

WESTPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY



February 2019

Aunt Minerva's Kitchen

Buttermilk Nut Pancakes with Ferry Farm Sauce

Preheat the griddle.

Beat 1 egg. Beat in 1 ¼ cups buttermilk and ½ tsp. baking soda.

Then beat in 1 ¼ cup sifted flour, 1 tsp sugar, 2 T. soft shortening, 1 tsp. baking powder, and ½ tsp. salt. Beat until smooth.

Add ¼ to ½ cup broken or chopped nuts of your choice.

Test the hot griddle, sprinkle with drops of water. If the bubbles "skitter" around, the heat is just right.

Pour batter from the tip of a large spoon, or from a pitcher to make perfect round circles. Turn pancakes as soon as they are puffed and full of unbroken bubbles. Turn and brown other side. Pancake will be spring back to the touch. Serve with Ferry Farm sauce.

FERRY FARM SAUCE:

In a pan placed over a pan with 1 cup water, heat 1 cup strained honey and ½ cup maple syrup until mixed and very warm. Remove from heat and add 1 to 2 tsp. cinnamon. Pour over pancakes.



February Holidays

- February 2: Groundhog Day and Candlemas Day
- February 3: Super Bowl
- February 12: President Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
- February 14: Valentine's Day
- February 18: President's Day Celebration
- February 22: President George Washington's Birthday

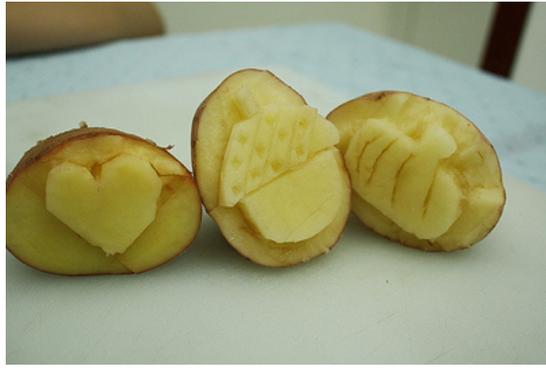
Candlemas Day, February 2

*Pleasant wit, and harmless fun,
And a dance when day is done,
Music friends so true and tried,
Whispered love by warm fireside,
Mirth at all times together
Make sweet May of Winter weather.*
~Alfred Dummett, 1811—1887

For Victorian families, Candlemas Day was the traditional ending of the holiday season, calling for the removal of every trace of Christmas decorations. Also, on this day, it was custom for the lady of the house to make an inventory of the family's candle supply to see if there were enough to last through the winter months. If supply was low, it would be immediately replenished. These customs are centuries old.



Decorate a basket with Potato Stamps



Stamping a basket doesn't require any special skills, only a bit of imagination and a desire to create something fun and unique.

Paint a basket with acrylic paint in your choice of color. Let dry. Place paints for each potato design onto clean plates.

Find patterns that catch your fancy. Cut potatoes in half, lengthwise. Place the design template on top of each potato half. Using a small, sharp knife, cut straight down and around the pattern template. Cut away any excess potato in your design. Cut a separate design on each potato half. Dip potato, with first design, straight down into the paint for even coverage. Test design on a paper towel to make sure design is how you wish. Push each potato stencil onto the sides of your basket. Repeat with each potato stencil to make desired pattern. Reapply paint to each potato as needed. Let dry before using the basket in the manner of your choice.

Helpful Hints!

- For shiny hair—use brewed Lipton Tea
- To condition hair in 15 minutes—use Cool Whip.
- To relieve a sunburn—empty a large jar of Nestea in your bath water
- For a bee sting—use meat tenderizer
- Pam will remove paint and grease from your hands.
- To get stains out of clothes—use Colgate toothpaste
- To remove wax—take a paper towel and iron it over the wax stain and it will absorb into the paper.
- To remove wine stains—pour on the Morton salt and it will absorb the wine
- To keep flowers fresh longer, add a little Clorox or 2 Bayer aspirin to the water, or use 7-Up instead of water.
- A slinky will hold toast and CD's.
- Look for the colored twist tie to get the freshest bread: Monday is Blue, Tuesday is Green, Wednesday is Red, Thursday is White, Friday is Yellow.

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J.C. Nichols Memorial Fountain



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The famous J. C. Nichols Horseman Fountain on the Country Club Plaza has become a Kansas City landmark. It is one of the most photographed attractions in the area and a popular subject for artists from all over the world. The four horsemen in the fountain were cast in Paris, France around 1910. Each horse represents the four great rivers of the world: The Volga in Russia, the Seine in France the Rhine in Germany, and the Mississippi in America. The figure under each horse and rider is a symbol of one of those rivers. The fountain was purchased by the Nichols Family and set on the Plaza as a tribute it's founder, J. C. Nichols.

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Mary Francis Ward



When next you visit the Mansion House, be sure to find a special brick in the dining room fireplace. If you locate it, you will find the name "Mary." The name is that of Mary Frances Harris, daughter of John and Henrietta Harris, who was one of two daughters to move into the newly built brick mansion in 1855.

Mary's name is etched into a brick on the right side of the fireplace. Why Mary's name is there, no one seems to know. Maybe she was present when the fireplace was constructed and wanted to see her name on the brick. Or maybe one of her sisters, or one of the brick makers placed her name.

In 1860, Mary Frances would marry Mr. Seth Ward.

There is another name inscribed on another brick, but it has not been deciphered.

Closed for the Season



The Mansion House is closed for the winter. We will reopen on March 8, 2019 at 1:00pm. Please plan to visit and view our new exhibits and Hattie's Flower Garden.

During January and February, we will be accepting reservations and giving group tours. Please call 913-648-0952 to schedule a date for your tour.

Book your next meeting or party in one of the two galleries in the Mansion House. In the spring, summer, and fall, the grounds and veranda are available, as well. Call 913-648-0952 for information or to make a reservation.

The Mansion House may also be booked for weddings and receptions. Please refer to our website for more information or call 913-648-0952.



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