Cheese Spread

An Original Recipe created by Samson (called Samii) Muskovich (mka Milan Nelson) for Stone Dog XII. Serves 8.

Ingredients

8 oz. Cream Cheese, softened.

1 Tsp. Dried Rosemary

2 Tsp. Dried Parsley

3 Tsp. (1 Tbsp.) Minced Garlic (jarred)

Instructions

- 1. In a mortar and pestle (or in a spice grinder), grind rosemary until fine, then place in small bowl.
- 2. Add parsley and garlic to the bowl, and mix to combine spices.
- 3. Add cream cheese and combine with spices
- 4. Cover and chill in the fridge for at least 2 hours, preferably overnight.

Optional: Serve with warm, crusty bread.

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Honey Butter

Serves: 8

Ingredients

3/4 cup butter, room temperature 1/4 cup honey

- 1. In a small bowl mix butter and honey until smooth.
- 2. Store, covered, in the refrigerator.

Mixed Green Salad with Feta and Apples

Serves: 16

Ingredients

Salad

16 oz. Spring Mix2 Medium to large Gala Apples, chopped8 oz. Feta Cheese, crumbled16 oz. Candied Walnuts (optional)

Dressing

(Original Source: White House Honey-Apple Cider Vinaigrette)

1 Tbsp. Minced Garlic 1/4 C. Apple Cider Vinegar 1/2 C. Honey 3/4 C. Extra Virgin Olive Oil Salt and Pepper to Taste

Instructions

- 1. Combine Apple Cider Vinegar, Honey, and Minced Garlic in a bowl. Whisk in EVOO to emulsify and combine it. Add salt and pepper to taste. Set aside until later.
- 2. In a large bowl, combine Spring Mix, chopped Gala Apple, and Crumbled Feta Cheese.
- 3. Whisk the dressing you previously made and pour it over the salad and toppings, coating thoroughly.
- 4. If serving with Candied Walnuts, sprinkle over the mixed salad or set in bowls on the table to garnish. Serve salad.

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Candied Walnuts

Serves: 16

Ingredients

16 oz. Walnuts (can be halves or pieces)

2/3 C. Sugar

1/3 C. Water

Salt to taste

- 1. In a heavy pan, bring salt, sugar, and water to a boil and ensure sugar is dissolved.
- 2. Once sugar is dissolved fully, add in walnuts and stir to coat.
- 3. Once walnuts are coated, spread them out onto a pan.
- 4. Bake pan at 400*F for approximately 15-20 minutes until sugar coating is glossy.
- 5. Remove pan and allow walnuts to cool completely before serving.

Russian Roasted Chicken

An Original Recipe created by Samson (called Samii) Muskovich (mka Milan Nelson) for Stone Dog XII. Serves: 20.

Ingredients

16.9 oz. Baltika No. 9 Russian Lager

1/4 C. Sea Salt

3/4 C. Sugar

1.5 L Hot Water

1.5 L Ice Water

10 lb. or 20 pc. Chicken Thighs

1/4 C. (1 Stick) Unsalted Butter

1 Tbsp. Each of:

- Whole Peppercorns
- Thyme
- Basil
- Rosemary
- Minced Garlic

- 1. Combine Russian Lager, Salt, Sugar, and Spices in a large bowl or kitchen tub. Stir to combine ingredients and begin dissolving salt and sugar for the brine base.
- 2. Heat up 1.5 L of water to just below boiling. Once heated, add into brine base and stir in, ensuring salt and sugar are dissolved.
- 3. Add 1.5 L of ice water to cool the brine down.
- 4. Add chicken, giving it a stir to distribute the spices throughout the mixture.
- 5. Cover chicken and brine, and refrigerate for 16-24 hours.
- 6. When ready to cook, pre-heat oven to 375* F, line pans with foil (helps with clean-up later), and melt butter.
- 7. Pat chicken pieces dry and lay them out in a single layer on the pans you're using. Baste chicken with melted butter before placing in the oven.
- 8. Place chicken into oven and set the timer for 60 minutes. At the 40 minute and 20 minute marks, baste with more butter.
- 9. At the end of 60 minutes, check the internal temperature of the chicken with a kitchen thermometer to 165* F. Once it's at 165* F, remove chicken from oven and allow it to rest prior to plating and serving.
- 10. Serve and enjoy!

Roasted Pork Loin

An Original Recipe created by Samson (called Samii) Muskovich (mka Milan Nelson) for Stone Dog XII. Serves: 8-10.

Ingredients

4-5 lb. Boneless Pork Loin
3 tbsp penzey's minced garlic
3 tbsp Italian herb mix
Salt
Pepper
1 tbsp smoked paprika
3 tbsp penzey's onion, minced toasted
3 tbsp parsley

Instructions

Olive oil

- 1. Preheat your oven to 375*F.
- 2. Combine minced garlic, Italian herb mix, paprika, minced toasted onion, and parsley in a small bowl.
- 3. Pat pork loins dry with paper towels, removing any excess fluid from them.
- 4. Take a sharp knife and make several incisions along the length of the loin, fat side up.
- 5. Drizzle olive oil over pork, making sure to turn it over to coat. Rub oil into the meat.
- 6. Liberally sprinkle salt and pepper all over the pork, making sure to rub it in.
- 7. Sprinkle the spice and herb mixture all over the pork, ensuring that some of the mixture goes into the cavities you created earlier.
- 8. Add to your pan and roast for 45-60 minutes. Internal temperature should be approximately 145 150*F.
- 9. Once the internal temperature has been reached, remove from oven and allow to rest for approximately 5 minutes.
- 10. Once meat has rested, slice into ¼" slices and serve.

Buckwheat Kasha with Mushrooms

Original Source: Olga's Flavor Factory

Modified to be vegetarian for Stone Dog by Samson (called Samii) Muskovich (mka Milan Nelson).

