

Recipe of the month

Nutella-Stuffed Strawberries

12 large fresh strawberries 1/4 cup chopped hazelnuts
1/4 cup Nutella Confectioners' sugar chips, melted

Prep Time: 15 min. + chilling Yield: 1 dozen

- Remove stems from strawberries. Using a paring knife, cut out centres; pipe Nutella into strawberries.
- Insert a toothpick into the side of each strawberry. Holding toothpick, quickly dip stem end of strawberry into melted chocolate; allow excess to drip off. Sprinkle with hazelnuts; place strawberries on a waxed paper-lined baking sheet, point side up. Remove toothpicks; refrigerate strawberries until set. Just before serving, dust with confectioners' sugar.

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Everybody's Talking

A rock and a hard place: Only the intrepid have the nerve to step onto a certain boulder in Norway. "Kjeragbolten" is jammed in a crevasse on the 1,084-metre (3,556-foot) Kjerag mountain near the town of Lysebotn in southern Norway. The boulder sits above an abyss that is about 1,000 metres (3,280 feet) above Lysefjord below. Hopping down onto it is not for the faint of heart, but many complete the feat, ending up with a great photo. Adventurers can get to Kjeragbolten by hiking a 12-kilometre (7.5-mile) trail, if they are in reasonable physical shape. The scenery is a reward for the effort, even without jumping onto the famous boulder.

Floating hotel: In the 1980s, a floating hotel was moored in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park in Australia. The Four Seasons Barrier Reef Resort was 70 kilometres (43 miles) off the coast of Queensland, and developers expected it to be a hit with tourists. But the long boat ride to the nearly 200-room venue, plus financial problems, caused its closure after a year. It was purchased by a Vietnamese company, moved to Ho Chi Minh City, and anchored in the Saigon River. When it closed after more financial trouble, North Korea bought the structure for the Mt. Kumgang tourist region, where the renamed Hotel Haegumgang operated for a decade before permanently closing.

Colourful place: In Amsterdam, Netherlands, is a museum with a cabinet full of rocks. Visitors won't realize the significance of these seemingly plain-looking stones. But when the flip of a switch turns on a black light, these rocks glow with neon colour because they contain fluorescent flecks. The venue is the Electric Ladyland, after the Jimi Hendrix album, with a formal name of The First Museum of Fluorescent Art. In it, visitors can also see works of fluorescent art and be fully immersed in an ethereal environment of coloured light. Fittingly, the museum, which is the brainchild of American artist Nick Padalino, is located in a basement venue, making the colourful light seem even more dazzling.

Time for a tune: The piano company Steinway and Sons received a unique contract from the U.S. government during World War II: making more than 3,000 pianos for American troops to use for their amusement and relaxation between 1942 and 1953. Known as "Victory Vertical" pianos, the 40-inch (102-cm) tall, specially built instruments were manufactured in military colours of olive drab, blue, and gray. Most were air dropped by parachute to the locations of the troops. The company even made sure soldiers could enjoy playing in tune; instructions and tuning equipment were packaged with the pianos. Anecdotal evidence, via letters from soldiers, indicated that the operation helped raise spirits.

Quoteable Quotes

"My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive." —Maya Angelou

"There is always light. If only we're brave enough to see it. If only we're brave enough to be it." —Amanda Gorman

What's Happening

Mar 12 - Devon Monthly Arts Market Join us for our first Spring Market from Noon to 4 pm at the Devon Community Centre. Meet our creative souls and check out unique items for any season, any occasion. Email ArtsDevon@gmail.com for more info.

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Trivia

1. What is the fourth longest river in Africa?
2. The Davis Cup is awarded in what sport?
3. Kava is a traditional drink in this South Pacific island country.
4. A calcographer draws with what?
5. What is the boiling point of water at sea level?

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