

# Sweetie-licious™

Sweetie-licious Bakery Cafe News • Spring 2012

## Good Food, Good Deeds, Good Lives!

Welcome to our spring 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!

Oh, spring and the hope, freshness and anticipation it brings. As a girl, I remember my mom's excitement at getting out her collection of flower and seed catalogs come the first sign of spring. She would carefully spread them out on the dining room table and pore over them some Saturday afternoon. Flowers were her favorite, especially her iris garden. Like a skilled architect, she drew "blueprints" of old and new flowerbeds that would pepper our little yard, making sure to leave space for daddy's tomato garden.

To this day, the thrill of spring always includes fond memories of mommy and daddy puttering in their gardens. I can still see daddy messing with his tangled tomato plants next to the garage and watering his geraniums and marigolds that he patiently planted throughout the yard. While mommy's prize-winning iris bed was meticulously groomed for her tall lavender beauties and her specialty blooms, as was her cosmos garden next to daddy's tomatoes. I remember them both lovingly fidgeting in their gardens on summer evenings while daddy's old red radio in



the garage played classic big band tunes in the background.

I am sure their examples rubbed off on me, as I have cosmos planted next to my own garage, and daddy's red geraniums in all of my flower boxes! I also love planning my gardens, just as mother did – from herbs to zinnias to vegetables. My husband and I enjoy tinkering in our own gardens just as my parents did, not so long ago.

There is just something about the yearly ritual of planning, planting, and caring for gardens that reap love, hope, and rebirth to all. For gardening and baking are very similar – whether you plant the seed or make the pie, everyone delights in the outcome.

Eat pie and bloom this year

*Eat Pie, Love Life • Linda*

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## Grandma Ferrell's Lemon Custard Cake

**A tasty spring & Easter classic!!**

**1 homemade or prepared angel  
food cake (10")**

**1 3.4 oz. pack of Jello instant  
lemon pudding**

**1 ½ C. cold milk**

**1 C. sour cream**

**1 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice**

**1 Tbsp. grated lemon zest**

**1 8 oz. tub of whipped topping,  
thawed.**

**Tear the angel food cake into  
bite-size pieces. Place in a 13x9  
inch pan. In a mixing bowl,  
combine the pudding mix, milk,  
sour cream, lemon juice, and  
zest. Beat until thickened, about  
two minutes. Spread over cake  
making sure pudding mixture  
is spread down and around all  
pieces of cake. Carefully spoon  
whipped topping on top. Chill  
at least four hours or overnight.  
Garnish with fresh strawberries,  
raspberries, or blueberries.**

## News from the Shop...

We are hard at work in our test kitchen trying out all kinds of yummy new pie creations to take down to the National Pie Championships in just a few weeks. We are hoping to bring back another blue ribbon for all our wonderful customers!

Great news! Linda now has a literary agent who is working hard to find a publisher for Linda's cookbook. Watch Facebook for more updates!

On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Linda will be the keynote speaker at the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary Girl Scout event at the State of Michigan Museum. As a former Girl Scout Linda is very excited to contribute to this lovely event.

Employee of the Month - Gail Junion-Metz came to Sweetie-licious over five years ago and has shared her great talents with us ever since. She acts as our house techie, master of our website, and newsletter editor. She's also the master roller of pie crust and a fabulous teacher. Truly, Gail is a sweet friend. We are lucky to have her as part of our Sweetie family.

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*Easter spells out beauty  
- the rare beauty of new life.  
S.D. Gordon*

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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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