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Pumpkin Spice Cupcakes

2 cups sugar 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
1 can (15 ounces) pumpkin 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
4 large eggs, room temperature 1 cup raisins
1 cup canola oil
2 cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking powder 3 ounces cream cheese, softened
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 teaspoon baking soda 2 cups confectioners' sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt 1/2 cup chopped walnuts, toasted

Prep Time: 30 min. Bake: 30 min + cooling Yield: 2 dozen

- Preheat oven to 350°. Beat sugar, pumpkin, eggs and oil until well blended. In another bowl, whisk next seven ingredients; gradually beat into pumpkin mixture. Stir in raisins.
- Fill each of 24 paper-lined muffin cups with 1/4 cup plus 1 teaspoon batter. Bake until a toothpick inserted in centre comes out clean, 28-32 minutes. Cool 10 minutes before removing from pans to wire racks to cool completely.
- For frosting, beat butter and cream cheese until smooth. Beat in vanilla. Gradually add confectioners' sugar. Frost cupcakes; sprinkle with walnuts. Refrigerate.

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Everybody's Talking

Slippery soap: A silky bar of scented soap is always nice to have in the shower, but a soap maker in Lebanon has taken that idea several steps further. The family-owned Bader Hassen & Sons factory in Lebanon, makes exclusive skincare products, but perhaps none more so than its Khan Al Saboun brand of soap. One expensive bar costs about \$2,800 (USD), because it contains gold and diamond powder, along with olive oil, honey, essential oils, and fragrance. It gives new meaning to the phrase, "Don't drop the soap in the shower!"

Big fight: It must have been a whopper of an argument! An Italian man and his wife, who live in a town north of Milan, Italy, had a spat one night. The husband decided the best thing to do was to go for walk to "cool down." While that's often a good way to start the process of making up, the man took his walk many steps further, literally! He kept going for about 420 kilometres (261 mi.)! His flight from the fight lasted about a week, during which time he received food from strangers. His wife had reported him missing, and the police finally caught up with him.

Pricey pigeon: A bird lover might buy a parrot or a finch for company, but few will spend over a million dollars for a feathered friend. That actually happened in Belgium, although the bird in question is not a pet. It's a racing pigeon named New Kim and was owned by the Van De Wouwer family. The respected breeder put New Kim up for auction, and to everyone's surprise, a bidding war took place before New Kim sold for 1.6 million Euro. Racing pigeons are valuable, both as breeding birds and as racers. In a race, the pigeons are released at a measured distance from their homes. The winner is the first one to return home.

Leafy talent: Lito, an artist in Japan who has attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), has found the perfect way to focus his active mind. He carves incredibly intricate scenes into tree leaves, spending many hours on each one. Lito imagines playful scenes and then sets out to make them. For example, one portrays an anteater sticking its long tongue into an anthill to find a treat. Another features a rhinoceros brushing its baby's teeth. Lito has carved a herd of sheep jumping over a fence and a family of fish swimming amongst seaweed, and many more! His work has appeared on social media.

Quoteable Quotes

"Beware of allowing a tactless word, a rebuttal, a rejection to obliterate the whole sky."
—Anais Nin

"A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops."
—Henry Adams

What's Happening

Oct 17-Devon Monthly Arts Market Throughout COVID, our Artists have been couped up. Imagine what they've created! Come check out our local artists, craftspeople and artisans each month at the Devon Community Center, 20 Haven Ave, Devon. The Market runs from noon to 4 pm. Free to attend

Workplace Bullying Awareness Week 2021 Please join us for Workplace Bullying Awareness Week! Follow awarenessendsbullying to participate in the conversation and share what you are doing!

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Dec 4-Christmas Farmers Market Leduc Recreation Center, 4330 Black Gold Drive.

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1. Yo-Yo Ma is a famous pianist, violinist, or cellist?
2. All varieties of pumpkin are orange in colour—T/F?
3. What are magnetite and bauxite?
4. A medium-size banana has about 50, 105, or 200 calories?
5. What type of vehicle would a musher use?

