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This is the season that we all have been looking forward to, the Holiday Season. Lots of family STUFF. Although Thanksgiving and Christmas are two of the biggest family holidays, with lots of potential joy and fellowship. They also bring a lot of stress.

Many things can cause the stress, among them are the major congestion of shopping at the malls and big box stores. Many are skipping the hassle of shopping at the malls and big box stores by shopping online. But where

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Tell Your Shopkeepers You Saw Them In The Country Register!

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# Advertisers’ Event Calendar

The following special events are being held by our advertisers for your enjoyment. If you are out cruis'n the shops, stop at one, or more of these special events. To locate a shop, find the shop name in the “Shops by Shop Name” listing below the map on the inside back page of the paper. Then use the page number in the Shop’s listing to locate the shop’s ad, where you will find its location and more information. Enjoy the events!

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Three Kings Bread

Our grandchildren love to dress up as Nativity characters any month of the year. Often the glitzy royal robes appeal to them more than the shepherds’ drab garb. They drape themselves with glittery fabrics, don shiny crowns, and become Magi—the wise men from the East. I think being “wise guys” and bearing gifts from afar is something that appeals to them.

So, in the spirit of children and the Magi who followed the star, let’s celebrate the season with a Three Kings Tea.

Ingredients:
- 1 package candied fruitcake mix or pineapple
- ¼ cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons melted butter
- beaten eggs

Directions:
1. On a greased cookie sheet, form the yeast-rolled dough into a ring. Moisten the ends to make them stick together.
2. Press candied fruit into the top of the ring.
3. Let rise according to package directions.
4. Before baking, brush top with beaten eggs.
5. After baking, brush top with butter and sprinkle with sugar.
6. Return bread to the oven for 5 minutes.
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Royal Guests

This tea would be fun for children, adults, or families. Pick a date, make your guest list, and get ready for a festive tea time. If December seems too busy, host the tea on January 6, which is known as Epiphany and is linked with the wise men visiting the Christ child.

Royal Decorations

In December, your home is probably already decorated for Christmas. Nativity sets with wise men may sit in prominent places, and gold garlands, twinkling lights, and colorful balls may adorn your home or Christmas tree. All that’s left to decorate is the table for the tea party.

Purple and gold plus gilt and glitter remind me of kings. For a royal touch, consider gold-lame fabric, golden candleholders with scented candles, and cloth napkins in gold napkin rings. A glass bowl or brandy snifter filled with silver and gold Christmas balls would also look festive. If you have them, add crowns and stars to represent the Magi and the Star of the East.

Festive Foods

Select one or more holiday recipes you love to serve. If sugar-cookie cutouts are your favorite, cut them into stars, crowns, or wise men. And if children are invited, they could frost and decorate their cookies. For gold-topped cookies, sprinkle them with edible gold glitter or luster dust. (You can find these at candy or cake-decorating stores.)

If you serve cake, top it with a crown cut from a gold or silver doily, and adorn it with candies that look like jewels. For a royal glow, add three candles—one for each wise man’s gift. My neighbor often tops frosted angel food cake with whipped cream and decorates it with crushed candy canes. A mint or chocolate tea goes well with this cake.

I recently discovered a recipe for Three Kings Bread, which seems perfect for this tea. This sweet, eggy Mexican Christmas bread reminds me of my mother’s tea ring. Made with yeast dough and candied fruit, it’s formed into a ring and resembles a crown with jewels.

Every tea party needs a pot of tea. My favorite for the holidays is Three Wishes, a blend of black teas with pomegranate, vanilla, calendula, and rose petals. (You can order it here: http://teatimegarden.com.) But choose your favorites, and enjoy a decaffeinated blend for those who prefer one. For a merry sound, tie jingle bells onto your teapot’s handle.

Festive Favors and Extras

Play joyful Christmas carols for background music or sing carols together. Be sure to include “We Three Kings,” “The First Noel,” and others about the royal visitors. Also, someone could read the story of the Magi from Matthew chapter 2, or children or adults could act out the story.

Since the wise men brought gifts of frankincense, myrrh, and gold, you could ask guests to bring a wrapped gift to exchange or donate to a charity. Or buy inexpensive favors for guests to take home. Something spicy like frankincense or shiny like gold would be nice. However, the real gift of the party will be the treasured memories you make with family and friends.

