

Thanksgiving Thoughts

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THE HOLIDAYS ARE
ALL ABOUT FAMILY
MEMORIES &
TRADITIONS....



We would like to thank our amazing clients and offer a reminder of what the day really means mixed with some fun facts!

my favorite recipe for thanksgiving

I have been making this for about 4 years, everyone raves about the stuffing! (I add a few cranberries too!)

Apple and Onion Stuffin' Muffins

Recipe courtesy Rachael Ray

Ingredients

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- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, 2 turns of the pan
- 1 stick butter, softened
- 1 fresh bay leaf, available in produce department
- 4 ribs celery and greens, from the heart, chopped
- 1 medium to large yellow skinned onion, chopped
- 3 McIntosh apples, quartered and chopped
- Salt and pepper
- 2 tablespoons poultry seasoning
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley leaves
- 8 cups cubed stuffing mix
- 2 to 3 cups chicken stock

Directions

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Preheat a large skillet over medium high heat. Add extra-virgin olive oil to skillet and 4 tablespoons butter. When butter melts, add bay leaf and add the vegetables as you chop them, celery, onions then apples. Sprinkle the vegetables and apples with salt, pepper and poultry seasoning. Cook 5 to 6 minutes to begin to soften vegetables and apples then add parsley and stuffing cubes to the pan and combine. Moisten the stuffing with chicken broth until all of the bread is soft but not wet. Butter 12 muffin cups, 2 tins, liberally with remaining butter. Use an ice cream scoop to fill and mound up the stuffing in muffin tins. Remove the bay leaf as you scoop the stuffing when you come upon it. Bake until set and crisp on top, 10 to 15 minutes. Remove stuffin' muffins to a platter and serve hot or room temperature.



Thanks to Norman Rockwell

It's NOT what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, that is the true measure of our thanksgiving. -- WT Purkiser

An optimist is a person who starts a new diet on Thanksgiving Day.
--Irv Kupcinet



Thanksgiving dinners take eighteen hours to prepare. They are consumed in twelve minutes. Half-times take twelve minutes. This is not coincidence. --Erma Bombeck

Enjoy the holiday - call an old friend - share a memory with someone before the thought is gone,

Thanksgiving Fun Facts

Though many competing claims exist, the most familiar story of the first Thanksgiving took place in Plymouth Colony, in present-day Massachusetts, in 1621. More than 200 years later, President Abraham Lincoln declared the final Thursday in November as a national day of thanksgiving. Congress finally made Thanksgiving Day an official national holiday in 1941.

Originally known as Macy's Christmas Parade—to signify the launch of the Christmas shopping season—the first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade took place in New York City in 1924. It was launched by Macy's employees and featured animals from the Central Park Zoo. Today, some 3 million people attend the annual parade and another 44 million watch it on television.

The first time the Detroit Lions played football on Thanksgiving Day was in 1934, when they hosted the Chicago Bears at the University of Detroit stadium, in front of 26,000 fans. The NBC radio network broadcast the game on 94 stations across the country—the first national Thanksgiving football broadcast. Since that time, the Lions have played a game every Thanksgiving (except between 1939 and 1944); in 1956, fans watched the game on television for the first time.

the above tips were taken from the [History Channel's](#) very informative website.

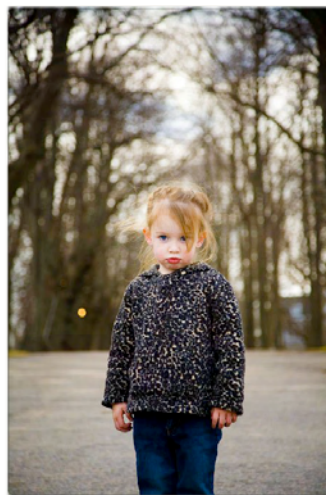
Holiday Photo Tip

The family is together for Thanksgiving, you have decided you want to take a group holiday picture or just pictures of the family enjoying the holiday. Here are a few other details to keep in mind in order to simplify the shoot!

- Visualize what you want – don't try and get too complex, you will just complicate your life
- If you can, try to use whatever natural light exists in the scene
- Clothing selection: dress the kid(s) in complimentary colors but try to avoid having everyone dressed identically, avoid loud patterns
- Shoot a lot! The more you shoot, the better chance you will have to capture a fleeting moment or natural expression
- Be stealth – do not torment the kids by constantly asking them to smile and say cheese, engage them in an activity and start shooting – you will be pleasantly surprised with the results
- If you are aiming for a more traditional portrait – stay patient and friendly with your family, try to get a real expression by making them laugh – not the “cheese” smile...choose another word or act silly, try something that might elicit a chuckle or two!
- Get in close, then get in even closer – don't be afraid to fill your viewfinder with an adorable child's face
- For individual portraits, try several different camera angles – move around and see what else might work – try getting on a child's level, roll around with them, shoot from above – think outside of the box
- Direct the action, be in control and make sure you HAVE FUN!



Share the gratitude!



What do you remember?

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