ITALIAN CHEESY SPINACH APPETIZER

Melt 1/2 cup butter in a 15'x10' cookie sheet with low sides. In large bowl, whisk together:

3 eggs

1 cup flour

1 cup milk

1 tsp salt

1 tsp baking powder

1 T. dried Italian herbs (or bee balm/licorice mint mix)

Add:

3 ounces of roughly-chopped fresh spinach (uncooked).

2 cups shredded cheddar cheese

Stir to blend, then spread over the buttered cookie sheet.

Bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes. Cool slightly, then cut into 1 1/2" squares.

(Makes about 60).

EDIBLE FLOWER AND HERB DIP

In medium bowl, cream 8 oz of softened cream cheese Add:

1 tsp of lemon juice

1/2 cup snipped fresh herbs, any type, but the more variety the better

1/2 cup fresh edible flower petals (refer to sheet on Hanson's garden village website or other reputable source). Snip into small pieces, if needed and discard unwanted parts. Stir until well combined. If you want, you can add a tablespoon or two of mayonnaise to make it more creamy. Chill until needed.

Serve with crackers, fresh veggie dippers or on toast points.

This year's flower and herb dip contains:

chives chive blossoms calendula winter savory thyme summer savory lavender nasturtium pansy pineapple sage centaurea English daisy cottage pinks rosemary basil beebalm parsley daylily rose oregano

dill sage