Citrus can be part of gift giving



The fragrant aroma of oranges wafts from delicious, fresh-baked muffins and orange bread.

What better gift during the winter holidays than an edible gift that delivers the fragrant aroma and nutritional benefits of freshly harvested citrus

The holiday season is an ideal time to use citrus fruits in muffins, orange bread or cake because it's harvest time in Florida.

Oranges and grapefruit and their juices have long been known to be excellent natural sources of vitamin C. They also provide potassium, fiber and folic acid but have no fat, cholesterol or sodium.

This quick recipe for Orange Nut Bread is fun to make and produces delectable results.

Orange Nut Bread 2 Tbsp. butter or margarine

- 1/2 cup boiling water
- 2 cups sifted flour
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. baking powder 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 2 Tbsp. grated orange rind
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 tsp. vanilla
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts

Melt butter or margarine in boiling water in medium bowl. Sift flour, soda, baking powder, and salt together. Add orange juice, grated rind, sugar, and vanilla to butter and wter. Add slightly beaten egg.

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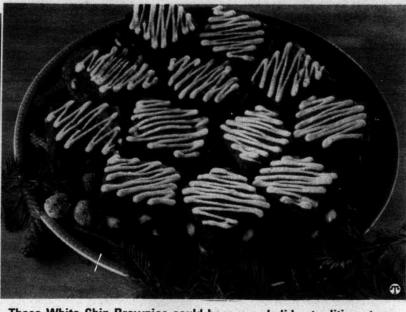
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Baking up delicious tradition for holiday

Looking for a way to jumpstart the party season? Start a special tradition of your own by hosting a cookie or pastry exchange, inviting your friends to bake their favorites and share them in a festive environment. An inexpensive way to entertain, cookie exchanges can be held prior to any holiday and create pleasant memories that can last a lifetime.

Try these cookie exchange tips from Nestle:

 Decide how many people your home can accommodate comfortably; you'll need enough room to display all the cookies. Factor in how many different kinds of cookies you'd like; four to six will be plenty, but if you want a large assortment, invite 10 to 12 guests.

 Ask each guest to bring a batch of cookies, tins and copies of their recipes so everyone can enjoy them at home.

 Label each batch of cookies by name and baker and display on a long table or counter.

• Invite all the guests to fill their tins with a variety of cook-

For your own contribution, try this brownie recipe with a

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White Chip Brownies 1 cup all-purpose flour 1/2 cup Nestle Toll House. **Baking Cocoa**

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3/4 teaspoon baking powder 1/4 teaspoon salt

1 1/4 cups granulated sugar 3/4 cup (11/2 sticks) butter or

margarine, melted 2 teaspoons vanilla extract

2 cups (12-ounce package) Nestle Toll House Premier White Morsels, divided

COMBINE flour, cocoa, baking powder and salt in a medium bowl. Beat granulated sugar, butter and vanilla extract together in large mixer bowl until creamy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Gradually beat in flour mixture. Stir in 1 1/2 cups morsels. Pour into greased 9-inch-square baking

BAKE In preheated 350° F. oven for 25 to 30 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out slightly sticky. Cool completely (center will sink) in pan on wire r

MICROWAVE remaining morsels in heavy-duty plastic bag on medium high (70%) power for 30 to 45 seconds; knead. Microwave at additional 10- to 20-second intervals, kneading until smooth. Cut a tiny corner from bag; squeeze to drizzle over brownie. Chill for 5 minutes or until drizzle is firm. Cut into squares. Makes 16 brownies.

The best parties start with lots of advance preparation by you

The recipe for a successful holiday party includes plenty of good food, a few of your favorite people and time to

By planning on using recipes that are both delicious and easy to make, you can improve the odds of enjoying the party while it's happening.

One versatile ingredient that can be used to make a variety of delicious party dishes is sliced, smoked meat. Cold cuts can be wrapped around a radish, breadstick, cube of cheese, a green onion, olive or slice of fresh green pepper or rolled up and dipped into sauce.

Here are two imaginative recipes for guests to enjoy at your next holiday party.

Holiday Cheese Ball 1/2 pound Cheddar cheese,

finely grated One 3-ounce package cream

cheese, softened 3 tablespoons sherry

1/4 cup coarsely-chopped,

pitted ripe olives 1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire

Dash each of onion, garlic, and celery salts

1/2 cup coarsely snipped smoked sliced beef

medium speed, thoroughly combine cheeses, sherry, olives, Worcestershire sauce and salts. Shape mixture into a ball;

until needed. About 30 minutes before serving, remove foil from cheese ball and reshape into ball with hands; then roll it in

wrap in foil; then refrigerate

the beef until it is completely coated. Makes a 3" ball. **Piccalitoes** One 2 1/2 oz. pkg. smoked

In large bowl, with mixer at sliced beef, finely chopped

1 teaspoon minced onion 1 tablespoon butter or mar-

One 3-ounce pkg. cream

cheese

Saltines or crisp rye crack-

Cook beef and onion in butter or margarine until beef is slightly crisp. Add to cream cheese and blend. Spread on crackers.

Cheesecakes bring holiday cheer

There's something festive about a dessert that's crowned with vivid, luscious, colorful cherries.

But cooks may find another reason for good cheer in the creation of a chocolate cherry cheesecake. This merry and memorable cherry cheesecake is quick and easy to make, a deliciously simple addition to your holiday table.

The following taste treat is a great reason to stay awake after holiday meals.

Chocolate Cherry

Cheesecake

1 1/2 cups chocolate cookie

3 Tbsp butter or margarine,

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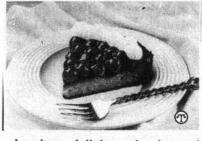
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Luscious, delicious cherries and mouthwatering chocolate make a merry, memorable holiday dessert.

This delicious, crowd-pleasing, Holiday Cheese Ball is made with Cheddar

cheese, cream cheese, olives and savory smoked, sliced beef.

2 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese,

softened 2/3 cup sugar

3 eggs

2 cups (12 oz.) semisweet

chocolate chips, melted 1 cup heavy cream

1 tsp. vanilla extract 1 can cherry fruit filling whipped topping

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