

COOKING CORNER

Tuity Fruity Breakfast Nog

1 package (2.9 ounces) Lemon "Cook and Serve" pudding mix
1/3 cup sugar
2-1/2 cups water (divided)
4 eggs
1-1/2 cups pineapple juice
1-1/2 cups apricot nectar
1-1/2 cups pear nectar*

In saucepan, using whisk, stir together pudding mix, sugar and 1/2 cup water. Beat in eggs and add other 2 cups water. Cook over medium heat stirring constantly until mixture reaches 160 degrees F or until it coats a metal spoon (Can also be made in the microwave). Remove from heat, cool, stirring occasionally. Mix in three juices. Serve chilled. Garnish with whipped cream or fruit yogurt. Makes 8-10 servings
*If pear nectar is not available, use equal amounts of apple juice.

A good optional addition is 1-1/2 cups seltzer water stirred in just before serving

Almond Chicken Salad

Serves 8

1 lb. chicken breasts
1/4 cup Italian Dressing
1/3 cup fat-free mayonnaise
3 oz. light cream cheese, softened
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1/2 teaspoon salt
4 hard-cooked eggs, peeled and chopped
1 cup chopped celery
1/2 cup slivered almonds
1/2 cup seasoned bread crumbs
1 tablespoon melted margarine

Place chicken breasts in microwave-safe dish and cover with Italian dressing. Cover loosely with plastic wrap and microwave on Full power for 7-10 minutes or until thoroughly cooked. Turn chicken over and rotate dish once during cooking. Remove chicken and cut into cubes.

Blend mayonnaise, cream cheese, lemon juice, and salt until smooth. Stir in chicken, hard-cooked eggs, celery, and almonds. Place mixture in 2 quart glass baking dish. Combine margarine and bread crumbs and sprinkle evenly over top.

Microwave on full power for 7-9 minutes or until bubbly.

Easter Bonnet Cookies

Yield: 6 dozen

1 1/2 cups sugar
1 cup margarine
3 beaten eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 teaspoon soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
3 1/2 cups flour
8 ounces almond bark or white chocolate
2 tablespoons vegetable shortening
large marshmallows

Cream sugar and margarine. Add eggs and vanilla; mix well. Thoroughly stir in soda, salt, and flour. Chill for several hours or overnight. Roll out and use 2 1/2-3" round cookie cutter (with scalloped edges, if desired) to cut out cookies. Bake at 350 degrees for approximately 10 minutes or until golden brown on the edges.

Melt almond bark with vegetable shortening in microwave for 1 minute on High. Stir and continue at 15 second intervals until melted. Dip face of cookies in almond bark mixture. Cut marshmallows in half, around the middle. Dip in almond bark and place in center of cookies. Use decorator frosting to make ribbons around the "bonnet" and a bow. Add candy flowers, if desired. (This recipe can also make egg-shaped cookies, bunnies, or other Easter shapes).

Super Springtime Egg Salad

6 hard-cooked eggs, peeled and coarsely chopped
1/3 cup fresh apples, cored and chopped
1/3 cup plain low-fat yogurt
1/4 cup radishes, trimmed and chopped
1/4 cup celery chopped
1/4 cup (about 1 oz) chopped peanuts
2 tablespoons reduce-calorie mayonnaise

Combine all ingredients. Cover and refrigerate salad for at least one hour or until flavors blend

Historic Tour of Homes May 6 in Kings Mountain

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The Kings Mountain Historic Tour Committee and First Charter Bank will present the "Welcome to Spring" Home Tour on Saturday, May 6, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person and includes lunch donated by the Sub Factory. Tickets are available at Kings Mountain businesses including First Charter, Frady's Florist, Ashley's Antiques, Dellinger's Jewel Shop, Christmas Emporium, Harris-Teeter, Hallie Connor at the Kings Mountain District Schools office, and all homes on the tour.

Out of town locations for tickets include Emily's on the Square and The Emporium in Shelby, and Fords Nursery in Gastonia.

"We have already sold more tickets than ever before," said Margaret Pearson, co-chair of the Historic Tour Committee. "What makes it nice is that all the money from sales will stay right here in Kings Mountain for historic preservation."

The Tour will include five residences, the old Post Office Building which houses the new Kings Mountain Historic Museum, and the Mauney House at 104 N. Battleground Avenue which is currently undergoing restoration. All structures on the Tour are located in or near the Central School District. Convenient parking sites for Tour patrons are Central United Methodist Church, Baker's Dental office, the Woman's Club lot, or the site lot at Central School.

Homes on the tour reflect a bygone era of elegance and charm. The first home is located at 510 N. Piedmont and is currently owned by Cindy and Mike Brown. A 19th century colonial, the home was originally built by the C.E. Neisler family. The home is available for wedding receptions and other events rather than a residence.

Situated at 110 N. Gaston Street, the second home on the Tour dates to 1937 and is built in the Georgian style. It was originally the home of Kathrine



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Pat Still (left) and Shirley Brutko display the quilt they hand made for the new Kings Mountain History Museum. The quilt features scenes of Kings Mountain at different times of the year and will unveiled as part of the May 6 Tour of Historic Homes.