To the season to plan a Three Kings Tea. Won’t you join me?

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Easy Oven Stew

Combine all ingredients. Cook on low in crock pot for 4-8 hours. You can also simmer on the stovetop until done, or bake at 350 degrees in a covered casserole for about 2 hours or until done.

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2 lbs. stew meat
8-10 carrots
8-10 potatoes
1 large onion
1 can tomato soup
1 can cream of mush soup
1½ cans of water
Salt and pepper, to taste

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Winter is upon us, the days are cold & crisp & we look forward to the glow of the fireplace, cozy winter nights, old fashioned Christmas trees & scented candles.
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29th Annual Christmas Sale
December 6, 7, & 8

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Tue-Sat 10-5, Sun 12-5, 401-658-2737
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Please join us for a sampling of the Holidays at The Tole Booth Treasures for the Home, from the Heart
Come Celebrate the Season at our 12th Annual Open House Sat. Nov. 2, 10am-5pm
Sun. Nov. 3, 12pm-5pm
Enjoy refreshments as you shop for all your gift giving and decorating needs!

Prints
Angels
Snowmen
Ornaments
Gift Certificates
Christmas Linens
Candles & Rosehips
Trees, Wreaths & Garlands
Complimentary Gift Bag Wrap!
& so Much More!

Don’t Forget to Enter our Raffle
We will be closed Oct 28—Nov. 1
The Elves will be busy transforming the Shop into a Winter Wonderland!

Holiday Hours:
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closing at 2pm Christmas Eve, Closed Dec 23-26
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Wishing You a Blessed Holiday Season!
Quilts That Redeem
Bittersweet Farewell

Next We Met
When next we met, Miss J joined her working on that particular top. She commented through the evening how she liked the colors and the way the top was shaping up. Earlier, it had become known that Miss J and her husband were putting their house on the market and they would be moving when it sold. Sadly, we processed that news. Various factors made the move a good - and right - thing for them. While we tried to process news of this change and to be happy for them, we also threatened to have a quilt retreat at her new house ... ready or not!!!

 Exact Quilt
Little did she realize that night; she in advertently gave us (not just an idea of the kind of quilt to give her) but the exact quilt to give her. Ironically, she had actually had a part in making it for herself! She didn’t see our grins while she had her head down and sewing. When their house sold and it was Miss J’s last night working with us, the memory of giving that particular quilt to her is an especially sweet chuckle for all of us. The reveal was, indeed, a bittersweet farewell.

I have the picture of her wrapped head to toe with a big grin on her face and wearing her purple grape quilt that night, both in my camera and my memory. Since leaving, she has let me know she has already used the beautiful quilt “we” made and gave her and it’s her remembrance of the time spent with us. Hence, her special redemming quilt from friends.

Our Threat
"However, Miss J! As I write, consider this a warning (I’m smiling). There just might come a day when we Sew Promise’s ladies make good on our threat to come to your house for a quilt retreat! Watch out for an out-of-state white van when it pulls up to your door - all kinds of ways to make your house ready to do some piecing and quilting. No doubt, with lots of Hum...s."

Fond Memories
As girlfriends working together over the years, we remember those times fondly. There were times of learning new techniques and new vocabulary words; not the least of which were words like “wonky” and “cattywhompus.” Giggles always erupted followed by efforts to more seriously FOCUS on what things should be according to measurements versus what they actually were. Add “hum...” to the list of vocabulary words since there were many of those throughout the nights. One of those usually brought about a meeting of the minds. Those were the times I would remember something my Grandma used to say, “Two heads are better than one, even if one is a cabbage head!” As the fearless leader, I easily identified as the cabbage head! Since no Quilt Police were ever allowed in the door, we usually ended up ok.

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Hark the herald angels sing,
Glory to the new-born king.
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!

Charles Wesley
One of my favorite things to do while traveling is to scout out good local cafes and new eating experiences.

This summer gave me ample opportunity as I put many miles on the Mini traveling from Phoenix to Walla Walla, to Minnesota and back to Walla Walla and then it was almost time to Walla, to Minnesota and back to Walla Walla.

Walla and then it was almost time to attend the local high school all class reunion with my youngest sister and two cousins.

