

Sweetie-licious

Good Food, Good Deeds, Good Lives!

Our HOLIDAYS 2013 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!

I love this season for all that it is intended to celebrate - The birth of Jesus, faith, hope and love; all magically enveloped in lovely music, wrapped gifts, family traditions and of course, the wonderment of Santa!

Clearly, the commercialism can steer us away from the purpose of Christmas, but I believe it is up to each of us in making it true and meaningful for everyone around us; and hence, ourselves!

One way to get in the Christmas Spirit is to watch the classic movie [A Christmas Carol](#) as I think it does an excellent job of reminding us of our own greater purpose, which is especially relevant during this time of year. It also reminds us of the importance of family and friends in our lives, and truly spreading love to others.

I believe baking with, and for our families, friends, and the less fortunate is another sure way to bring on the holiday spirit! There is nothing more lovely than baking Christmas cookies with family while Nat's singing carols in the background and snow



is softly falling outside. Sigh... such wonderful homemade memories being made!

I hope all of you savor this holiday season, and are comforted in Christmas love!

Eat Pie and Love Life " Linda

"What is Christmas? It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future. It is a fervent wish that every cup may overflow with blessings rich and eternal, and that every path may lead to peace." -- Agnes M. Pahro

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Holiday Punch

This is festive and delicious, and so beautiful with the ice ring! Everyone loves it!

Punch

1 liter Canada Dry Cranberry soda pop - chilled
1 liter Squirt or grapefruit soda pop - chilled
1/2 C. orange juice

Ice ring

Arrange fresh cranberries and orange and lemon slices evenly around a ring mold.
Pour Squirt into the mold.
Freeze completely before adding to the punch.

Pour all punch ingredients (including remaining Squirt) into a punch bowl. Add the ice ring.

For "spirited" punch - add a bottle of your favorite champagne!

News from the Shop...

Cookbook Update – Our cookbook, "Sweetie-licious Pies" was featured in the Nov/Dec issue of Midwest Living magazine as the cookbook gift to buy this season! Yippee!

Food & Wine Magazine – We are bursting with pride here at the cutest little pie shop in the whole wide world! Laura's Sticky Toffee Pudding Caramel Apple Pie was voted by Food & Wine magazine as one of the BEST apple pies in the country! So proud!

Grand Rapids Downtown Market – It's the holidays at the Downtown Market. If you haven't visited it yet, this is the season to do so! There are wonderful vendors that have lots of options for special holiday gifts. While you are there, be sure to stop by for some pie, cookies, or other delicious holiday "Sweetie" treats!

*"May you have the gladness
of Christmas which is hope,
the spirit of Christmas which is
peace; the heart of Christmas
which is love."
-- Ada V. Hendricks*

About Linda Hundt ...

Linda resides in a century-old farmhouse with her sweet husband and has two lovely grown daughters. 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 and recipient of 2009 Athena Power-Link award. She also writes a seasonal baking column for Michigan Home and Lifestyle magazine and is the author of Sweetie-licious Pies.



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