

Reader Recipes

Snow Ice Cream

1 gal. snow
1 cup white sugar
1 tsp vanilla
2 cups milk

Fill a large bowl with fresh, clean flakes. Stir in sugar and vanilla to taste, then stir in just enough milk for the desired consistency. Serve immediately.

Sweet Potato Puffs

2 cups mashed sweet potatoes
2 tsp brown sugar
1/2 tsp salt
1/4 tsp cinnamon
12 large marshmallows
2/3 to 1 cup graham cracker crumbs
Combine mashed potatoes, brown sugar, salt and cinnamon. Shape a small amount around each marshmallow. Roll in graham cracker crumbs. Place on a greased baking sheet. Bake at 350° for 6 min. or until lightly puffed.

"Flour Free" Bean Brownies

1 pint black beans, cooked
3 eggs, beaten
1/2 cup shortening
4 tsp cocoa powder
1/8 tsp salt
2 tsp vanilla extract
4 oz. baker's chocolate, chopped into pieces
4 oz. chopped walnuts
1/2 cup sorghum molasses or honey
Preheat oven to 350°. In a blender, combine all ingredients except the walnuts and baker's chocolate. Blend until smooth, then add those two ingredients, stirring well. Pour into a baking pan. Bake for 35 min. *Jeffery Goss Jr.*

Mustard Pickled Eggs

12 whole hardboiled eggs, peeled
1 pint vinegar
1 tsp pickling spices
3 tsp dry mustard
2 tsp cornstarch
2 tsp sugar
1 tsp tumeric
1 tsp salt

Combine mustard, cornstarch. Add enough vinegar to make a paste. Stir in more vinegar and then add all of remaining ingredients, except the eggs. Stir well and heat until it boils. Ladle hot liquid over eggs in sterilized jars, covering them and leaving 1/2 in. of headspace. Process for 20 min. in a boiling water bath.

Animal Hair Adds Life To Ceramics

A pair of ceramic artists in Millarville, Alta., have come up with a new way to memorialize a favorite horse or other pet.

When Judy LeBlanc pulls a ceramic piece out of her kiln at 950 degrees, her daughter, Angie Faltus, does what she calls "the laying on of the hair". Basically, she lays strands of horse hair across the piece that sizzle and burn where they lay.

She works quickly as she only has about 3 min. The meandering lines left are carbon trails that become part of the piece.

Horse hair pottery has been around for thousands of years. It's very popular with Native Americans in the Southwest U.S., for example. A Colorado artist taught LeBlanc and Faltus how to do it in 2008, and they have incorporated it ever since into their designs at Two Springs Ceramics.

The type of hair affects the design.

"Palomino blonde hair is so thick it looks like the thickness of spaghetti. Arabian hair is fine – almost like dog hair," LeBlanc says.

The artists have worked with all kinds of animal hair, from pets to wildlife such as deer, elk, moose and buffalo. Feathers also work.

They use their own supplies of animal hair for pieces they sell at a local farmers market. For custom orders, they tell clients to brush their animals to get hair. The long hairs from a horse's tail or mane work best. Hair can be mailed to them in sealed plastic bags.

A new website includes photos of the shapes and pieces the artists offer, from jewelry to containers to free form shapes. Some include sketched silhouettes. Costs range from \$15 to \$250 depending on the complexity of the piece.

Currently, they only sell in Canada. That may change in the future, LeBlanc notes.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Two Springs Ceramics, Box 73, Millarville, Alta., Canada T0L 1K0 (ph 403 816-0323).



Animal hair is designed into these ceramic pieces.

Teach Your Dog To Play Fetch By Himself

Your dog will go crazy with this automatic ball throwing machine and get all the exercise he could ever need.

The Go Dog Go Fetch Machine works automatically or can be controlled by a handheld remote. Balls can be launched at 7 or 15-second intervals and launched between 12 and 45 ft., depending on the ball type and size. According to the company, a standard tennis ball goes 30 to 35 ft.; a racquet ball 38 to 40 ft.; and high bounce rubber balls and small tennis balls 40 to 45 ft. You can fill the bucket with different balls to keep it interesting.

