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# GEAUGA FRESH FARMERS' MARKET

Come and experience all Geauga County has to offer.

OPEN SATURDAYS
May – October 2009
9:00-1:00p.m.

Located in the South Russell Village Hall Parking Lot, corner of Bell St. and Rt. 306

Visit our Web Site: <a href="http://www.geaugafarmersmarket.com">http://www.geaugafarmersmarket.com</a>

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Rumor has it that there will be sweet corn on the tables of some of our vendors today. Sweet corn has been surprisingly good at the grocery stores the last few weeks, so we all have high hopes for Geauga County Sweet Corn, which everyone knows is the absolute BEST.

Blueberries continue to be plentiful and the plump blue fruit at the Geauga Fresh Farmers' Market is some of the tastiest ones to be found. It won't be long now until blueberries start sharing the spotlight with peaches. Please enjoy the many blueberry recipes today and take home a quart or two to make some great treats for your family and friends.

Vendor's tables have exploded with variety in recent weeks. Cucumbers, zucchini, onions, potatoes, beets, broccoli, peas, cabbage, cauliflower, all types of lettuce, radishes, spinach, and broccoli are present at the market each week. Seasonal produce varies from week to week, but start looking for more varieties and unique items filling our vendor's tables. Fresh baked goods and crackers, locally raised meat, fresh flowers, fresh eggs, honey, hand-made soaps and lotions, cheese, jams and jellies, herbs and garlic, vegetables, teas, plants, and various craft items are filling the market tents consistently each week.

Kris DuBois, our Market Manager is available weekly at the market booth to answer questions. During the season, if you would like to volunteer, she can always use help with parking, setting up and taking down, preparing the newsletter and operating the market booth. Please call Kris at 440-220-0871 or e-mail her at <a href="mailto:kdubois1@mac.com">kdubois1@mac.com</a> if you are interested in helping out. Contact geaugamarket@yahoo.com if you have any other questions or comments.

### **Chived Oven Fries with Tangy Dairy Dollop**

¼ cup plain nonfat yogurt4 Tbsp chives, finely chopped1 teas saltSalt and freshly ground black pepper

2 Tbsp sour cream
1 large **garlic clove**, minced

5 Tbsp olive oil

5 medium red potatoes

Preheat oven to 400° Whip together yogurt, sour cream & 1 Tbsp of chives. Set aside in refrigerator. In a blender, process garlic, remaining chives, salt, & olive oil until a chucky paste forms. Scrub potatoes and cut into 1/8" thick slices. With pastry brush, or fingertips, coat each potato slice with chive mixture and set on baking sheet, leaving space between slices. When each sheet is filled, salt and pepper to taste, & bake for 20-30 minutes until tender & golden. Serve fries hot with yogurt sauce as a dip. Sprinkle a pinch of chives on yogurt as a garnish. Serves 4.

### GEAUGA FRESH FARMERS' MARKET MEMBERS - 2009

Blue Jav Orchard Chagrin Valley Soap & Craft Chelsea Flower Garden Cherrywood Garlic & Herb Farm Countryside Home Bakery Dave's Dahlias Great American Lamb Co. Herb Thyme Hershberger Produce Hershey Montessori School Hilltop Blueberries Hot-Kiln Farm **Hummingbird Way** Jack Mountain's Orchard June Eve's Farm Luciano's Ristorante Mackenzie Creamery Maple Crest Farm Maplestar Farm Maple Valley Sugarbush and Middlefield Original Cheese Coop Miller's Jams **Novelty Nursery** Ohio Honey Pawsy Fingers Pet Pastries Radiant Life Ridgeview Farm Rock Valley Run Farm & Greenhouse SAND Farm LLC The Sassy Italian Schultz Fruit Farm Sirna's Farm and Market Sleeping Dragon Botanicals Sugar Me Terra Bakery Waxwing Farm

**Thanks** to South Russell Village Council and Mayor Matt Brett for their continued commitment to the success of the **Geauga Fresh Farmers' Market**. Every ingredient that is available at the market will be in **BOLD TYPE**. This way, you can search and find all the products available locally at our market. Each week, we choose the best recipes to use with produce that is available at the GEAUGA FRESH FARMERS' MARKET. If by chance, you don't pick up a newsletter and find our exciting recipes, they are always available on the Website: <a href="www.geaugafarmersmarket.com">www.geaugafarmersmarket.com</a> under the tab, Newsletters.