Dacey Moss and Paul Mauney Neisler, Jr. Current owners are Bill and Melissa Lawrence. Features of this home include columns with Greek Angular Ionic capitals, German crystal chandeliers, and an elevated rear balcony.

Next stop on the Tour is 105 E. Ridge Street and the Central School building. Presently used as the administrative offices of the Kings Mountain District Schools, the structure was built in 1933 and housed students for over six decades before classes ended in 1994. Tour patrons will be able to get the complete history of the school, including when its roots were established in 1876 by Confederate Captain W.T.R. Bell.

The home of Melva and Roy Huffstetler, Jr., stop number four on the Tour is located at 202 N. Piedmont Avenue.

Beginning as a 1,00 square foot house in the late 19th century, the house has been expanded to its current 5,000 square feet. Decorated in an eclectic blend of old and new, the home has recently seen a complete kitchen remodeling job.

Commanding the corner of Kings Street and Piedmont Avenue, Dr. and Mrs. D. Beutel's house at 100 N. Piedmont Avenue was built in 1874 by railroad man and entrepreneur I.W. Garrett. After being bought from Garrett, the Dilling family occupied the home for 90 years. A three-story, 7,000 square foot architectural tour de force, this house may soon become the first B&B in Kings Mountain.

Though located just outside the proposed Historic District, the oldest original house in

Kings Mountain is located at 104 N. Battleground Avenue. Built circa 1870 by William Andrew Mauney, the frame house is currently undergoing a complete restoration and will be come a "living history" site. Restoration is under the supervision of Mrs. Charles A. Neisler.

The last stop on the May Historic Homes Tour is one of the best. Located at 104 E. Mountain Street, the former Post Office Building is a red brick and granite edifice that dates from 1939. Now configured as the Kings Mountain Historic Museum, the old P.O. will be welcoming visitors May 6 with a special craft show and sale. A percentage of craft sale money will go towards historic preservation.

One of the most significant items on display at the museum will be a magnificent quilt co-designed and constructed by artisan Pat Still and Shirley Brutko. Entitled "Kings Mountain, Her Many Moods," the hand made quilt features 12 scenes of the Kings Mountain ridge at different times of the year. Ranging from winter's snowy landscape to the bright green of spring and summer, the quilt's use of material and exquisite stitching will make it a showpiece. In addition, each corner of the quilt has hand worked embroidery depicting the gazebo in downtown Kings Mountain, the railway through town, a cotton field, and the year 1874.

Kicking off the May 6 Tour of Homes will be a special Patron party on Friday evening May 5. For a donation of \$50 or more, patrons will receive two tour tickets and an invitation to the affair. Other recognition will be provided for individuals or their businesses, and donations are 100 per cent tax deductible. Make checks payable to the Kings Mountain Historic Tour of Homes and mail to 108 N. Piedmont Avenue, Kings Mountain 28086 as soon as possible.

For more information on the May Tour of Historic Homes, call Shirley Brutko at 739-4755 or 739-9663.

National Park Week underway at KMNMP

Kings Mountain National Military Park announced recently that it would be celebrating National Park Week from April 16-22. The Kings Mountain National Military Park is but one of 379 parks that serves as a steward of America's natural and cultural resources. Each national park has unique resources and a "compelling story" that provides educational and recreational opportunities for visitors.

To celebrate National Park Week, Kings Mountain National Military Park will be conduct-

ing two special programs. On Thursday, April 20, Park Guide Bert Dunkerly will present "Worshiping at the Shrine of Liberty: Commemoration of the Kings Mountain Battlefield." Dudley will explore the early preservation movement to protect the Kings Mountain Battlefield. Formation of the National Park at Kings Mountain, and its relationship to the formation and development of the National Park Service will be discussed. The program will focus on early commemorative celebrations at the site and upcoming projects

for the park. The program will begin at 3 p.m. at the visitor center.

On Saturday, April 22, the park staff will present tours of the Henry Howser House. Though not associated with the Battle of Kings Mountain, this 197-year-old stone structure is an extraordinary example of late 18th century architecture. Come discover how Henry Howser migrated from South Carolina and how he carved a comfortable lifestyle out of the Carolina frontier. Tours will begin at 1:30 p.m. and conclude at 4 p.m. The Howser House is on-

ly opened up for visitation a couple of times per year.

On April 18, the park began offering the new National Park Pass. The National Park Pass provides Americans with "365 days, 379 ways to experience their America." The Pass is a great value. It will allow our local neighbors to see the wonderful diversity of national parks around the country at the same time that it helps Kings Mountain National Military Park fund projects that improve the visitor experience within the park.

The National Parks Pass will

be sold for \$50 at the Kings Mountain National Military Park visitor center and other parks around the country online at www.nationalparks.org and toll free at 1-888-GO-PARKS. Pass holders get free admission for one year from purchase to all national parks. A full 70 percent of the proceeds from the sales of Passes at Kings Mountain National Military Park will go directly to projects that help visitors experience the park. The remaining 30 percent of the proceeds go to a national fund that supports

projects at any of the 379 national parks.

The park encourages you to make plans now to attend the 3rd Annual Kings Mountain Forum on Saturday, May 6. The forum will feature a living history encampment, national and regionally recognized speakers, storytellers, and an evening concert of 18th century music.

All events at Kings Mountain National Military Park are free to the public. For more information, call 864-936-7921.

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