

The Scrapbook Sentinel

A Free Newsletter For The Friends of: Imagine That!

“What is patriotism but the love of the food one ate as a child?” ~Lin Yutang

Preserve Your Legacy One Ingredient At A Time

I have always loved life. Any reason to get together with friends and celebrate!

And, now, as I have been going through decades of old family photos, I'm realizing just how much our celebrations do. I love to get together, catch up with each other's lives, tell stories, and eat!

Now I know that most people, if they care to find their way into the kitchen at all, prefer one or the other - either baking or cooking. I love both.

I am not only an avid scrapbooker, but I am also a huge collector of recipe books. Today, I have many of my Grandma's recipes, copied in her handwriting for me on large index cards. Some are easier to follow than others.

My favorite recipe is one Grandma copied out for me about 15 years ago, for her World-Famous-Lemon-Pound-Cake, complete with editorial comments, stern warnings and long wooden “tester” stick taped to the back. I can't help but smile every time I read:

3 cups Cake Flour – Do Not Use Regular Flour – YOU WILL REGRET IT! (emphasis hers ☺).

To me, that stuff is priceless.

I have Hundreds of clippings from newspapers and magazines dating back 40 years or more. An entire manila folder stuffed with even more recipes. Someday I hope to pass this on to my beloved Son, who LOVES to cook as much as I do. Someday he will make a special lady VERY happy!

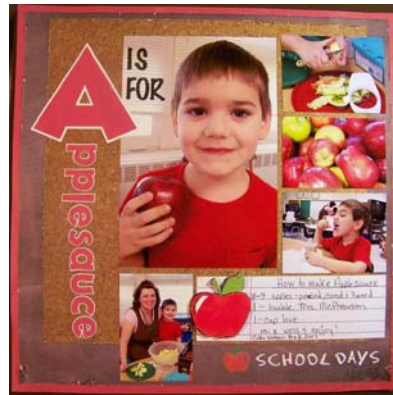
I dive into these recipes, and never want to climb out. I want to spend the next 100 years preparing each one!

I bet each and everyone of you has a box filled with “past” recipes. They might be from your Great Great Grandmother, or even your Mother. What about recipes from YOUR own experiments?

So now you ask – “What do I do with all these recipes? How can I use them to really illustrate how Grandma felt about cooking – the

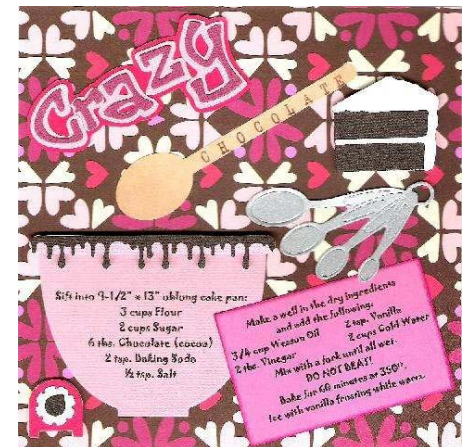
measurements and ingredients; the chopping and sautéing; the mixing, folding and baking... these recipes are such a big part of who she was how she expressed herself... how can I possibly just store them in a box?

And so, I've decided to embark on a culinary journey of sorts... and create an album of Grandma's specialties. I have them all written in her perfect penmanship, and I even have pictures of our family



gathered with her, around her festive tables.

Now you must understand that creating an album of Grandma's recipes is like trying to drain the ocean one drop at a time. I realize that. So I'm starting small... with her favorite – desserts.



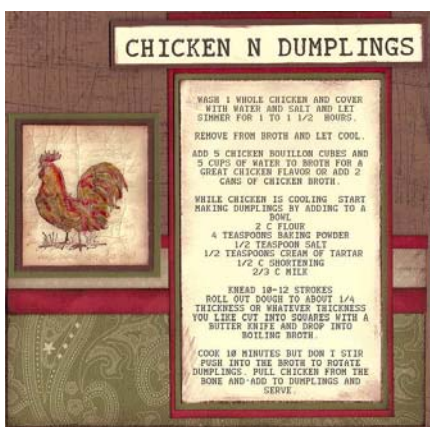
We have a new line of recipe kits, papers & stickers in the store... just in time to inspire us. Along with the recipe cards themselves. All decorated exceptionally cutely in food-themed fun. But like I said, that's just to get started...

