

Reader Recipes

Dandelion Gravy

2 cups young tender dandelion greens
1 tsp salt
2 cups milk
2 tbsp vinegar
1/4 cup butter or bacon drippings
1/4 cup flour
1 tbsp sugar

Melt butter, add flour and salt. Whisk in milk. Add sugar, vinegar. Boil together until well blended. Just before serving, add dandelion greens and mix. Optional: add crumbled bacon and/or hard-boiled eggs.

Rhubarb Butter Crunch

3 cups rhubarb, diced
1 cup sugar
3 tbsp flour
1 cup quick oats
1 1/2 cups flour
3/4 cup butter
1 cup brown sugar

Combine rhubarb, sugar and 3 tbsp flour. Place in baking dish. Combine brown sugar, quick oats, and 1 1/2 cups flour. Mix in butter and sprinkle over rhubarb mixture. Bake at 375° for 40 min. Serve with milk.

Cucumber Yogurt Soup

4 cucumbers
2 cups water
2 cups yogurt
2 cloves garlic
1/4 cup fresh mint leaves
Fresh chives
Salt & pepper

Peel and seed the cucumbers. Either chop the cucumber, garlic, and mint really fine, or put it in a blender with the water and pulse until it is chopped but not smooth. Add the yogurt and stir well. Chill until ready to serve. Add chopped chives to each bowl when serving.

Denise Jamieson,

Mystery Biscuits

2 cups all-purpose flour
1 tbsp baking powder
1 tsp salt
1/4 cup mayonnaise
1 cup milk
1 tsp sugar

Preheat oven to 375°. Grease a baking sheet. In a large bowl, combine the flour, baking powder and salt. Blend the mayonnaise, milk and sugar until the mixture is creamy. Drop by the tablespoon onto the baking sheet. Makes 12 biscuits. Bake 18 to 20 min. until golden brown.

Insecticide "Gaiters" Stop Ticks

You can protect yourself from ticks by wearing these new leggings impregnated with an odorless tick repellent. When ticks crawl onto the gaiters, they're exposed to the chemical and either fall off or die.

Air Mesh Tick Gaiters wrap around your pants. According to the company, they have been shown to slow the climb of adult deer ticks by 4 to 8 times compared to common pant fabrics, such as khakis. A slower climb means longer exposure to the long lasting repellent on each fiber of the gaiters.

The repellent consists of millions of tiny microcapsules bound to fibers throughout the gaiters. Movement and friction causes some of the microcapsules to burst, gradually releasing the tick repellent.

Lymeez Tick 12-in. tall gaiters sell on Amazon for \$29.99 plus S&H; shorter 8-in. high gaiters sell for \$19.95 plus S&H. An untreated 12-in. version that requires you to spray on your own repellent sells for \$24.95 plus S&H.

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Air Mesh Tick Gaiters come impregnated with an odorless tick repellent.

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New Products For The Farm, Ranch Home

Built-From-Scratch 8-Gun Carousel

"I made this 8-gun carousel for my father's 75th birthday, with help from my family," says Tim Vail, New Brunswick.

"The main cabinet is 3/4-in. Russian Birch while the disks are plywood. I routed pockets for the buttstocks after some trial and error to make sure scopes would clear.

"My mother and daughter helped cut out and place the felt inlays. The 2 1/4-in. steel shaft at the center is from a 1983 New Holland 847 round baler that broke years ago and sat in my dad's shed for 25 years. The bottom turns in an old bearing from the same baler while the top fits into a throwout bearing from a Ford truck that my dad bought new back in 1977. I put two coats of lacquer on the shaft. The inside of the custom cabinet is finished with pickwick pine and aromatic cedar."

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Gun carousel rotates on shaft and bearing off an old round baler.



Saddle comes with a 15-in. front seat and 10-in. back seat.

Where To Buy A 2-Seat Saddle

There are bicycles built for two, so why not saddles?

Sharing a horse in this way is a lot more comfortable, especially if the saddle is being used by an instructor teaching an inexperienced rider, or they can also be ideal "date" saddles for couples.

The tandem seat saddle at www.saddleonline.com has a 15-in. front seat and a 10-in. back seat, and is priced at \$449.99 plus S&H. The site also features an add-on "Buddy Seat" for existing saddles that sells for \$59.00 plus S&H.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, SaddleOnline Inc., 631 Frontier Way, Bensenville, Ill. 60106 (ph 800 967-2335; fax: 800 705-2240; www.saddleonline.com).

Inexpensive Boat Shade

When Jon Gibson was diagnosed with skin cancer on his nose last summer, he realized he had to do something to protect himself when fishing the fresh waters of Cape Cod. He first checked out available boat toppers, but he knew the multiple support poles would get in the way of casting. Plus, they were expensive.

"I was sitting under an umbrella over a patio table and realized that was the answer—something with a single point of attachment," he recalls. So he purchased a heavy-duty 9 1/2-ft. umbrella for \$50 at a discount store.

He mounted it on the side-steer console of his 18-ft. fishing boat with a piece of pvc pipe slightly larger than the umbrella pole and a couple of pipe straps.

A clevis pin provides three height options.

He collapses the umbrella and ties it with a rope when he moves his boat to another location.

Gibson notes that a similar setup should work on a garden tractor or other equipment used in the backyard or on a farm.

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Umbrella mounts on boat's side-steer console with a pvc pipe and 2 straps. Clevis pin provides 3 height options.



Battery-Powered Cordless Tiller

The Royal Weeder easily gets into tight spots between plants and around trees and bushes. The battery-powered weeder weighs only 3 lbs., 2 oz. and has a telescoping handle.

"I don't know why the 'big boys' in the business didn't think of this," says Fred Marken, inventor and distributor. "I had a small gas-powered tiller, but it wasn't good for getting into tight spaces. Also, I didn't like having to power up a noisy gas engine."

Marken took his concept to a friend who had connections with a company in China. They did the engineering and are manufacturing the Royal Weeder for him.

The device consists of an extendable aluminum pole with a pistol grip on one end and a wheel with 10 fingers with bent tips on the other end. The wheel rotates at 200 to 220 rpm's and is powered by a 2-amp, 20-volt battery that fits in the handle. A single charge offers from 25 to 35 min. of weeding.

"My battery outlasts me with about 35 min. of use," says Marken, an avid gardener. "It does more work than 5 hoes. A lot of people buy an extra battery, which we offer at a discount, but I've never needed one. They recharge in about an hour."

Marken cautions people not to think of the Royal Weeder with its chopping wheel as an edger or weed whacker. It is designed to churn up weeds, although he admits it is handy for blending in fertilizer and also for stirring up mulch. "It really is a brand new tool," says Marken.

The ability to extend the pole from 38 to 44 in. makes it ideal for working in raised beds, as well as matching the user's height and reach. It is also adjustable for left or right-handed use.

Currently the Royal Weeder is available direct from the company for \$99 with free shipping.

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Battery-operated weeder weighs only about 3 lbs.