

Reader Recipes

We're looking for unusual, innovative, or just plain good-tasting recipes. If you have a favorite you'd like to share, send to: **Reader Recipes, P.O. Box 1029, Lakeville, Minn. 55044.**

Orange Rhubarb Drink

12 cups rhubarb
4 cups sugar
8 cups water
1 pk. orange Koolaid

Cook rhubarb in the water, then pour it into a cloth bag to drip. To the juice, add the sugar and Koolaid. This concentrate mixture can be canned. Add water to the concentrate until it has the desired taste.

Easy Bread

1 stick butter
3 cans crescent rolls

Preheat oven to 350°. Place stick of butter in bundt (or bread) pan. Place in oven until butter has melted. Pull pan from oven and place crescent rolls in pan. Leave crescent rolls in the big roll and kind of mash them together. Bake for 30 min.

*Regina Obermann
Freistatt, Mo.*

A-Maizing Cake

16 oz. of creamed corn
1/2 cup brown sugar
3/4 cup white sugar
3 eggs
1 cup oil
1/2 cup raisins
1/2 cup chopped nuts
2 1/4 cups flour
1 tsp cinnamon
1 tsp baking soda
3 tsp baking powder

Cream sugar, oil and eggs. Add corn, raisins and nuts. Mix well. Blend together flour, cinnamon, baking soda, and baking powder. Add to creamed mixture and mix well. Bake in two 8-in. oiled baking pans or on 9 by 13-in. oiled pan. Bake at 350° for 35 to 40 min. *Indiana Farm Bureau*

Sauerkraut Salad

1 large can sauerkraut - drained
1 small can pimento
1 cup chopped green pepper

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Turn Your Toilet Tank Into An Aquarium

You can turn your bathroom into the center of attention with this unique aquarium that wraps itself around a clear inner tank.

The "Fish and Flush" Aquarium is a two-piece aquarium toilet tank that measures 19 1/2 in. long by 8 1/2 in. wide by 13 3/4 in. high. The clear tank replaces the original tank and fits most standard toilets that use two bolts to secure the tank to the bowl. A 2.2-gal. aquarium wraps around the outside of the inner flush tank and can be easily removed for cleaning. The aquarium tank will support fresh, salt, warm or tropical water. The outer aquarium kit includes an air pump, under-gravel filter, air stones, backdrop, and two 9-in. plastic plants.

It's a complete aquarium kit - just add fish, gravel and water.

The inner flush tank comes with a complete toilet tank trim kit including the fill valve, flush valve, tank-to-bowl gasket, and a custom flush button. The clear toilet tank is made from a strong co-polyester similar to the tough plastic used for water bottles. It's flushed by pushing a button on top of the tank, which lifts a chain to flush the toilet.

"Children love watching the aquarium. The fish appear to fly out of the water whenever the toilet is flushed," says David Parrish. "The tank can support up to five to seven small fish."

"People have also used the aquarium for lizards, turtles, and other pets. One creative person built a mini doll house in the tank for their young daughter to assist in toilet training. Another person made a Christmas scene by installing Styrofoam, fake snow, a sled and Christmas lights. You can even cut up photos and place them in the space between the two tanks."

Sells for \$299 plus S&H. An optional two-unit LED aquarium light kit creates a moonlit environment in your bathroom. It sells for \$25 plus S&H.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Aqua One Technologies, Inc., 14726 Golden West, Suite J, Westminster, Calif. 92683 (ph 866 598-3474; www.fishnflush.com).

Aquarium toilet tank can hold fresh or saltwater fish.



Two-piece tank replaces original tank.

Pot-In-A-Pot Grows Plants Better

A plant pot concept introduced this year from England helps plants grow faster and healthier. Grow Pots being marketed by Lee Valley Tools Ltd. have a unique twin wall design.

"We saw them at a trade show in England last summer, and were impressed with what we learned," says Sarah Clarke, product manager, Lee Valley. "They have been very popular with British gardeners, who simply set them directly into a bag of soil. They can also be set right into the ground."

The serrated edge of the outer pot makes it easy to cut through plastic to set in a bag of soil or push into the ground. Once in place, the plant is set in the inner pot and topped off with soil creating a level higher than the surrounding soil. Fertilizer is applied to the inner pot while water is added between the walls of the inner and outer pots.

"The design meets the needs of plants, which tend to set nutrient feeder roots near the surface and water seeking roots deeper into the soil," explains Clarke. "In our greenhouse trials, the plants in the Grow Pots grew 25 percent bigger and taller than those without Grow Pots. We didn't measure yield, but I suspect it was approximately 20 percent greater with the Grow Pots."

The one-piece pots are made of heavy-duty plastic and come in two sizes. The 11-in. diameter is ideal for larger vegetables such as peppers, melons, zucchinis, etc. Clarke suggests using the 7-in. diameter pots for herbs, strawberries, cherry tomatoes and even caned fruit such as raspberries.

Lee Valley offers three of the larger pots for \$29.50 and a set of six smaller pots for \$39.50.

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Serrated edge of outer pot makes it easy to push into ground.



Plant is set in inner pot. Water is put into the outer pot.

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Amish-built rig looks like a cross between a bike and a scooter.

Amish Scooters Have Bike Wheels

Groffdale Scooters in Leola, Penn., started building and selling scooters back in 1978 that look like a cross between a bike and a scooter.

They're fitted with bicycle wheels because they roll easier than the usual 3 to 4-in. hard rubber wheels that most scooters have.

"Our scooters are well-built and provide more speed, a smoother ride, better control and maneuverability," explains the company's Leon Stoltzfus. "They feature 85 psi aluminum rim racing wheels in 16, 20 and 24-in. dia. All models have a rear foot brake and basket. Front hand brakes are also available."

Prices of the four scooter models range from \$100 to \$195, and they're available in maroon, hunter green, navy or lavender. Twelve, 16 and 20-in. dia. white plastic wheel rims can be substituted for a \$5 discount per unit.

For \$20.95 extra, you can add battery-operated L.E.D. headlights, and tail-light blinkers cost an additional \$7.95.

Stoltzfus says most of their business comes from the Amish community where the scooters are used as a major source of transportation. Children use them for going to school and adults use them for going to work or shopping.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Groffdale Scooters and Croquet, 194 S. Groffdale Rd., Leola, Penn. 17540 (ph 717 656-7657).

Fake Nest Scares Wasps Away

If you want to keep wasps from attending your summer backyard parties, you'll want to take a close look at this new fake nest that's designed to scare real wasps away.

The Waspinator looks like a real wasp nest in size, shape, and color. It works like a scarecrow by making wasps think it's an enemy wasp nest. Wasps will avoid any area where the Waspinator is displayed.

Made from lightweight, recyclable polypropylene, the Waspinator measures 12 in. high and will hang anywhere.

"It's an easy, effective way to scare wasps away without chemicals or traps," says inventor Vikki Olson. "It works because wasps are territorial and fear being killed by rival wasps."

Tests show the Waspinator deters wasps, including yellow jackets, up to 20 ft. away. Large areas may need two or more nests."

The product is waterproof and folds up small so you can take it with you on picnics. It contains no bait or chemicals so there's nothing to clean.

Suggested retail price is \$9.99.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, DeWitt Co., 905 South Kingshighway, Sikeston, Mo. 63801 800 888-9669; info@dewittcompany.com or info@waspinator.com; www.waspinator.com).



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