

# Great Cooks

This month, Lantern readers are in for a real treat. Four ladies from Harlem are going to let us in on some of their favorite recipes. Thank you ladies, they sound delicious.

## Green Bean Casserole

- 4 cups cooked green beans
- 1 can mushrooms drained
- 3/4 cup milk
- 10 oz. can mushroom soup
- 1/8 tsp black pepper
- 3 oz. can French Fried Onions

Combine milk, soup, and pepper & pour over beans, mushrooms, and 1/2 of the onions. Pour into 1 1/2 qt. casserole. Bake 20 min. at 350°. Garnish with remaining onions and bake 5 minutes more.

- Alice Campbell

## Pistachio Ice Cream Desert

- crust
- 3 cups crushed graham crumbs
  - 2/3 cup margarine
  - 3/4 cup white sugar
- Press in pan 13"X 9"X 2".
- 1/2 gal. vanilla ice cream
  - 1 large Cool Whip
- Let ice cream soften and beat in Cool Whip in a large bowl. Add 2 pkgs. of pistachio instant pudding mix and beat. Pour over crumbs. Sprinkle with crushed Crispy Crunch chocolate bar. Keep in the freezer and remove 1/2 hour before serving.

- Marg Cripps

## Chocolate Squares

- 1/2 cup brown sugar
  - 1/2 cup corn syrup
  - 1 cup peanut butter
  - 3 cups corn flakes (rolled slightly)
  - 6 oz. chocolate chipits
  - 2 tbsp. butter
  - 1/2 cup icing sugar
- Heat the brown sugar and corn syrup together until sugar dissolves. Add peanut butter and stir until mixture is smooth. Add the slightly crushed corn flakes. Pack 1/2 of the mixture firmly in a greased 9" X 9" pan. To make the filling, melt chocolate chipits with butter, add icing sugar and mix well. Spread this evenly on the first layer. Add remaining crumbs and pat down well. Set in refrigerator and chill. Cut into squares.

- Alice Eyre

## Tuna Casserole

- 6 oz. (3 1/2 cups) medium noodles
  - 2 cans tuna (7 oz.)
  - 1/2 cup mayonnaise
  - 1 cup sliced celery
  - 1/3 cup chopped onions
  - 1/3 cup diced green pepper
  - 1/4 cup chopped pimento
  - 1 tsp. salt
  - 1 can cream of celery soup
  - 1/2 cup milk
  - 1 cup shredded sharp cheese
- Cook noodles in boiling water until tender. Drain. Combine noodles, tuna, mayonnaise, vegetables & salt. Blend soup & milk; heat, add cheese and stir until it melts. Add to noodle mixture. Turn into 1 1/2 quart casserole and bake in 425° F for 20 minutes.

- Lena Gallagher



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## Gardening with Marjorie Keates

Within the next few days, before the snow comes to stay--if it hasn't come yet--do your fall seed planting. Some vegetables and flowers can be planted now to get an early start in the spring. I hope to plant a row of peas as well as pansies and Shirley poppies. Others that do well with a fall planting are potatoes nicotiana, snapdragons and Icelandic poppies.

If you like to grow geraniums outside as summer bedding plants but you don't like the price of plants, order geranium seeds along with your regular seed order. Be sure to get your order in in time to receive the seeds to plant by Feb. 1st for June 1st bloom. Geraniums are very easy to grow from seed and Stokes carry a good selection with excellent instructions in their catalogue.

Now that the furnace or wood stove is on and the air is dry be sure to mist your houseplants. Misting once or twice a day is not too often. A good way to help provide some needed humidity for houseplants is to half-fill a 3 to 4 inch tray with small stones and pieces of charcoal (to keep the water sweet), pour in enough water to barely show through the stones and set a grouping of plants on the stones. If you have some bulbs of paper-white narcissus that you haven't started yet, "plant" them right in the stones for delightful fragrance and welcome flowers.

If you have small children living in your home or even just visiting, don't hang mistle-toe over the Christmas season. The berries are poisonous.

This winter when walks and driveways are icy put down kitty-litter or ashes instead of salt. Neither one will harm near-by plants whereas salt may cause trouble.

The gardener on your Christmas gift list would likely appreciate a gardening calendar--any calendar with large squares to write down important notes such as when seeds were started, the day the 1st crocus bloomed or plants set out.

Instead of the usual poinsetta plant, why not give a scented plant such as a citrus tree (to grow in the house) or a lemon verbena? And of course I think books make the very best gift. Check at your local library for book ideas.

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