An old time favorite – with a fruity twist to bread pudding!

### **Blueberry Bread Pudding**

Recipe from: Diana Rattay, About.com

3 cups milk
5 to 6 cups day-old torn French
or Italian bread or rolls
1/2 t vanilla extract
2 cups fresh blueberries
3 large eggs
1 cup sugar
1 talmond extract
½ t lemon zest
3 T powdered sugar

Heat oven to 350°. Butter an 11- x 7-inch baking dish. Whisk together milk, eggs, sugar, flavorings, and zest. Add the bread and let stand for 10 to 15 minutes. Toss blueberries with powdered sugar then stir into the bread mixture. Pour into the prepared baking dish. Set the baking dish in a larger pan and set in oven. Add about 4 cups of very hot water to the outer pan. Bake for about 1 hour, or until the bread pudding is set and lightly browned on top. (8-10 servings)

## **Blueberry and Goat Cheese Salad**

recipe from US Highbush Blueberry Council

4 cups mixed salad greens

3 to 4 ounces **goat cheese** or other soft cheese 1 cup fresh **blueberries** 

1/2 cup pecans or walnuts\*

1/4 cup prepared Italian or balsamic dressing (Try the blueberry Vinaigrette below!)

Arrange greens on four salad plates, dividing evenly. Slice or shape goat cheese to form four rounds; arrange in center of each plate. Sprinkle blueberries and pecans on greens. Drizzle dressing over salads.

YIELD: 4 portions

\* To crisp nuts and bring out their full flavor, toast them in a 300° F oven for about 5 minutes.

### **Blueberry Balsamic Vinegar**

Recipe from US Highbush Blueberry Council

4 cups fresh blueberries

1 quart white balsamic vinegar

1/4 cup sugar

Zest from 1 lime, green part only, in strips

1 (3-inch) cinnamon stick

In a large non-reactive saucepan with potato masher or the back of a large spoon, crush blueberries. Add vinegar, sugar, lime zest & cinnamon; bring to a boil. Reduce heat & simmer, covered, 20 minutes. Cool slightly; pour into a large bowl. Cover & refrigerate for 2 days to allow flavors to blend. Place a strainer over a large bowl. In batches, ladle blueberry mixture into strainer; with a large spoon, press out as much liquid as possible; discard solids. Pour vinegar into clean glass bottles or jars. Refrigerate, tightly covered, until ready to use. Use in a favorite salad dressing recipe or the following vinaigrette.

### **Blueberry Swirl Cheesecake**

Recipe from: Blueberry-recipe.com

PUREE:

1 1/2 c. blueberries

1/4 c. sugar

2 tsp. cornstarch

1 tbsp. fresh lemon juice

### CRUST:

1 c. graham cracker crumbs

2 tbsp. sugar

2 tbsp. butter, melted

### FILLING:

1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese

1 c. sugar 1 container (8 oz.) sour cream

2 tsp. vanilla extract

4 lg. eggs, at room temp.

2 tbsp. flour

BLUEBERRY PUREE: Combine berries, sugar & cornstarch in saucepan. Bring to boil over medium heat & cook, stirring, 5 minutes. Puree in blender with lemon juice. Cool completely.

CRUST: Preheat oven to 350°. Wrap outside of 9-inch springform pan with heavy-duty foil. Combine crumbs, sugar & butter in bowl; mix well. Press evenly into prepared pan & bake 10 min. Cool.

Beat cream cheese in mixer bowl until light & fluffy. Gradually add sugar & beat until completely smooth. Beat in sour cream & vanilla. At low speed, beat in eggs one at a time, then flour just until blended. Pour batter over crust.

Place pan in larger baking pan. Carefully drizzle blueberry puree over batter. Swirl knife through batter to marbleize. Place on oven rack. Pour boiling water into larger pan 1 inch up side of springform pan. Bake 1 1/4 hours or until just set. Turn oven off; let stand in oven 1 hour. Remove pan from water bath. Remove foil; cool completely. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Remove sides of pan. Makes 12 servings.

## **Blueberry Vinaigrette**

Recipe from US Highbush Blueberry Council

1/4 cup olive oil

3 tablespoons Blueberry Balsamic Vinegar

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper

In a cup, combine olive oil, Blueberry Balsamic Vinegar, salt and pepper. Serve on salad greens tossed with fresh or dried blueberries. Yield: about 1/2 cup

