



Mary's Medley

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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!

TEA of the MONTH~

This month I want to celebrate two private label teas from **An Early Elegance**. Currently, there are 10 private label teas in the collection. The two teas I wish to spotlight in the month of February are:

Raspberry Truffle
&
Strawberry Tuxedo.

Both teas were designed and blended for the first time approximately 5 years ago. They have been a favorite with chocolate lovers ever since. They are Orange Pekoe Ceylon Black teas with natural flavorings, freeze dried fruits, and botanicals.

You won't have to wait long. Bring your fresh, cold water to a boil and steep 3-4 minutes maximum. Enjoy your cuppa hot.

Raspberry Truffle is the flavor of a delightful raspberry filling in an irresistibly smooth chocolate bonbon.

Strawberry Tuxedo is the bright fresh flavor of a springtime strawberry kissed by a hint of chocolate.

These select teas can be purchased in a strawberry red tin or a raspberry plum tin containing 2 ounces of your favorite "chocolate candy" for only \$9.95 USD per tin. This would be a terrific gift anytime, for any occasion! To order: <mailto:anearlyelegance@pa.net>

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FEBRUARY~

February is *American Heart Month*
February 2, Ground Hog Day
February 7, Super Bowl 44
February 14, Valentine's Day
February 17, Ash Wednesday

Born this month:

Ronald Reagan, 1911
Norman Rockwell, 1894
Thomas Alva Edison, 1847
Susan B. Anthony, 1820
Abraham Lincoln, 1809
William Henry Harrison, 1773
George Washington, 1732

Happy Birthday, PAT!

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MARKET UPDATE~

We are as busy as ever at the Hanover (Penna.) Farmers' Market! Our Market Master, Charlie Hoffman, has returned after recovering from his illness. Welcome back, Charlie!

If you would like to receive the monthly Market List from **An Early Elegance**, listing the teas available at the market each month and a few bits of news, <mailto:anearlyelegance@pa.net> with the words Market List in the subject line. Market's every Sat. from 6 am-Noon at 210 E. Chestnut St.

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AMERICAN CIVIL WAR SESQUICENTENNIAL~

It is nearly 150 years since the start of the War Between the States. There will be many commemorations of events that preceded, occurred during, and followed this altering period of our country. Here is information that may interest you.

An interpretive exhibit at the Washington County (Maryland) Museum of Fine Arts is being shown now through September 19th. It is entitled *Circuit of the Summer Hills: Mourning the Losses of the Civil War*. The exhibition will include landscapes, portraits, sculptures, prints, and archival materials.

The museum is located at:
423 City Park, Hagerstown, Maryland.
For information: wcmfa.org

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TEA TIPS and TIDBITS~

No doubt, you have had an afternoon tea with friends on a hot, dry day or a cold, dreary one. Recently, I, too, had afternoon tea on a day a little less comfortable due to the weather.

The food courses brought to the party reminded me of one of my college professors. I'll call her Miss K. I had the fortune of having many types of food classes, one being advanced food preparation taught by Miss K.

Miss K was a treat herself. One thing that she was adamant about was the temperature of the foods we would serve. Miss K would say, "*Serve hot foods **hot** and cold foods **cold**.*"

No matter the season, chill or warm your dishware and glassware if necessary to adhere to Miss K's rule. Miss K's rule is an epicurean's dream and a food safety officer's requirement.

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DOLLEY MADISON: America's First Lady~

On Monday, March 1st PBS will air an *American Experience* program featuring Dolley Madison. Mrs. Madison was a vibrant woman who created the social climate in the new capital city for our new nation.

She had a quick wit and keen insight into the political workings of the new government. She lived through two wars and knew the first 12 presidents.

Dolley was the hostess at the new White House in Washington, D.C. as well as her and husband's, James Madison, home, *James Madison's Montpelier*, in Orange County, Virginia.

Mrs. Madison was bestowed the title of First Lady. Thereafter, the wife of the sitting U.S. president has been known as First Lady. Although, I know and understand the origination of the title, I so much respect and admire Mrs. Martha Washington, that she will always be to me, the *First Lady* of my United States of America.

Don't miss this exciting new documentary. I already have the date circled on my calendar. For information on Montpelier: montpelier.org

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TEA TIPS (continued)

I know you warm your teapot before steeping your tea...and your teacups before pouring the first drop.

Desirable food (and tea!) temperatures make any dining experience even more delightful. So remember Miss K and her lesson that I've now passed on to you...

***"Serve hot foods (tea, too) hot
and cold foods (tea, too) cold.*"**

~tea~



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