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Welcome to the May issue of Foxfire Teas

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In Other News

The Milwaukee Brewers are 1 game over .500 right now (20-19) and Brett Favre is still retired.

Pass it on

Know anyone who might be interested in our

Hello My Tea Drinking Friends,

May is upon us and I am really happy about that. It means a whole bunch of good stuff is about to happen. Fluctuating weather patterns (which are fun because you never know what the day will bring), the smell of fresh compost in your neighborhood, rainbow trout season, horseshoes in the backyard, bocce ball in the park, grilling out on a nightly basis and most importantly the re-emergence of iced-tea are all signs that summer is on the horizon. I can't wait and fortunately it doesn't look like I am going to have to. Portland is going to be in the 90's later this week, so clean out your favorite iced-tea glass and dig out your iced-tea pitcher from somewhere in the garage and get ready to drink some iced-tea.

ICED-TEA

People ask me all the time: ***Which tea is really good iced?***

This is a really tough question to answer, because I love tea hot or iced. I will give it a try though. Here are my **top 5** recommendations for teas that are especially delicious iced.

1. **Marvelous Mango Black Tea**- super delicious black tea with a hint of mango
2. **Golden Yunnan Black Tea**- Wow! Absolutely amazing. The molasses like sweetness really shines when it's on the rocks
3. **Roasted Kukicha Twig Tea**- Nothing quite like it, maybe that's why I like it so much.
4. **Wuyi Oolong**- With the Wuyi you get a nice toasted flavor and a nutty aroma. Plus it's fun to say.
5. **Jamaica Red Bush**- Tastes great, looks great and it's really good for you. High in Vitamin C. Also, with a little simple sugar added, kids will love it. A very nice option instead of Mr. Kool Aid man. Although, I do like the old Kool Aid pitchers. If you happen to have one of those, lucky you.
6. Honorable mention is the **Jasmine Pearls**- These little balls of goodness create a nice refreshing and light iced-tea and aromatics that will relax you in a second.

Now just because I picked these, doesn't mean that teas like Lapsang Souchong are not great iced. Actually, if I had a category for interesting

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iced-teas, lapsang would be the lead candidate. My recommendation is to ice anything and everything, who knows what you might like.

HOW TO MAKE ICED-TEA AT HOME

This recipe is for a 64 oz pitcher of black tea, so adjust accordingly. Use twice as much for Oolongs, Whites and Herbals.

1. Place 12 tsp of tea in a biodegradable fill your own tea bag
2. Fill pitcher 1/3 full with 200°F filtered water
3. Place filled tea bag in hot water and let steep for 4-5 minutes (3 minutes for green), move it up and down occasionally for best results
4. Remove tea bags (compost if you like) and fill remainder of pitcher with filtered room temp water
5. Pour over ice and enjoy

* not recommended to keep overnight

Equipment:

1 pitcher

biodegradable paper filters

loose leaf tea

We have all of this equipment at the store, plus much, much more.

Free Tea Tasting at Seven Virtues Coffeehouse

If you are in the neighborhood and have a chance to stop by Seven Virtues Coffeehouse on **Saturday June 7th from 1-2 pm**, I will be there sampling a selection of our teas. They have been open for awhile, but they are officially having a Grand Opening event. They have activities planned for the whole day including sampling by Stumptown Coffee, Dragonfly Chai, Sunshine Dairy and Earthly Gourmet. Also in attendance will be Tim Connell, the master mandolinist that played at the cafe on Sunday mornings.

Check out Seven Virtues website for an updated event listing at www.sevenvirtuespdx.com.

They are located on the corner of 60th and NE Glisan.

May Newsletter Specials!!

Kukicha Hatsukura- it's not on our menu anymore, but we brought some in anyways. Limited time only. Super delicious fresh tasting high grade Japanese green tea. **25% off your order** (sale ends June 13th, or while supplies last)

Guranse- If you like Darjeelings, then you will like this high mountain tea from Nepal. It is a delicate and bright tea with a full muscatel flavor.

25% off your order

Foxfire Teas Blog

We have a blog set up that you can access through our website. I try to update it frequently with recipes, updates on Foxfire or other random stuff. If you want to leave a comment, just get a wordpress account (which is really easy) and let us know what you think. Access it here www.foxfireteas.com.

Fish On!

Katherine and I were recently over in Maupin, OR fly fishing on the Deschutes River. What a beautiful place. It was our first time there and I can assure you, we will be back quite often.

This is a picture of me catching a beautiful rainbow trout. The fishing was great, the scenery was astonishing and we now found one more great place to enjoy a cup of tea.



Referrals.....yes please.

We love referrals and we would like to thank all of you who have gone the extra mile to put us in touch with potential accounts. This means a lot to us and our business. So thank you for thinking of us. For those of you who didn't know we had a referral program, let me give you the lowdown. If you put us in touch with someone who ends up using our teas in their restaurant/hotel/market etc. we will give you a \$25 gift certificate to Foxfire Teas. No limit. Hopefully we will be writing your name on a gift certificate soon.

The end of the newsletter is here.

Thanks for all the support you give us. We really appreciate it. Tea is a wonderful part of our lives and we are happy to be sharing that with you all.

Tea is Fun!

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