The Garage

If you ever travel through Roseman, Montana you will find great food at The Garage on a corner in the downtown of this beautiful mountain college town. Lexi had eaten there before, laugh, hey, and we managed to have dinner there while headed east and lunch on our return trip almost three weeks later. Their menus are held together with two license plates and the food outstanding.

We headed to Medora, ND in the Bad Lands the next day. Having heard about the annual musical in Medora for years, it had on my bucket list. The musical was well worth the effort in spite of sitting outdoors in upper 40-degree weather for three hours. It had been 102 degrees the day before we left Walla Walla.

After a few days at the Swenson Farm I said goodbye to Lexi and her two brothers who have spent a couple years farming there and headed to a friend’s cabin on Ottertail Lake.

Get refreshments at Betty’s Cafe, a long time favorite stop of the lake town. The restaurant that day was decorated to the hilt on two floors and in every nook and cranny. There were other delightful vintage and antique shops and an awesome clothing store with top brands. Little did we know we were within a half a block from a well-known quilt store, Bay Window Quilt Shop. If I was a quilter I would have discovered that for sure since they are well known amongst the many other quilt stores around. The maple nut ice cream cone in mid-afternoon just hit the spot and came from a lovely shop that also carried many different house top quality teas. There were many more shops in Perham to discover and I hope to get back there another time.

Our day in Battlelake, MN included a delicious wrap filled with fresh vegetables, turkey and a very tasty tangy light dressing. The restaurant that day was Gwendolyn’s which is in a three story Victorian house and included a lovely gift and floral shop. Art of the Lakes gallery was having a special showing and it was most interesting. Another stop was at One Fine Day, a gift shop in another Victorian house that my grandparents once lived in. So, when I visit Battle Lake, it’s always special to roam through that house that I used to visit nearly 70 years ago.

I hope you have enjoyed going on this little trip with me and you are inspired to bake an oatmeal pie or plan a nostalgic trip of your own.

Oatmeal Pie

Ingredients:

- 2 eggs (extra large)
- 3/4 cup(s) granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup(s) dark corn syrup
- 2 tablespoon(s) (1/2 stick) butter, melted
- 1 teaspoon(s) vanilla
- 1/2 cup(s) shredded coconut
- 2 Tablespoon(s) all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup(s) old fashioned, uncooked oatmeal
- Ice cream or whipped cream (opt.)

Preparation

Heat oven to 350°F. In large bowl, beat eggs until foamy. Gradually add sugar, molasses, flour, oatmeal, coconut and mix well. Add combined ingredients, mix well. Pour into prepared pie shell. Bake 40 to 45 minutes or until center is set. [Center should be firm when touched lightly with finger.] Cool completely on wire rack. Serve with ice cream, if desired. Store tightly covered in refrigerator.

Place in the Country

In Perham, MN, where we spent five days having lunch and shopping, we ate at Place in the Country & The Gathering Grounds Coffee Shoppe. The quiche was the best ever and served with cold peach soup and a slice of wheat bread containing cranberries and wild rice. This very vintage eating place and gift shop was decorated to the hilt on two floors and in every nook and cranny. There were other delightful vintage and antique shops and an awesome clothing store with top brands. Little did we know we were within a half a block from a well-known quilt store, Bay Window Quilt Shop. If I was a quilter I would have discovered that for sure since they are well known amongst the many other quilt stores around. The maple nut ice cream cone in mid-afternoon just hit the spot and came from a lovely shop that also carried many different house top quality teas. There were many more shops in Perham to discover and I hope to get back there another time.

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Burning Jar Candles

Reminiscent of a simpler time, the soft glow from a burning jar candle is the perfect accent for any décor, any time of the year.

How fortunate we are to have so many wonderful scents available today! Here are some simple steps to better burning:

1. During the first burn of a new jar candle, the wick should remain long enough for the wax to "pool" completely across the entire top. If the candle is not allowed to burn long enough, it will "tunnel" in the center and not burn evenly.

2. Never blow out the flame; use a snuffer or a wick dipper. These are available in most shops that sell candles.

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Quilting with Barbara

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So to recap: roomy, comfortable space, plus excellent food, plus a knowledgeable vendor, plus 35 friendly quilters and a chance to see their work, plus four days to quilt without interruption, equals relaxation and enjoyment far removed from the chaos of December. When you’re at your busiest during the next couple of months, think about attending a retreat and feel yourself relax. Check a copy of Country Register or any current quilting magazine to find one, and perhaps the participation will lessen your stress!!

