



Where gardens grow & friendships bloom

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Announcements: Remember that we do not meet in January! Our next Meeting will be on Tuesday, February 14, 2012 (maybe your Valentine will come with you!) Watch the newsletter for meeting details and location.

Wishing a Happy New Year to everyone! We had an enjoyable banquet in December. Though I arrived a bit late, we had a tasty meal and it was wonderful to visit with members, especially those that we hadn't seen for a while. Since I arrived late, I'm also not sure about awards (December was very hectic. That's my excuse and I sticking to it.)

Where will your journey take you this year? Will your path follow the course that you hope for, or will you find unexpected challenges and changes along the way? Will you gaze up at the clouds to predict the weather or to marvel that they appear painted across the sky by a celestial artist? Will you hurry through the weeding or ponder the life below the surface? Will you flip the spider out of your way or watch it go about its spider business? Will you curse the squirrels or envy their agility in jumping from tree to tree? Will you admire the butterfly or imagine yourself the butterfly?

The color of springtime is in the flowers, the color of winter is in the imagination. ~Terri Guillemets

Winter came down to our home one night
Quietly pirouetting in on silvery-toed slippers of snow,
And we, we were children once again.

~Bill Morgan, Jr.

We have had a request from the national organization to contribute recipes for a cookbook. Most of you probably received this by email, but just in case you didn't, below are the instructions. Please consider sending a recipe. We have some grand cooks in our club. Show the national that we have unique, great things to eat in St. Louis!

TGOA/MGCA is preparing a custom cookbook featuring favorite recipes from our members. These cookbooks will be professionally published and contain special pages of interest, a table of contents, an index, helpful cooking hints and recipe category dividers. It is sure to be treasured for years to come.

Please submit 3-5 of your favorite recipes on the forms that follow so that you can be represented in our group's cookbook. Follow the instructions shown to the right. Your name will be printed with each of your recipes. Your help in contributing recipes will ensure that our cookbook will be a big success and raise some much needed funds for our organization.

We want to be certain to order enough cookbooks, so you could reserve yours and some for your family and friends below to be assured of receiving them.

We plan have the final cookbook completed by **midyear 2012**. Since much time will be required to compile and print the books.

- Print **NEATLY IN INK, NOT PENCIL**, and place only ONE RECIPE per form.
- If more room is needed, use another sheet of plain paper and staple together.
- Please **WRITE LEGIBLY**, as this will greatly reduce errors.
- List all ingredients in order of use in ingredients list and directions
- Include container sizes, e.g., 16-oz. pkg., 24-oz. can
- Keep directions in paragraph form – not in steps.
- Use names of ingredients in the directions, e. g., "Combine flour and sugar." DO NOT use statements like, "Combine first three ingredients."
- Include temperatures and cooking, chilling, baking, and/or freezing times.
- Be consistent with the spelling of your name for each recipe you contribute.
- Any special recipe notes (anything other than ingredients, directions, contributor name, serving size or recipe title) should be kept as a separate comment on the bottom of this form, as they may not be included unless we pay extra for it.

Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home. ~Edith Sitwell

Wishing you all the wonders and joys of a new year.

See you in February.....