Think of it: Grandma's famous stuffing featured on Thanksgiving papers; Santa's favorite Christmas cookies displayed by his faithful elves; potato salad in a picnic layout; or color-themed pages: garden green, green bean salad – lemon yellow pound cake, and a patriotic red white and blue jello salad.

You know, we scrapbook to preserve our family's legacy. Our recipes are a huge part of that legacy. Of what makes our family unique.

I for one, am very excited to start this project. And if I have inspired you to scrapbook a few of your own family's secret recipes, here's a few helpful hints...

- You can start your project in any size album, but I recommend about an 8x8 or 8.5x11 – not too small that you can't include photos and embellishments, but not so huge that it's hard to work with in the kitchen. Be sure to use an expandable album, so you can add recipes as you go along.
- If you don't already have all the recipes you want, start by asking other family members to pass them along to you. Whenever possible, get



a copy in the original handwriting.

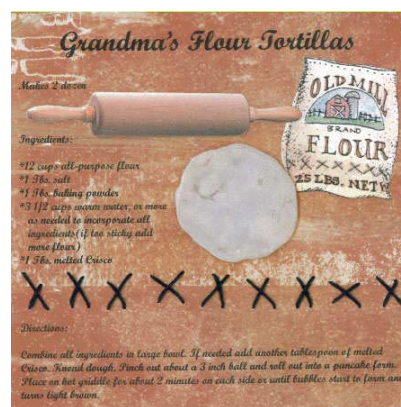
- If, like me, you have issues with the sheer volume of recipes, start with a theme. I'm making a dessert book,

but you could also do your family's ethnic favorites, appetizers or holiday favorites.

- Let your album feature favorites from a single loved-one's kitchen, or gather everyone's specialties.
- Include "Bios" on the cooks; how they're related to you, and the famous funny story about them that years later is still laughed about

around the table. And of course, whenever possible, include photos of them. It doesn't necessarily have to be taken in the kitchen with spoon in hand, but then again, if she's willing to do a little photo shoot...

- Don't stress about scrapbooking *every* recipe – even if your family has only one or two specialties, go ahead and include them as layouts in your family regular album.
- Finally, be ready for your little book to become the center of attention at your next family gathering!



Welcome New Scrappers!

Here are the new people that became members of our scrapping family this last month! We'd like to welcome you publicly, and wish you all the best!

Tabatha R, Riley P, Suzie R, Debby Y, Wendy S, Karen C, Carley H, Glenda B, Yvonne G, Melissa S, Katie W, William Y, Lore C, Dawn P, Julie W, Karen A, Abbie H, Gretta D, Bonnie M & Christa D! Wow what a list of newcomers- Thank you!

We love giving recognition to our new friends and our wonderful existing customers who are kind enough to refer their friends and relatives to us! We're all helping each other, which is the whole point of all this! Right?



Great Food Quotes To Spice Up Your New Recipe Scrapbook

“Vegetables are a must on a diet. I suggest carrot cake, zucchini bread, and pumpkin pie.” -*Jim Davis* ✂✂✂ “Never work before breakfast; if you have to work before breakfast, eat your breakfast first.” -*Josh Billings* ✂✂✂ “Vegetables are interesting but lack a sense of purpose when unaccompanied by a good cut of meat.” -*Fran Lebowitz* ✂✂✂

