



Food Preservation: Where to Find Credible Resources & Canning Basics at Drummers

Call Drummers at 507-388-4877 to register for this free class.

We need a minimum of 5 students to host the class (we have 3 so far).

Thursday, July 22, 5:15 – 6:30 p.m

with Glenyce Peterson-Vangness.

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Part I - Food Preservation: Where to Find Credible Resources?

Canning, freezing, drying, pickling, jams, jellies, and salsas. Whether you're a novice or experienced food preserver, this course is for you. Explore where to find credible research based food preservation information and tested up-to-date recipes that will enable you to preserve safe and wholesome foods.

Part II - Canning Basics

In this course learn about the two methods of safe home canning – boiling water bath and pressure canning. Explore what foods can be safely processed using each method, current canning recommendations, and sources of research-based canning information and recipes for preserving safe and wholesome foods.

My potato has tomatoes!?

If you've noticed this in your potato patch this year, you're not seeing things. After all, potatoes and tomatoes are both members of the solanaceae family of plants or nightshades.



My Potatoes have Tomatoes

This photo from biggerseeds.com shows the the fruit on a potato plant where the flowers have been pollinated. These fruit are not harmful and you can actually grow potato plants from these seeds.

Here's what the University of Minnesota has to say on the subject. In mid-summer, sharp-eyed gardeners may notice green marble size fruits amid the foliage of their potatoes. Each of these fruits yield approximately 300 true seeds. Seeds like these are used by potato breeders to find potential new cultivars as each one is genetically distinct, like children in a family.

Just for fun, clean and save some of the seeds and plant them inside in mid-March. (You need not worry about disease transmission as you would with "seed potatoes", as very few diseases are seed transmitted.) After frost danger has passed, transplant the potato seedlings into the garden and wait. See what you get! Notice how variable the potatoes are from plant to plant. If you garden with children, you may plant a seed that will turn this year's bug catcher into a future potato breeder.

Save the date....

Growing Rewards Garden Party

Thursday, July 29, 2010

5-8:30 pm

Discounts, Pirzes, Food & Music!
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3rd annual party! Bring a friend too!

Details will follow next week....



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