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Summer Tales

This summer there seems to be a constant threat of rain storms, high winds and higher temperatures. Remember when we used to enjoy those lazy, hazy days of summer? Sliced water melon, ears of sweet corn on the cob, and burgers sizzling on the grill as we gathered around the back yard picnic table. Kids ran through hoses and sprinklers to cool down unless you were lucky enough to own a pool. Where did those lazy, hazy days go? Climate change has forced our springs to be brief and our summers to be never ending heat and humidity with strong storms that bring havoc to gardens, yard parties, picnics, and outdoor fun. Who still vacations at the beach and feels the salty surf roll over bare toes and cool down hot bodies? Stretch out on a blanket atop a silky sandy beach and lose yourself in a favorite novel. Those days feel like an eon ago to me.

I take refuge in reading or watching wonderful Masterpiece Mysteries on PBS/Passport broadcast. I love the British "Grantchester" mystery series and am waiting eagerly for the "Marlowe Murder Club" to begin on PBS. I bet you see a pattern here. What can I say? I love a good mystery with characters who discover all the clues and solve the crime. My reading habits run the same gamut but I do occasionally throw in a passionate romance to dull the edge of that murderous blade.

As usual, I'm in the thick of writing a new book: a Meadowood Mystery that I think I'll call "Subscription to Murder". Meredith Gardner in the town of Meadowood has a new friend, intrepid news reporter Trixie Jones that helped her in "Deadly Secrets". Trixie is opening her own weekly newspaper, wearing all three hats as reporter, editor, and publisher. This time the pair delve into a hidden history of the town's founders that dates back to 1818 as they search for buried antiquities, parchment paper messages, and riddles to solve. Stir in a shady museum director, a taste of murder then blend well with characters in a masquerade party to create an intriguing story.

Watch for this new book to be released this fall. Thank you for following me and reading this monthly newsletter from the Cozy Scribe. I hope you enjoy the recipes.

Cool Summer Salad Recipe

Before you start up the grill or head out to the beach, whip up a cool salad to enjoy this summer.

Broccoli salad

Use a shredding disk of food processor for an easy way to shred broccoli stalks and florets (about 1 large head). Chop or finely dice 1/2 of red onion and add it to bowl with broccoli. Add 3/4 cup sliced almonds and 1/3 cup of dried cranberries - toss to mix.

Make dressing with 1 cup mayonnaise, 2 Tablespoons of lemon juice, 2 Tablespoons of rice vinegar, 1/2 teaspoon of kosher salt, freshly ground pepper to taste, and 1/2 cup of granulated sugar. *sugar can be reduced. Whisk to combine ingredients into a smooth dressing.

Pour dressing over broccoli/vegetable mix and fold in to cover completely. Refrigerate 30 minutes before serving. Garnish with cooked & chopped bacon pieces.




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