

For the Farm Wife and Family

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Festive Ideas For A Holiday Buffet



The happy holiday season is here again! And it's time again to prepare for some festive entertaining. This time of year, you'll probably have at least one occasion for hospitality, whether it's the casual "drop in" type or a full-scale Christmas party. Open house is traditional in many homes, and it's a wise hostess who is ready for holiday guests with an ample supply of fruitcake, cookies, eggnog, and all the makings for a buffet supper on short notice. You may plan your holiday buffet around turkey, ham, or a hearty casserole, but it's a sure bet you'll serve at least one molded salad.

Here's one that suits the season, Eggnog Christmas Salad. This delightful blend of

pineapple, cranberry, celery, lime and eggnog flavors is especially piquant and flavorful.

EGGNOG CHRISTMAS SALAD
 2 cups (two 8 1/4-ounce cans) crushed pineapple with juice
 1 tablespoon (1 envelope)

unflavored gelatin
 3 tablespoons fresh lime juice
 1 1/2 cups dairy eggnog
 3/4 cup chopped celery
 1 package (3 ounces) raspberry-flavored gelatin
 1 1/2 cups boiling water
 1 package (10 ounces) frozen cranberry-orange relish
 Salad greens

Drain pineapple juice into saucepan; heat to boiling. Soften gelatin in lime juice; dissolve in boiling pineapple juice. Cool. Add eggnog; chill until partially set. Fold in

drained pineapple and celery. Pour into mold; chill until firm. Dissolve raspberry gelatin in boiling water; add cranberry-orange relish, stirring the mixture until relish is thawed. Chill until mixture begins to thicken. When eggnog mixture is almost firm, pour raspberry gelatin mixture on top. Chill until set. Unmold on salad greens. 8-10 servings.

For a festive dessert that's easy to serve, choose Baked Plum Pudding. This modern version of England's traditional steamed pudding is chock-full of fruits and nuts and comes topped with buttery hard sauce.

BAKED PLUM PUDDING

1 cup sugar
 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter
 6 eggs
 1 cup chopped dates
 1/4 cup chopped lemon peel
 1/4 cup chopped orange peel
 1/4 cup currants
 1/2 cup light raisins
 1/2 cup dark raisins
 1 cup chopped pecans
 2 tablespoons regular all-purpose flour
 2 cups dry bread crumbs
 2 teaspoons cinnamon
 1/2 teaspoon cloves
 1/2 teaspoon allspice
 1/2 cup orange juice

In a mixing bowl cream together butter and sugar. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Combine chopped fruits, currants, raisins, pecans and flour; add to egg mixture. Combine bread crumbs and spices; add to batter. Add orange juice and pour

batter into buttered 2-quart ring mold; batter will fill pan; bake 50-55 minutes in a 250 degree oven. Serve with Hard Sauce*

*HARD SAUCE

1/2 cup (1 stick) butter
 2 cups confectioners sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla,
 1 teaspoon milk

In a mixing bowl cream together butter and sugar; add vanilla and milk. Beat until smooth. Serve over warm Baked Plum Pudding.

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