Most dogs quickly learn to return the ball and drop it back inside the bucket, so they can play with or without you. Even if the dog has trouble getting the ball back, if you fill the bucket with balls it will keep him entertained without you.

Go Dog Go sells for \$137.99 plus S&H. A protective cover is available and sells for \$4.99 plus S&H. The unit can be powered by either a 110-volt AC Adapter or by 6 D batteries, and will run for about 25 hours on the batteries.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Go Dog Go, Inc., Gig Harbor, Wash. 98335 (info@godoggoinc.com; www.godoggoinc.com).



Machine works automatically or with a handheld remote.

The Perfect Clock For Folks With No Schedule

If your life isn't controlled by the hours of the day, you'll like the DayClock that only tells you the day of the week.

The clock face is divided into 7 equal sections and the single hand. The day hand moves continuously, making a complete revolution every 168 hours or once a week. The lines dividing the days indicate midnight, and the midpoint above each day indicates noon.

The idea for the DayClock was born in the Black Rock Desert of Nevada. Mark Pierce and John Kallestad had been out in the sticks for several days knowing their wives would be showing up on Friday. The problem was they didn't know what day it was and their wristwatches only gave them the date, which didn't help. They brainstormed and the result was a clock that gave them the only information they needed – what day it is.

The DayClock comes in several models that sell for \$39.95 to \$54.95 plus S&H.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, DayClocks, Inc., 69 Glen Carran Circle, Sparks, Nevada 89431 (ph 866 329-2562 or 775 853-8222; info@dayclocks.com; www.dayclocks.com).



DayClock only tells you the day of the week.

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New Products For The Farm, Ranch Home

Kit Turns Typewriter Into Computer Keyboard

About three years ago, 28-year-old Jack Zylkin found an old Royal typewriter on the side of a road. After polishing it up, he recognized its "cool" technology and wondered how he could make use of it. After a few months of weekend work, he developed a circuit board and USB connection.

"Most typewriters have a cross bar underneath that goes across all the keys. I decided to mount the circuitry on that," Zylkin explains. "I posted the project online (www.hive76.org) and was amazed at the response the project got. I realized there was a demand."

His \$74 Easy Install Conversion kit can be installed in about an hour with basic tools including a screwdriver, pliers, wire stripper, scissors and sandpaper or a scraping tool. The kit includes the circuit board, cloth tape and everything needed to make the conversion.

The kit allows the typewriter to be hooked up to computers, iPads, laptops and other devices with a USB port.

"You can assign hot keys and key combinations to get the same flexibility as with a modern keyboard," Zylkin says. "You don't have to hit the keys that hard. Press them like a normal keyboard."

As a bonus, you can slip a piece of paper in the typewriter for a hard copy and still have the ability to easily edit it on the computer.

In addition to the kit, Zylkin restores typewriters and offers complete units starting at \$700.

"A lot of people have taken the kit and used it as a springboard for other projects. One guy made a printer out of his typewriter. Another used it to make a video game," Zylkin says.

Check out the website for installation information and typewriter models that can be converted.

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Kit hooks typewriter up to computers, iPads, and laptops with a USB port.

"Pots And Pans" Bird Feeder

"I use old stainless steel frying pans to come up with what I call 'lifetime bird feeders'. They're virtually indestructible," says Dan Jacobson, Pequot Lakes, Minn.

Birds feed out of the pan, while the pan's lid forms a roof about 12 in. above. They're connected by a 7/16-in. dia. eye bolt that hangs from a light chain.

Jacobson grinds the pan's handle off and throws it away. A bracket supports the bottom of the pan.

"I've field tested these bird feeders for more than 5 years with amazing results," says Jacobson. "Even after they sit out in the weather they still look nice, and the depth of the pan keeps birds from spilling seed."

"Raccoons and squirrels can't even come close to wrecking this feeder because they can't chew through or even scratch the stainless steel metal. They can jump on it or do anything they want, but they can't wreck it."

Jacobson sells his bird feeders for \$40 plus S&H.

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