Fall in New England

Local, seasonally-inspired, vegetarian comfort food.

First Course

Assorted New England Cheese Plate with Accompaniments Great Hill Blue Cheese - Marion, MA Local MacIntosh sliced apples drizzled in local honey Smith's Farmstead Cheddar -Winchendon, MA Dried Cape Cod cranberries Valley View Chevre - Topsfield, MA Candied walnuts Served with sliced baguette

Second Course

Mushroom Risotto with Baby Spinach Mixed-mushroom Risotto with Parmaggiano Reggiono atop a bed of wilted baby spinach.

Third Course

Cranberry-Apple Crisp Local Cranberries and Apples baked with cinnamon, brown sugar and toasted oats.

Goodbye Summer

Local, end-of summer/early fall, vegetarian comfort food.

First Course

Black Bean and Corn Salsa Stuffed Avocado Avocado half, stuffed with a salsa of corn, black beans, tomato, onion, tomato and cilantro.

Second Course

Portabella Mushroom Burger Balsamic marinated Portabella mushroom on a Bulkie Roll with sauteed red onion, red bell pepper, melted mozzerella and Sri Racha-Dijon aioli. Served with Boston Bibb lettuce and Cape Cod potato chips Second Course

Third Course

Chocolate Pudding Parfait

Locally-made chocolate pudding, layered with home-made whip cream, cherries and graham cracker crumble.

TEAM MASSACHUSETTS DINNER PARTY 1 Cookbook-style Recipes

Black Bean and Corn Salsa Stuffed Avocado

1 can of black beans 4 avocados 2 jalapenos 1 large white onion 6 ears of corn 4 medium sized tomatoes 1/3 cup extra virgin olive oil 2 limes salt and pepper 5 cloves fresh garlic cilantro chili powder

Cook corn in large pot with an inch and a half of water in the bottom, to steam (about 15 minutes).

Rinse and drain black beans. Dice tomatoes and onion, and chop jalapenos and garlic. Combine in large bowl. Add cilantro, lime juice, extra virgin olive oil, a heaping tablespoon of chili powder and salt and pepper to taste. Halve avocados and remove pit and skin.

Fill each half of avocado with salsa and serve.

Portabella Mushroom Burger

8 portabella mushrooms 1 large red onion 1 red bell pepper Mozzerella 2 tablespoons of extra virgin olive oil 4 garlic cloves One head Boston bibb lettuce salt and black pepper balsamic vinegar 1 cup mayonnaise 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard 1 tablespoon Sri Racha chili saice 8 bulkie rolls I bag Cape Cod potato chips

Marinate mushrooms in balsamic vinegar.

Slice and sautee onion and red pepper in olive oil, salt and pepper to taste. Sautee portabella mushrooms cap side down, in olive oil for about 10 minutes, until tender. Add one slice of mozzerella and cover until melted. In a medium sized bowl, mix one cup mayonnaise, 4 cloves chopped garlic, 1 tablespoon Sri Racha, 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard, salt and pepper.

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Add each mushroom to sliced bulkie, roll and layer with mayonnaise, sautéed pepper and onion, and one piece of rinsed bibb lettuce. Add a handful of potato chips to each plate.

Chocolate Pudding Parfait

1 box graham crackers 1 pound of halved and pitted cherries 1 quart heavy cream simple syrup 1 quart locally-made chocolate pudding

8 small glass jars

In a large bowl, vigorously whisk heavy cream and simple syrup, until it turns to whip cream.

Take 16 graham crackers and crumble in small bowl.

Rinse pitted cherries and place in bowl.

Add two tablespoons of crumbled graham crackers to each jar. Layer two tablespoons of chocolate pudding. Add a few cherries and layer two tablespoons of whip cream. Layer another two tablespoons of crumbled graham cracker, and another two tablespoons of chocolate pudding. Top off with a layer of whip cream and a few cherries on top.

TEAM MASSACHUSETTS DINNER PARTY 2 Cookbook-style Recipes

Assorted New England Cheese Plate with Accompaniments

Great Hill Blue Cheese Smith's Farmstead Cheddar Valley View Chevre 2 Macintosh apples 1/2 pound dried Cape Cod cranberries 1/2 pound candied walnuts 1 Baguette

Slice each cheese. Thinly slice apples and lightly drizzle with honey, next to blue cheese. Add small pile of dried cranberries next to cheddar.

