

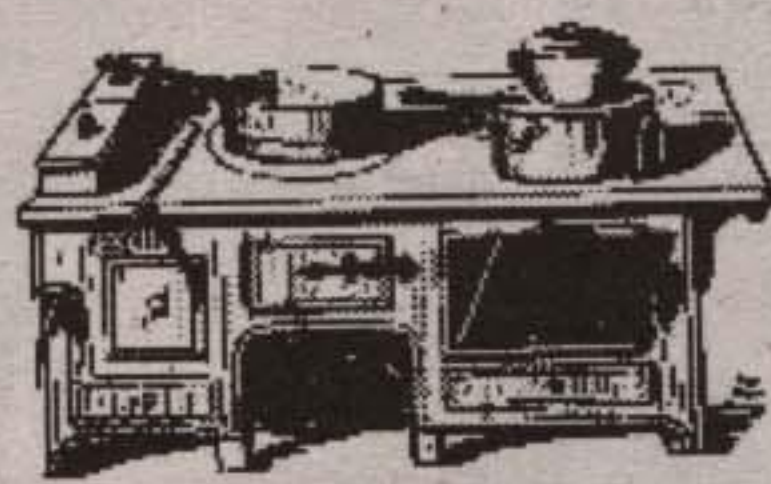
# BOARD & BATTEN

Keeping the home fires burning

## Glenda's Kitchen Kapers

BY GLENDA BENTON

For the past six weeks it seems I've been making squares weekly for Women's Institute, Church, euchres or some such do. One of the favourites and I'm nearly always asked to share the recipe is my Krispie Krunch Bars. It makes a 9 x 13 pan but that doesn't mean they last any longer. When I have them here at home the granddaughters always run and get the pan when their dad comes to get them. Needless to say it is his favourite as well.



### Krispie Krunch Bars

2 cups peanut butter  
2½ cups icing sugar  
4 cups crisp rice cereal (I always add an extra cup)  
¼ cup melted butter or margarine  
½ cup chopped walnuts (optional)  
Mix all ingredients in a bowl. Press into 9 x 13 pan that has been lined with waxed paper. Cover with icing.

ICING: Melt together over low heat or in microwave 2/3 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips and 1 tbsp. butter. Spread over bars and chill. Cut into squares.

### Lemon Pie Filling Squares

1 lemon pie filling, prepared  
1 cup unsalted soda crackers (about 18)  
1 cup brown sugar  
½ tsp soda  
½ cup butter  
1 cup sifted flour  
1 cup coconut  
Roll soda biscuits fine and mix with butter, sugar, flour, coconut and soda (I use a food processor). Pack ¾ of mixture in 9 x 13 pan. Spread on lemon pie filling and put the rest of the crumbs on top. Bake 20 minutes in 325°F oven. The pie filling should be cooled before putting it on crumb base.

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Late June is the time when everything that was planned in the spring is on its way to becoming reality. The gardens are planted, annuals adorn the borders, and the perennials are, for the most part, in full bloom. The evenings are warm enough to enjoy on the patio except for those pesky mosquitoes that are out collecting donations after 8:45 p.m.

If you are about to harvest your first crop of radishes, lettuce or spinach of the season, find an open corner of the garden to start another row, guaranteeing garden-fresh salad every time the cousins come over for dinner. The more dis-

cerning types planted crops that grow taller than the weeds (like corn and sunflowers), making childhood gardening easier to teach and less of a strain on the back. For others, a marker at the end of the row comes in handy when you can't remember the contents.

As you wander around the yard dead-heading your flowers and flowering shrubs, watch for aphids on the roses. A little dust on the underside of the leaves should send them packing. Shortly after they have finished blooming is also a good time to divide irises, cutting out old rhizomes and replanting the young shoots for next year. When

replacing the mulch that Rex displaced making room for his shady retreat, remember to keep an eye on the window wells. They spell certain death for our insect eating friends. Placing a stick or 1x2 at an angle into the well will allow Kermit to climb to freedom if he finds himself trapped.

School is out, so summer must finally be here. Shut the kitchen stove down, cue up the barbie, pour yourself and the neighbour a cold one and enjoy the next few months.

The lawn can wait; it needs to be kept a little longer through the summer months anyway.



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## Dr. Bug's "Bugbytes"

### Carpenter Bees

What looks like a bumble bee and makes sawdust like a carpenter ant? The answer is a carpenter bee. These interesting bees have the habit of boring into wood to make their galleries. Home owners often think they have carpenter ants when they notice the piles of sawdust the bees produce.

Carpenter bees closely resemble bumble bees in size and appearance except that their abdomen is black and shiny instead of being covered by black and yellow hairs. The female bee bores a hole straight into wood for about an inch and then takes a right angle turn and bores along with the grain. The tunnels can angle in one or more directions from the entrance hole. The entrance hole tends to be perfectly round and usually 6-8 mm. in diameter. Galleries are typically 10-15 cm long but may extend up to 3m in older galleries. Carpenter bees prefer untreated wood but will chew through treated surfaces.

After boring the females will construct a series of cells starting at the farthest end. Each cell is provisioned with a mixture of pollen and nectar upon which she lays an egg. The cell is sealed and the process repeated until the gallery is filled. The new adult bees will emerge after about 36 days. This happens in reverse order with the adult from the last egg laid emerging first and so on down through the gallery.

Piles of sawdust are often the first signs of carpenter bees but the noise from their chewing can sometimes be heard. Males will sometimes buzz around the heads of intruders that get to close but they do not possess stingers. Females are able to sting but are usually not aggressive. Damage is confined to the unsightliness of holes in the wood surface rather than structural weakening.

Control can be achieved by treating directly into the open holes. Long tips should be used in order to turn with the right angle bends. Surfaces can also be treated to prevent others from boring new galleries. I have encountered carpenter bees in all types of wood structures from log siding on homes to picnic tables to cross beams on children's swings.

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