blueberries make these perfect for breakfast, picnics and Sunday drives!

2 1/2 c. all-purpose flour
2 3/4 tsp. baking powder
1 c. sugar
1/4 tsp. salt
1 c. buttermilk
2 eggs, beaten
1/2 c. butter, melted and slightly browned
2 c. fresh blueberries, rinsed and drained zest of a lemon

Grease 12 muffin cups (or use paper liners). In a large bowl, mix together the dry ingredients. Make a well in the center, and add the buttermilk, eggs, zest and butter. Mix well. Fold in blueberries. Pour into the prepared muffin cups and sprinkle with raw sugar. Bake at 400 for 20 minutes.

# Sweetie News...

*Summertime, And The Livin' Is Easy at Sweetie-licious:* Planning to visit us this summer at one of our three Michigan Sweetie-licious locations? Check out our summer hours:

#### DeWitt:

Monday-Friday 6:30 am - 6 pm, Saturday 8 am - 3 pm, Closed Sunday Grand Rapids Downtown Market:

Monday-Saturday 9 am - 7 pm, Sunday 10 am - 7pm

*East Grand Rapids, Gaslight Village:* Monday-Saturday 8 am - 7 pm, Sunday 10 am - 5 pm

**Farm Fresh Goodies!:** Please stop by any of the Farmers Markets below to say hello to our gang and pick up fresh Sweetie-licious pies, cookies, muffins and scones. (Note: day and times indicate when our Sweetie-licious booth will be open; check each market for additional hours)

*Meridian Township Farmers Market (Okemos):* May 2 - October 28; Saturdays 8 am - 2 pm

*East Lansing Farmers Market:* June 14 - October 25; Every other Sunday from 10 am - 2 pm beginning June 14.

Northville Farmers Market: June 25 - October 29; Thursdays 8 am - 3 pm

Holland Farmers Market: Wednesdays 8 am - 2 pm

*Farmers Markets at the Capitol (Lansing):* July 30, August 27, September 24; 10 am - 3 pm

**Feeling Blue!:** A long time fan, Linda is thrilled to be featured in the current issue of **Blue Magazine** in their annual bonus "*Cottages*" edition. Currently on newsstands, this Michigan lakestyle magazine includes excerpts from her cookbook "*Sweetie-licious Pies: Eat Pie, Love Life*" and recipes for several of her delicious summer pies including Lenora's Tomato Bacon Custard Pie and The Farmette's Blueberry Basil Cream Pie.

**Sweet Summertime with Williams-Sonoma!:** Summer pies are now available at www.williams-sonoma.com! Until September, national Sweetie fans will be able to enjoy eight delicious pies including Aunt Ella's Cherry Berry Berry, Grandma Rosella's Fresh Blueberry Raspberry, Mrs. Pricco's Fresh Strawberry Rhubarb and Lacey's Peach Raspberry. And stand by while we put the finishing touches on a new collection of Holiday pies coming out this fall! We'd like to give a big thank you to all our Sweetie fans around the country... we are overjoyed Williams-Sonoma is ordering more than twice the amount of pies to keep up with the demand.

### About Linda Hundt...

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Ever since she got her first turquoise Easy Bake Oven, Linda Hundt has known that baking delicious memories for others was her mission in life. Now a nineteen-time national pie-baking champion and retro-inspired bakery owner, she has been featured on the **Food Network**, the **Steve Harvey** show and other television programs, as well as in newspapers and magazines throughout the country, including **The Wall Street Journal**, **The New York Times**, **Parade and Country Living**. She and Sweetie-licious Bakery Cafe have won numerous baking, restaurant and business awards, including the 2011 Crisco 100-Year-Anniversary Innovation Best of Show winner and the Food Network Amazing Pie Challenge. Her cookbook, **Sweetie-licious Pies: Eat Pie, Love Life**, was named as one of 2014 Michigan Notable Books. Linda is thrilled Sweetie-licious is the exclusive pie provider for Williams-Sonoma, Inc, and her pies are available nationwide through the Williams-Sonoma website and catalog. Linda, who resides in a century-old farmhouse with her husband and has two lovely grown daughters, is a sought-after keynote speaker who focuses on entrepreneurism, inspiration and pie baking.





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