

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.

Apricot-Rhubarb Jam

8 cups rhubarb, diced
6 cups sugar
1 6-oz. box orange Jello
1 can apricot pie filling
1 tbsp butter

Combine rhubarb and sugar. Let stand overnight. The next day, boil the mix for 10 min. Stir in package of Jello and the can of pie filling. Bring back to a boil and add butter. Put in sterilized jars. Seal.

Odonna Ziegler, Bagley, Minn.

"Keep You Guessing" Pie

1/2 cup sugar
1/2 tsp cinnamon
1/2 tsp cloves
1/4 tsp salt
1/4 cup butter
3 eggs
1 cup dark syrup
1 cup old-fashioned oatmeal
1/2 cup chopped walnuts

Combine sugar, cinnamon, cloves and salt. Add butter and beat until creamy, beat in eggs one at a time; beat in syrup. Stir in oatmeal and walnuts and pour into pie shell. Bake 45 min. to 1 hr., until a knife comes out clean when inserted in center of pie. Serve with whipped cream, ice cream or enjoy-as-is. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

L.M. Lies, Bremen, N.Dak.

Garlic Vinegar

6 cloves garlic, peeled and crushed
1 qt. red wine or cider vinegar

Place garlic in a clean quart canning jar. Boil vinegar and pour it into the jar. Cover and store in a cool, dark place for two weeks shaking once a day. Strain into empty wine bottles or other containers and stop or cap.

Orange Pie

1 sm. can frozen orange juice concentrate
2 oz. cream cheese
2 cups Cool Whip
1 can condensed milk
Graham cracker crust
Mix together. Put in pie shells and freeze. Makes 3 pies.
Susie Stoltzfus



Lid on fake rock rolls back for access to tank.

How To "Hide" Your Propane Tank

If you're tired of looking at your propane tank and you don't want to spend the money to bury the tank in the ground, you might like this new Rock Box Propane Tank Cover.

It's a fake rock cover made out of fiberglass that looks like a large rock formation. The top of the cover consists of an articulated lid that rolls back easily for access to the top of the tank. It comes in 5 colors and weighs about 200 lbs. The material is about 1 in. thick and the cover is vented for safety.

Designed to fit a 250-gal. tank, it sells for \$2,195.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Boulder Looks (ph 830 980-8633; www.boulderlooks.com).



Solar-powered lights let you add outdoor lighting without doing any wiring.

Lamp Posts Add Class & Free Light

A new generation of solar lights has made it easy and relatively inexpensive to add outdoor lighting to a front yard, patio or deck with no need to do any wiring.

Here are a few of the styles FARM SHOW found and a small sample of websites that carry them.

An 85-in. tall post light from **Gama Sonic** can be fitted with 1, 2 or 3 lights on a single black, white or rust red post to create a classic, elegant late 19th Century gas-light design. The powder-coated, cast-aluminum posts are weather resistant, and are designed to be bolted down. Sold through dealers, the triple light model retails for \$329 to \$379.

Suntyme offers a 90-in. tall black or white post with a heavy cast iron base, in-ground installation kit and a single light for about \$300. Etched glass side panels add a historic look.

The 64-in. tall Westminster sold by **Solar Illuminations** has a heavy base that doesn't require securing to the ground so it can be moved to wherever it's needed. It has 12 LED bulbs with a 10 to 15 watt output. Sells for \$280.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, (www.solartown.com; www.gamasonic.com; www.lightingdirect.com; www.solargardenstore.com; www.solarilluminations.com).

Robotic Floor Cleaner

This new robotic floor cleaning appliance is specially designed for hard surface floors including wood, tile, vinyl and Pergo.

The Mint robotic floor cleaner uses a cube-shaped, GPS-like guidance system to track where it cleans. It comes with a pad that you cover with a cleaning cloth, such as Swiffer or Pledge floor wipes or dry wipes. You simply place the cloth over the pad and then snap it in place. The pad is less than 10 in. wide, allowing it to maneuver between chair legs and other small spaces.

Using dry cloths, Mint picks up dust, dirt and hair that accumulate on floors. Using wet cloths, it uses a special mopping motion to dissolve and wipe up deeper dirt and grime, leaving floors shiny and fresh.

According to the company, manual and automatic vacuums work on carpets but tend to spread dust and dirt around on hard surfaces. The Mint is only 3 in. tall so it'll go under most furniture, baseboards, beds, low tables, and couches. It also cleans around obstacles, along walls and edges, and

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Pipe Flower Holder Adds Nice Touch To Headstone

Myrtle Hendershot of Parkers Prairie, Minn., puts a piece of galvanized pipe in the ground next to her husband's headstone to hold artificial flowers instead of just poking them into the ground. Unsecured flowers are usually thrown out after a couple of weeks because they're too difficult to mow or trim around.

Her son, Dennis, cut a piece of pipe and spray painted it black.



Galvanized pipe holds artificial flowers next to headstone.

Mobile Propane Lighting

Lancaster Lanterns offers a new solution for moving propane-powered lights around, especially on rougher terrain or on shop floors.

"Our two-wheeled cart holds a 20-lb., 30-lb. or 40-lb. propane bottle," says Jacob L. King, owner of Lancaster Lanterns. "It has a steel ring so the bottle fits in snug."

The sturdy, steel carts are powder-coated and painted red on balloon tires. Lancaster Lanterns also sells hand carts suitable with smaller wheels for smooth, indoor floors.

The pole for the light can be mounted on the bottle or the handle, King says. Also, a heater head can be placed on the bottle and moved around with the cart.

The balloon wheel carts cost \$108.70 plus shipping. Call the business for a dealer in your area.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Lancaster Lanterns, 5465 White Oak Rd., Paradise, Penn. 17562 (ph 610 593-2300).



Cart makes it easy to move propane-powered lights around.

all the way in corners.

The cube-shaped guidance system uses light sensor feedback and carefully plans each path to ensure the robot doesn't miss a spot and doesn't cover the same area twice. A range of sensors helps the unit avoid area rugs and transitions to carpet.

According to the company, an average sized kitchen can be cleaned with a dry cloth in about 25 min., and with a wet cloth in about 40 min.

The Mint comes with a rechargeable battery that lasts over 3 hours when dry cleaning, and up to 2 hours when wet cleaning.

Sells for less than \$250.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Evolution Robotics, Inc. (ph 216 472-2374; mintinfo@evolution.com; www.mintcleaner.com).



GPS-like guidance system tracks where robotic floor cleaner goes.