Mushroom Risotto with Baby Spinach

12 tablespoons olive oil 2 pounds mixed mushrooms (i.e. portobella, shiitake, brown) 4 shallots, minced 4 cups arborio 16 cups vegetable stock 4 tablespoon chopped chives 1 cup grated Parmaggiano Reggiano salt and black pepper 2 garlic cloves 1 bag of baby spinach extra virgin olive oil white pepper

In a large pot add 2 tablespoons of olive oil and 4 cups of Arborio. Add garlic and sautee for two minutes.

Sautee shallots and mushrooms on top of the Arborio for 2 minutes. Add two cups of vegetable stock and keep stirring and adding slowly until Arborio is tender.

Stir in Parmaggiano Reggiano, and salt and black pepper to taste. Rinse and dry baby spinach. Dress in extra virgin olive oil, salt, and white pepper. Add a handful to each plate.

Top each handful of baby spinach with one cup of prepared risotto. Garnish with chopped chives.

Cranberry-Apple Crisp

Filling: 2 tablespoons flour 2 tablespoons brown sugar

TEAM MASSACHUSETTS DINNER PARTY 2 Cookbook-style Recipes

1 teaspoon cinnamon 4 lbs apples 2 cup cranberries

Topping: 1 cup oats 1 cup cold butter 1 1/2 cups whole wheat flour 1 cup brown sugar

Preheat oven to 400F. Peel and core apples. Slice into 1/4" slices and add to a large bowl along with cranberries. In a small prep bowl toss together dry ingredients for filling the cinnamon, flour and sugar then combine it with the fruit and set aside.

Combine topping ingredients and cut in butter until it is the texture of a coarse meal. Grab a handful and squeeze it between your fingers, if it sticks together it is ready. Pour the filling into a large buttered pie plate or 9 \pm 11 casserole dish. Top with oat mixture trying to cover all the fruit evenly. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes or until bubbly at the edges and browned on top.

TEAM MASSACHUSETTS DINNER PARTY 1 ingredients

FIRST COURSE

Great Hill Blue Cheese cow's milk Smith's Farmstead Cheddar cow's milk rennet Valley View Chevre goat's milk Macintosh apples dried cranberries candied walnuts walnuts sugar salt baguette water flour sugar salt yeast

SECOND COURSE

egg yolk

extra virgin olive oil mixed mushrooms (portabella, shiitake, brown) shallots arborio vegetable stock chives Parmaggiano Reggiano salt black pepper garlic baby spinach white pepper

THIRD COURSE

2 tablespoons flour 2 tablespoons brown sugar 1 teaspoon cinnamon 4 lbs apples 2 cup cranberries 1 cup cold butter 1 cup cold butter 1 1/2 cups whole wheat flour 1 cup brown sugar

TEAM MASSACHUSETTS DINNER PARTY 2 ingredients

FIRST COURSE

black beans avocado jalapenos white onion corn tomatoes extra virgin olive oil limes salt black pepper garlic cilantro chili powder

SECOND COURSE

portabella mushrooms red onion red bell pepper mozzerella extra virgin olive oil garlic bibb lettuce salt black pepper balsamic vinegar mayonnaise soybean oil whole eggs vinegar water egg yolks salt sugar lemon juice natural flavors calcium disodium EDTA dijon mustard water vinegar mustard seed salt citric acid 1 tablespoon Sri Racha chili saice chili sugar salt

TEAM MASSACHUSETTS DINNER PARTY 2 ingredients

garlic distilled vinegar potassium sorbate sodium bisulfite xanthan gum bulkie rolls water olive oil sugar salt flour semolina flour pumpernickel flour dry yeast Cape Cod potato chips potatoes canola oil salt

THIRD COURSE

graham crackers baking soda salt cinnamon butter honey molasses vanilla water all-purpose flour whole-wheat flour light rye flour sugar baking soda cherries heavy cream simple syrup sugar water chocolate pudding cornstarch sugar salt cocoa powder whole milk egg yolks vanilla extract

TEAM MASSACHUSETTS DINNER PARTY 2 ingredients

chocolate chips