Serves: 16

Ingredients

1 oz dry mushrooms

4 Tbsp minced garlic

1 Large Onion, thin slices

2 Tablespoons butter

1 Tbsp Olive oil

1½ cups buckwheat (12 oz.)

3 cups Vegetable Broth (24 oz.)

Salt

Instructions

- 1. On a dry skillet over medium heat, roast the buckwheat until it's a golden brown color.
- 2. Re-hydrate the mushrooms by placing in a bowl and covering with hot water. Let it stand for about ten minutes.
- 3. Add 1 Tablespoon Olive oil and cook the garlic and onions, seasoning with salt, over medium heat 5-8 min, covered, until soft and beginning to brown.
- 4. Drain, rinse and chop the mushrooms.
- 5. Add the butter, mushrooms and buckwheat. Roast for 2-4 min, until the buckwheat is aromatic.
- 6. Pour in the vegetable broth, bring to a boil, season with salt, reduce the heat to low and cook for about 30 min, until the buckwheat has cooked through.

Optional: Add a slab of butter to the warm kasha when serving.

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Spiced Cherry Sauce

Ingredients

2 cans of cherries

1 tsp cinnamon

1/4 tsp nutmeg

1/8 tsp cloves

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Instructions

1. Mix the spices with the cherries and simmer for 15-20 minutes. Cool slightly and serve.

Medianyky (Honey Cookies)

Serves: 40

Ingredients

4 c Unbleached All-Purpose Flour

1 tsp Ground Cinnamon

1/2 tsp Ground Cloves

1/2 tsp Ground Ginger

1/2 tsp Ground Nutmeg

1 c Powdered Sugar

2 tsp Baking Powder

2 Extra Large Eggs

1 c Honey

2 tbsp Chopped Orange Peel

Glaze

1 lg Egg; Beaten with a little Water

Decoration

Coarse Sugar Crystals

- 1. Sift the flour, spices, sugar, & baking powder together, blending well.
- 2. Add the eggs, honey, & the orange peel to make a soft dough.
- 3. On a floured work surface, roll out the dough to about 1/2-inch thick.
- 4. Cut into shapes with cookie cutters, and place on a lightly greased or non-stick cookie sheet, brushing each one with the egg-wash glaze and sprinkle with the sugar crystals.
- 5. Bake in a preheated 350 Degree F oven until done, about 15 minutes.
- 6. Cool on wire racks and store in airtight containers.

Trudonoshi

Serves: 48

Ingredients

24 oz. cottage cheese 2 eggs 1/3 C. sugar pinch of salt

Pre-made frozen pie crust for about five 9-inch pies, cut into 10ths

Instructions

- 1. Food process all the filling ingredient about 30 seconds on low speed (need to do in batches).
- 2. Roll out the pie crust pieces to usual pie crust thickness (about 1/8 inch).
- 3. Put pie crust pieces into mini-muffin tins (or regular muffin tins) and put approx. a tablespoon of filling into each (fill about 1/3-1/2 full).
- 4. Bake at 400 degrees for 20-30 minutes until golden brown. The filling puffs up impressively during baking, but deflates on cooling to make room for the sauces.

Blueberry Sauce

16-oz. package frozen blueberries1/2 C. sugar1/2 Tsp. cinnamon3 Tbsp. all-purpose flour

Toss together blueberries, sugar, cinnamon and flour. Bring to a boil just long enough for the flour to thicken the sauce slightly. Freeze for transport.

Raspberry sauce

16-oz. package frozen raspberries

1 C. sugar

3 Tbsp. all-purpose flour

Toss together raspberries, sugar, and flour. Bring to a boil just long enough for the flour to thicken the sauce slightly. Freeze for transport.

Bourbon Bacon Pecan Baklava

Serves: 48

Ingredients

5 tablespoons Honey Bourbon
1-1/2 sticks unsalted butter, melted, plus more for the pan
1 cup dried figs, finely chopped
1 pound sliced bacon
3 cups pecans, toasted
1 cup sugar

1/2 (1-pound) package frozen phyllo dough (9- by 14-inch sheets), thawed 3/4 cup pure maple syrup

1/2 cup water

Instructions

- 1. Preheat the oven to 350°F. Butter a 9- by 13-inch baking pan.
- 2. In a large bowl, thoroughly combine the figs and 2 tablespoons bourbon. Let stand until the bourbon soaks into the figs. Meanwhile, cook the bacon as directed until very well-browned. Drain on paper towels and then crumble very finely. Very finely chop the pecans. Stir the bacon, pecans and 1/2 cup sugar into the fig mixture.
- 3. Lay a sheet of phyllo in the bottom and up the sides of the pan. Lightly brush with melted butter. Repeat with 4 more phyllo sheets and butter. Spread one-third of the filling evenly over the phyllo. On a clean work surface, lightly brush 1 phyllo sheet with butter. Top with another phyllo sheet and lightly butter. Repeat with 3 more phyllo sheets and butter, then press the stack on top of the filling. Spread half of the remaining filling evenly on top. Repeat this layering of 5 phyllo sheets and bacon filling one more time. Top with 5 buttered and stacked phyllo sheets, buttering the top well.
- 4. With a small, sharp serrated knife, cut the baklava into 48 diamonds. Bake the baklava until dark golden brown, about 1 hour.
- 5. While the baklava bakes, bring the maple syrup, water, 1/2 cup sugar and 3 tablespoons bourbon to a boil in a medium saucepan. Reduce the heat to medium and simmer for 5 minutes. As soon as the baklava comes out of the oven, pour the syrup evenly on top. Let stand for at least 3 hours or overnight.

Note: Replace bacon with mini chocolate chips as an alternative for those who cannot eat bacon.

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