

Reader Recipes

Cucumber Mint Salsa

2 medium cucumbers
1 tbsp lemon juice
1 scallion
3 to 4 tbsp spearmint leaves
1 tsp minced hot pepper
1/4 cup minced sweet pepper, green or red
1/4 cup plain yogurt
1/4 tsp salt
Peel both cucumbers. Puree one in a food processor with the lemon juice. Finely chop the second cucumber and scallion, mint and peppers. Stir all into the yogurt and add salt to taste. Good with chips or on cold veggies or fish or as a salad dressing.

Dandelion Coffee

Made from the roots, dandelion coffee is best made in late fall. The thickest roots will be from plants that are big and leafy so you may want to let a patch of dandelions grow in your yard. One gallon of roots will make about 2 gal. of coffee. Put roots in a bucket with cool water. Stir until water is murky with dirt. Drain and repeat until water is clear, then let roots dry. Space them on a cookie sheet and roast until coffee-colored. Grind in a coffee grinder, food processor or blender, and brew like regular coffee.

Corn Pudding

6 ears of corn
Spoonful of sugar
Pinch of salt
Spoonful of cream
4 egg yolks
4 egg whites, whipped
Boil and grate ears of corn. Add sugar, salt, cream, yolks and whites. Mix well and put in buttered dish. Bake for a half hour at 350°.

Green Tomato Pie

5 cups green tomatoes, sliced
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/4 cup maple syrup
1/2 tsp salt
2 tbsp butter
2 tbsp lemon juice
1 tsp grated lemon rind
4 tbsp corn starch
1 1/2 tsp cinnamon
1/2 tsp ground nutmeg
1/2 tsp allspice
Pastry (including top) for one pie

Mix all ingredients except tomatoes and cook gently over low heat. Place sliced tomatoes into pastry shell and cover with above mixture. Seal pastry. Bake for 45 min. at 375°.



Bolt-on bracket allows mailbox to swing out of the way and then automatically return to its normal position.

“Swingaway” Mailbox Protector

“It eliminates damage to mailboxes caused by snowplows and vandals,” says Tim Pickles, Kiowa, Colo.

The device allows a mailbox to swing out of the way and then automatically return to its normal position.

The bracket lag bolts to any 4-in. sq. wooden post. Pickles also offers an L-shaped “impact protector” that’s designed to keep the plow from making contact with the mailbox. The protector is made from 1-in. steel tubing and bolts onto the bar that supports the mailbox.

The swingaway mailbox bracket sells for \$75 plus S&H; \$90 plus S&H with the impact protector. The mailbox and wooden post are not included.

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He Microwaves Leftover Bits Of Soap Into Bars

Leftover pieces of soap from your bathroom or shower can be converted into bars, by simply placing them in a divided plastic tray and then melting them in your microwave oven, says Mike Paul of Clearwater, Fla.

He starts with a microwavable plastic tray that’s divided into sections – or the bottoms cut off water bottles. He fills them with leftover bits of soap, and places them in the microwave for 2 min. until the soap has melted. He lets the containers cool for about an hour and then pops the bars out.

“It’s a simple idea but it saves quite a bit of money,” says Paul. “The soap bars that you get don’t look as fancy as new soap bars, but I’m a carpenter and anything I can grab to get clean is all I need. I came up with the idea because there are 4 people in our family so we always have a lot of leftover soap.”

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Automatic Jam Maker

You can make great homemade jam in just 30 min. with this new automatic jam maker that heats ingredients and then stirs with a continuous automatic paddle.

Just add pectin and fruit. A series of beeps prompt you when to add the sugar (after the fruit comes to a full boil). The stirring paddle ensures the fruit cooks evenly and won’t scorch.

Automatic settings allow you to cook at the proper temperature without the boil-overs that can occur when the heat gets too high, says the company. The nonstick surfaces of the cooking pan and the paddle make cleanup easy. Holds 2 1/2 pints. Comes with a booklet of recipes and tips to help you get started.

Sells for \$99.99 plus S&H.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Jarden Home Brands, Consumer Affairs, 14611 West Commerce Rd., P.O. Box 529, Daleville, Ind. 47334 (www.freshpreserving.com).



Automatic jam maker heats ingredients and then stirs with a continuous automatic paddle.

No Salt Or Ice Needed In This Ice Cream Maker

You can make 5 gal. of homemade ice cream without salt or ice in 15 min. with this new Georgetown self-freezing machine.

“The can is lined with copper coils, which cools the ice cream,” explains David Beiler, owner of the company that sells more than 40 models of ice cream makers.

Geared mostly to people who cater or sell ice cream at events and markets, the newest model offers several advantages.

“It requires very little labor. There are no salt and ice costs. It makes the ice cream faster. And there’s no corrosion from the salt, which is a common problem in ice cream makers,” Beiler says.

Customers like the speed, plus all they have to do is fill it with their mix and let the machine do everything else. There’s no need to watch it constantly to add salt and ice.

Georgetown Sales offers the ice cream freezer in models with a Honda engine or an electric version; \$5,495 for either 5-gal. model. As a safety and convenience feature, there is an automatic shut-off timer option for \$150 on

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New Products For The Farm, Ranch Home

Sweet Corn Stripper

Here’s a quick and easy way to strip corn off the cob, whether it has been cooked or is raw.

Kuhn Rikon’s Corn Zipper comes with a stainless steel head that’s shaped to curve around the edges of a cob. Simply pull the zipper along the kernels and they pop right off. Measures 6 in. long. Sells for \$11.95 plus S&H.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, (ph 866 765-2433; www.chefresresource.com).

Corn Zipper’s stainless steel head is shaped to curved around edges of cob.



Easy-To-Use “Litter Picker”

Picking up litter in your yard or along roads is easy with this new litter pickup tool.

The Garbo Grabber consists of 2 lightweight plastic rings – an inner ring and an outer ring – that secure a plastic trash bag. The 2 rings keep the mouth of the trash bag open during use. The worker grabs onto a built-in handhold with one hand and uses a lightweight reacher or litter pick (both sold separately) to grab trash with his other hand.

To attach the bag simply separate the 2 rings, drape the trash bag over the inner ring, align tabs on both rings, and snap them together.

The Garbo Grabber accepts 33-gal. bags or larger and sells for \$29.95 plus S&H.

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Garbo Grabber uses 2 plastic rings to keep mouth of trash bag open during use.



Machine’s 5-gal. can is lined with copper coils, which cools the ice cream and eliminates the need for salt or ice.

the gas model. A smaller 8-quart electric model sells for \$3,200.

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