“Worries go down better with soup.” -*Jewish Proverb* ✂✂✂ “If God had intended us to follow recipes, He wouldn't have given us grandmothers.” -*Linda Henley* ✂✂✂ “An empty belly is the best cook.” -*Estonian Proverb* ✂✂✂ “Hunger is the best sauce in the world.” -*Cervantes* ✂✂✂ “We should look for someone to eat and drink with before looking for something to eat and drink.” -*Epicurus* ✂✂✂ “The story of barbecue is the story of America: Settlers arrive on great unspoiled continent, discover wondrous riches, set them on fire and eat them.” -*Vince Staten* ✂✂✂ “Tell me what you eat, I'll tell you who you are.” -*Anthelme Brillat-Savarin* ✂✂✂ “There is nothing better on a cold wintry day than a properly made pot pie.” -*Craig Claiborne* ✂✂✂ “Food is so primal, so essential a part of our lives, often the mere sharing of recipes with strangers turns them into good friends.” -*Jasmine Heiler* ✂✂✂ “Kissing don't last: cookery do.” -*George Meredith* ✂✂✂ “All sorrows are less with bread.” -*Miguel de Cervantes, Don Quixote* ✂✂✂ “No man is lonely eating spaghetti; it requires so much attention.” -*Christopher Morley* ✂✂✂ “Fish, to taste right, must swim three times - in water, in butter, and in wine.” -*Polish Proverb* ✂✂✂

“Food for thought is no substitute for the real thing.” -*Walt Kelly* ✂✂✂ “Cooking is like love. It should be entered into with abandon or not at all.” -*Harriet van Horne* ✂✂✂

“There is no sight on earth more appealing than the sight of a woman making dinner for someone she loves.” -*Thomas Wolfe* ✂✂✂ “There is no such thing as a little garlic.” -*A. Baer* ✂✂✂ “Soup is liquid comfort.” -*Author Unknown* ✂✂✂ A three-year-old gave this reaction to her Christmas dinner: “I don't like the turkey, but I like the bread he ate.” -*Author Unknown* ✂✂✂ “The discovery of a new dish does more for the happiness of mankind than the discovery of a star.” -*Anthelme Brillat-Savarin* ✂✂✂ “Man is what he eats.” -*German Proverb* ✂✂✂ “The man who gives good dinners has plenty of friends.” -*Latin Proverb* ✂✂✂ “Cooking is at once child's play and adult joy. And cooking done with care is an act of love.” -*Craig Claiborne, Kitchen Primer* ✂✂✂ “No one who cooks, cooks alone. Even at her most solitary, a cook in the kitchen is surrounded by generations of cooks past, the advice and menus of cooks present, the wisdom of cookbook writers.” -*Laurie Colwin* ✂✂✂ “In cooking, as in all the arts, simplicity is the sign of perfection.” -*Curnonsky* ✂✂✂ “One of the very nicest things about life is the way we must regularly stop whatever it is we are doing and devote our attention to eating.” -*Luciano Pavarotti and William Wright*

How To Take A Great Back To School Picture...

It is a yearly tradition in many homes, starting with kindergarten, and proceeding all the way through high school, if they will let you get away with it... I'm referring to the first day of school picture.

If your child is starting school this year, you are in the perfect position to begin a wonderful tradition, but even if they are older, or school has already started and you forgot, don't fret – it isn't too late. There's nothing wrong with staging a photograph a little after the fact; the point is simply to capture them at their current age. If you forgot to take your photograph this year, there's no time like the present. Get your kids out the door 5 minutes early tomorrow morning, and snap some shots of them before they head out.

There are several ways you can go about the first day of school picture. Consistency is what makes it fun. Get a picture of them in their "First Day of School" clothes and backpacks on the front stoop, in front of the car, or standing next you, to show how tall they are getting year after year.

Also, don't forget to bring the camera for "Meet the Teacher Day." As they get older, you may find this is the only chance you'll have all year to get a photo of them with their teachers.

AND... JUST FOR FUN... Mark your calendar to remind you to take another photo of them in that same spot on the LAST day of school. Put the two photos together in a layout to see how much they have changed and grown over the year. WE HAVE NEW SCHOOL PROPS IN OUR PORTRAIT STUDIO!

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