

WESTPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY



June 2018

Aunt Minerva's Kitchen

Green Tomato Pickles

Chop a peck of green tomatoes, three onions, 1/4 pint of horse radish, three green peppers.

Put these in a cloth bag or sieve and drain dry.

Place in pan and salt in layers. Let this stand overnight. Drain.

Scald vinegar and pour over the mixture. Let stand two or three days and drain again.

Mix quart of vinegar, one tablespoon black pepper, one tablespoon allspice, three ounces of ground clove, three ounces of mustard and a 1/4 pint of mustard seed.

Bring to a boil and pour over the pickles. Let stand until cool.

May put in crocks or jars and sealed.



The month of June reminds us of summer and the clear skies and the warmth of the sun. School is done, summer camps begin, vacations are planned, picnic baskets are packed and life begins to revolve around swimming and baseball.

June is National Candy Month in the US so take time to indulge in your favorite guilty pleasure and celebrate your favorite chocolate, hard candy, gum and mints.

June 15: Father's Day

Father's Day is a celebration honoring fathers and celebrating fatherhood and the influence of fathers in society. In 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson issued the first presidential proclamation honoring fathers, designating the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. President Richard Nixon made the celebration a permanent national holiday by signing Father's Day into law in 1972.



Grandma's Apron

For many kids who grew up in the 19th and 20th centuries Grandma's Apron was something to marvel. Of course, the primary use of Grandma's apron was to protect her dress because she only had a few. It was much easier to wash aprons than dresses and, for a bonus, aprons used less material than a dress.



But those who grew up with Grandma's Aprons know they were much more than just a piece of material:

- it was a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven
- it carried many pies to the window sill for cooling
- it dried tears and cleaned out dirty ears
- it carried eggs and fussy chicks
- it carried chips and kindling wood to the kitchen
- it carried all sorts of garden vegetables
- it carried new puppies and piglets
- it carried apples that had fallen from the trees
- it carried vegetable and fruit peelings
- it carried rocks, small snakes, and special treasures
- it wiped many a perspiring brow and runny nose
- it made a great towel after a dip in the pond or creek
- it waved many hungry relatives to the dinner table.

When unexpected company came, the apron would dust all the furniture in a couple of seconds, and it was the perfect hiding place for shy kids.

When the weather turned cold, Grandma wrapped her wonderful apron around her arms or the arms of a couple small kids before sitting on the front porch to watch the sun set.

Some say Grandma's Apron had to be full of germs, but we know that the only thing ever caught from her apron was LOVE. ~author, unknown

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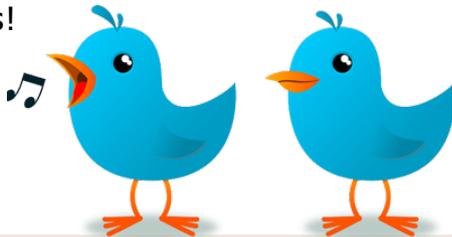
Birdbath

Adding a birdbath to your garden will reward you with the sounds of splashing and lovely birdsong. Colorful birds will come to your birdbath for the water they need -- for drinking *and* grooming.

When they are done prepping, the birds will hunt for the insects and worms, and seeds and flower parts they like to eat. In the process they will also prune dead plants and keep plants healthy by devouring pests.

Prepare your birdbath for the spring and summer season by washing the basin with a mild soap and water; rinse thoroughly, then place your cast-concrete birdbath in a favorite garden spot. Make sure the birdbath basin is no deeper than 3 inches, has sloping sides, and an edge to provide a place for the birds to perch.

Line the basin with pebbles of various sizes for a more natural look. The pebbles will provide sure-footed traction for the birds. Add cool, clean water and sit back and watch your feathered friends!



Victorian Jewelry

Jewelry in the first half of the 19th century was bold and gold with most pieces decorated with intricate carvings, delicate enamel works and elaborate settings.

Victorians enjoyed jewelry with hidden meanings:

- Serpents—eternity or commitment
- Arrows--love
- Pearls--tears
- Doves—domesticity
- Heart—charity
- Diamond--consistency
- Butterfly—soul
- Knot—love
- Emerald--hope
- Dogs—fidelity
- Cross—faith
- Ruby--passion
- Fly—humility
- Anchor—hope
- Amethyst--devotion



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