P.S. I’ve already signed up for next year.

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Holiday Word Scramble
Unscramble the words. Key is below.

1. leves a diminutive being in folklore given to mischief
2. nrecad Second of Santa’s eight reindeer
3. gogegn a drink made from a mixture of beaten eggs, cream, and flavorings
4. icseilc a hanging, tapering piece of ice formed by the freezing of dripping water
5. wfoanksel a feathery ice crystal, typically displaying delicate sixfold symmetry
6. yuletide of or pertaining to the Christmas season
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I have enough for the duration.

Granted he was an octogenarian when he said these words, but he fully treasured his life. Uncle Henry had survived tuberculosis as a young man, living at a sanitarium for more than two years before being cured. It had been necessary for one of his lungs to be collapsed, and so he lived with the remaining one. Later despite never smoking himself, he struggled with emphysema from second-hand exposure. His father passed away in 1919 when Uncle Henry was 14, and his older brother died of a brain tumor in his 40th year.

His life provided experiences to foster this contented response. He knew the value of breathing after surviving a disease that was frequently fatal when he was diagnosed in 1929. He knew how to pace himself peacefully through life. He knew how to give to those he loved and who loved him.

I have enough for the duration.

I am both weaker and stronger than I ever imagined myself to be.

Love isn’t just a part of our lives. Love is absolutely everything.

I strive to live with an attitude of gratitude and count our many blessings. However, sometimes the less than positive energy of the world slips beneath my skin. It is at these times that I sense Uncle Henry’s answering sentence in the air.

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They point out that the oldest pat-
tern listed by the book in America is
one produced by Fostoria in 1915.
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add.”

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Baubles and Bling

Many years ago, I purchased a case of costume jewelry at an auction. I was drawn to the sparkle and various colors of the rhinestones.

Some of the settings were old and had missing stones, but as a whole I saw the beauty in the bling.

Over the years, I’ve added more bling and since have set the collection into an antique frame. The jeweled art work has stood as a deocrative piece on my bedroom wall ever since. Once in a while, I unfasten a brooch and put it on the lapel of a jacket. It’s comical how people take bling beholders. It puts a smile and dialogue on their lips as they inquire where I purchased it.

Someday, on a grand scale, heaven will be full of bright and beautiful baubles and bling. Only it will be colors and hues we’ve never seen before. Revelation 21 speaks of streets of gold, gates of pearls, foundations decorated with every kind of precious stone: sapphire, emeralds, topaz, amethyst and other jewels. I’ve no idea how to pronounce. It will be more dazzling than my frame full of brooches and pins.

Merry Christmas

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When the month of November is upon us there is a sense of anticipation within me that ignites my enthusiasm for decorating. Feeling a shifting, cool snap in the air, I am naturally drawn inside to sit by the wood fire to think and to dream. With the holidays right around the corner, my mind becomes filled with new ideas to create warmth, ambiance and an artful emphasis on bringing back the past.

Festive Symbols of the Season

Each year I always find a way to incorporate my favorite antiques into my holiday displays. Early handled crocks, painted country finkens and even wooden measures become perfect bases for my primitive trees, large and small. These festive symbols of the season add a sparkling, natural glow to each room of the house and I tuck them in any way I can. Even the corner of my harvest table becomes warmer with the primitive glisten of lights on my petite cedar tree decorated with handcrafted spice balls spiked with cloves. My tavern room is softly alight by a slender tree that is decorated simply with handcrafted spice balls. My bedroom is bathed in the soft radiance of an eighteenth-century home decorated for the celebratory season and the gathering of friends and family. It is the perfect early setting to not only shop for primitive treasures and holiday finds, but to have an experience straight out of colonial New England.

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Inspiration for your own holiday decorating can come in many forms, but perhaps the most fun is to venture out to your favorite open house events. Without a doubt, my Christmas inspiration is at its peak when I take in the sights, sounds and ambiance at Milltown Primitives in its full holiday splendor. All six rooms create the feel of an eighteen-century home decorated for the celebratory season and the gathering of friends and family. It is the perfect early setting to not only shop for primitive treasures and holiday finds, but to have an experience straight out of colonial New England.
Top Management Tips

Tips forwarded to you by an HR consultant friend of mine—ponder these!

