

# Sweetie-licious™

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## Good Food, Good Deeds, Good Lives!

Welcome to our Mother's Day 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!

*"All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother" - Abraham Lincoln*

I remember several years ago, while tucking my sweet girls in one evening, them telling me that one of their favorite words was "Mommy". I remember smiling bigger than I have ever smiled while squeezing their little faces tight. I have never felt more accomplished.

I remember, as a child, sitting on my mother's lap, pushing her face towards me so I could stare at her loving smile as she read to me. It still warms my heart.

Mothers fill our hearts with an unconditional love and sanctuary that can never be duplicated. I often think of the centuries of soldiers dying on battlefields; calling out to their dear mothers for some last measure of peace in their dying last breaths.



For at the end of the day, as beaten and as melancholy as you may be, your heart is lightened knowing, that at the very least, your mother loves you.

Mothers are human beings after all, and flawed like all people. I do believe it is a good thing; however, to put mothers on a well-deserved pedestal for their steadfast, deep devotion for their children. For a mother's love is our first concrete base of unconditional love, as God gifted a mother's love like his eternal love for us. It is indeed, like no other.

Whether your mother is alive here on earth or alive in your heart, let's celebrate and cherish our mothers, all mothers, always.

*Eat Pie, Love Life · Linda*

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## Sweet Spring Strawberry Bread

**This bread is the perfect thing to make for your mother or to share with neighbors.**

1 C. crushed strawberries (or ½ C. rhubarb & ½ C. strawberries)  
1 C. sugar  
1 egg  
½ C. vegetable oil  
1 tsp. orange zest  
1 C. flour  
½ tsp. baking soda  
¼ tsp. baking powder  
½ tsp. cinnamon  
½ tsp. salt  
½ tsp. vanilla  
½ C. Quick oats

Beat eggs and sugar, add oil and orange zest. Mix together dry ingredients and add uncooked Quick Oats. Fold in crushed berries and mix gently but well. Pour into a greased and floured 4x9 loaf pan.

Bake at 350 degrees for about one hour (or until a toothpick

## News from the Shop...

Friends - It just wasn't our year at the National Pie Championships. We are disappointed, of course, but more than grateful to all of you for supporting us and loving our pies like you do. It is very hard to win every year...but sixteen first place ribbons and two Best-in- Show awards on our walls is something we are very proud of! So we are moving on to tomorrow with grateful hearts, as we have lots of exciting national things going on that we will share with you soon.

We have two lovely new employees, Tina Gaugier and Katie Truman, joining our wonderful staff.

Linda is honored to be the keynote speaker at Father Mac Dinner in May. Her inspirational story is always one of her favorites to share with folks.

We are now on Pinterest! We've created 7 different boards full of pictures, ideas, and pie stories. To find them go to our website's homepage and click on the Pinterest logo in the top left corner of the page Happy pinning!!

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*A mother is a person who seeing there are only four pieces of pie for five people, promptly announces she never did care for pie. – J. Jordan*

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### 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.

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, Board Member of the CMU Entrepreneurial School, a member of the MSU ENet board, and recipient of 2009 Athena Power-Link award.



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