- Is better to do the right things haltingly than the wrong things with dispatch (if those are the only two alternatives facing you).
- It is better to strike a straight blow with a crooked stick than to spend your whole life trying to straighten it out!
- It is tough to work for a nervous boss, especially if you are the one who is making him/her nervous.
- It is better to occasionally ask forgiveness rather than consistently ask for permission.
- Always do what your boss wants; if you don't like what he wants, change what he wants, but always do what he wants!
- It is easier to help your boss make up his mind than it is to persuade him to change it.
- Swift and obvious penalties pursue those who treat their boss's wishes in a light-hearted, cavalier manner.
- If you don't want to follow your boss's advice, don't ask for it. But once you ask and get his advice, don't complain if it's not the advice you wanted, you asked for it.
- Anything you are doing that your boss can't see...isn't happening. If you want to be recognized for something, be sure you do it in a recognizable form.
- Nobody is perfect...do your best and enjoy your work...or change your work!
- If you work for a boss...then work hard for your boss. When the time comes that you can no longer work for your boss...then make a career decision...but don't hang around and complain!!
- If you are doing the work of two people, the chances are that one of them reports to you!
- One of the principal obstacles in the development of self-reliance in subordinates is the boss's need to let them watch "a genius in action". Note: by the way, this statement, is not a compliment to the boss!!
And, depending on where you live, this would be a perfect time to pass on your favorite recipes, which hope-fully you will create when you have your family. Try to in-corporate as many of your values as you can without overwhelming them. Perhaps none of these ideas will work for your situation, but I hope it is a be-ginning to spark ideas on how you can teach the younger generation there is fun in the simple pleasures of life, and more importantly in being together as a family.

Merry Christmas!

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The secret to a successful old-fashioned Christmas is how you approach the young ones....
Essential Oils

Essential oils can increase energy levels!

The crisp cool early morning air makes me realize, as I write this, that September is well on its way and fall is coming. September is a busy month for me and I am sure everyone else also. There was Labor Day in my hometown of Atlanta, Kan., where locals and former locals gather for the yearly parade and a weekend filled with various activities and, best of all, just visiting with old friends and making new ones.

Next was Grandparents’ Day at the schools and a lunch that was special because it was shared with grandchildren. Then it will be the Walnut Valley Festival where we will participate as a vendor. When I stop long enough to realize how busy my schedule has been, I understand why I sometimes feel tired. So I thought I would share some ways I use essential oils to help me feel energetic and vibrant.

Evening Soak

My all time favorite is enjoying an evening soak in a tub full of warm bath water to which I have added:
- Lavender Essential Oil 5 drops
- Black Pepper 2 drops
- Eucalyptus 3 drops
- Sweet Orange 5 drops
- Cypress 3 drops

When the above essential oils are added to the milk, it is because the oils will disperse in the water better if they are first dissolved in fat. This also makes it less likely to get any drops of an essential oil directly on the skin.

In the afternoon if I am tired and need a nap, but can’t have one, I take a drop of peppermint oil on a tissue or cotton ball and place it where I can smell the aroma. Peppermint is stimulating and will make you feel awake.

Peppermint is also good in a spray to use in a room, on your clothes, linen, or even as a spritzer on the body. An added benefit to the spray is that it will help keep a lot of the insects and bugs off when you are outdoors.

My Favorites

Also favorites are Sinus Opener Spa Blend and My Defense Spa Blend Oils. In a warm bath salt soak in place of the above recipe. Instead of the listed essential oils, just use 15 drops of the Sinus Opener Spa Blend in the bath for those times when you feel bothered with allergies or feel like a cold is approaching. You will be amazed how much better you will feel. When you sense the “aching” symptoms of the flu coming on, use the warm bath salt soak with 15 drops of the My Defense Spa Blend and be surprised with how much better you will feel.

You can also use 8 drops of the Sinus Opener Spa Blend with 8 drops of the My Defense Spa Blend in a warm bath salt soak to discourage both the cold and flu symptoms.

In fact, I think I need a warm bath salt soak tonight!

The Mistake

Did you ever have one of those days? A few days ago, because I failed to latch the gate that separates the cats from the dog, Puppy Brian found his way to the cat food and gobbled up every morsel. OOps!

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