



Nostimo News

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THIS YEAR GO GREEK WITH GIFT GIVING

'Tis the season...to search your brains for that perfect gift. Let's face it, we live in a time where if we want something we purchase it. This makes gift giving all the more difficult. Often the perfect gift can be the most simple treat that will show the recipient you took time to think about what they like as an individual.

Being an avid reader, books are always my most favorite gift, both to give and to receive. I especially enjoy giving books I've read. Rare is it that you find a book you think everyone will enjoy, I've managed to recall two that entertained me, left me thinking about them long after I had turned the last page and encouraged my interest in their subject matter.

Several years ago I stumbled upon a used copy of *The Greek Treasure* by Irving Stone. This historical novel is a biographical account of Heinrich Schliemann and his Greek wife Sophia. Schliemann was a self made millionaire, somewhat of an adventurer and an intellectual who was for the most part, self taught. He dedicated years to studying Homer and held a firm belief in the existence of the lost city of Troy. In 1869 he married a Greek girl 20 years his junior and together they unearthed treasures such as the mask of Agamemnon, areas of ancient Greece long buried, and a large amount of jewels. Schliemann's digs and discoveries have been the topic of much criticism. However Irving Stone tells the story respectfully and while you see the controversial, if not flawed man that Schliemann was, you also come to respect Schliemann for his intellect, his vision and persistence. Published in the seventies and now out of print, the novel is available on Amazon.com through the used book section and is well worth the search. Most of Heinrich Schliemann's treasures can be viewed at the National Archelological Museam in Athens.

Another excellent read that will transport you to the island of Crete is *The Pale Surface of Things* by Janey Bennett. Bennett weaves a tale that is both suspenseful and humorous while capturing the strong values of the Greeks, family loyalty, pride in the Greek culture and an inherent sense of spirituality. The story begins with an American archeologist running from his troubles only to find himself on the beautiful island of Crete. While in Crete he is forced to confront himself and deal with feelings he has suppressed all his life. The story intelligently weaves around spiritual, family and cultural issues. It's not often that I read a book I can recommend to anyone, yet this is a story that has the potential to be enjoyed by all. Perfect for teenage boys and girls, grandmothers (Yiayia's), men and women.

It's gift giving made easy. Combine your book selection with a gift card from Cafe Nostimo or a box of Greek cookies and you will be giving a gift that is sure to please!

GREEK BISCOTTI: PAXIMADIA



Paximadia (pax-ah-ma-thea) are Greek biscotti, they are twice baked cookies that are typically dunked in coffee or tea. These easy to make cookies can be flavored with orange or lemon or substitute the vanilla for anise flavoring.

Paximadia

2 cups whole wheat flour	1 tsp zest from lemon or orange peel
1 cup all purpose white flour	1 tsp lemon or orange extract
1 tsp baking powder	1 tsp vanilla extract (can also substitute anise flavoring)
1/4 tsp salt	1 cup sugar
4 eggs	1/3 cup finely chopped walnuts or almonds (optional)
1 cup cooking oil	

Mix flour, baking powder and salt. In separate large bowl blend eggs, oil, lemon or orange zest, and extracts; stir in sugar. Gradually add flour to blended egg mixture, stir until well blended. Stir in nuts (optional). Divide mixture into 2 greased 8x4 loaf pans. Bake at 325 for 45-50 minutes. Cool 10 minutes remove from pan to cool fully on a wire rack. Cut into 1/2 to 1 inch slices. Place on ungreased cookie sheets. Bake at 350 for 7-10 minutes, turn slices over and bake additional 7-10 minutes. Cool and store in cookie jar, plastic bag or covered container. Makes approximately 32 slices.

HAPPENINGS IN THE NOSTIMO NEIGHBORHOOD

NOSTIMO CATERING



Perfect for holidays, parties, special events, seminars and corporate meetings. Call us with your catering needs.

Trays of dolmathes, meze plates, wrap or souvlaki platters, pans of spanakopita or moussaka and platters of delicious pastry. Let us do the work for you! Order from our catering menu for the Holidays. The pre-order deadline for Thanksgiving pastry orders is Monday, November 17th.

Our catering menu is available on our website, in the restaurant, or via email request.

NOVEMBER PRIZE WINNERS

Prize winners in our November Drawings:

- \$5 gift card - Paula Herlihy, Dover, NH
- \$5 gift card - Amy Nishimura, Rye, NH
- \$10.00 gift card - Nick Caussouille, Hampton Falls, NH

Congrats to all!! Look for your prizes in the mail! To be entered in our monthly raffle, and to receive a birthday coupon from Cafe Nostimo, sign up for our monthly newsletter at www.cafenostimo.com.

AHEPA DANCE AT ST. NICHOLAS



Saturday November 8th there will be a Greek dance held at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral on Andrew Jarvis Drive, Portsmouth. The dance begins at 8PM, Greek and American music provided by DJ Garoufalis and DJ Manis. Meze Appetizer Plates from Cafe Nostimo will be available in addition to a cash bar serving beer, wine and mixed drinks.

Admission is \$5 per person, tickets available at the door or by calling Rich Rizza at 603-601-2084 or email at aheph215@gmail.com. You do not have to be a member of Ahepa or St. Nicholas to attend. Proceeds benefit the Ahepa. The Ahepa is an Orthodox Christian men's group. Proceeds from fund raising are used for scholarships, charitable donations and good works within the community. Enjoy an evening out with your family and friends!

MARY GATCHELL PERFORMS AT LEDDY CENTER GRAND OPENING

The Leddy Center Theater in Epping is getting a new home! The Theater will be moving to Ladds Lane in Epping. Mary Gatchell will perform as part of their November 15th Grand Opening celebration. The evening will begin with a dedication reception at 6PM with hors d'oeuvres donated by Cafe Nostimo. Tickets for the reception are \$10 per person. Mary goes on stage at 7:30PM. Not to be missed! Mary's sound is a soulful blend of jazz, blues and folk. Tickets are \$11 for children; \$16 for adults. To learn more about Mary Gatchell and to listen to her music, visit her website at www.marygatchell.com.



Mary Gatchell

For more information and to purchase tickets for the event, visit www.leddycenter.org

PLAY IT AGAIN CAROL!



On October 25th we held our first live music event at Cafe Nostimo. The evening was well received and proved to be a nice change of pace for everyone.

Featuring the music of Carol Coronis, a good time was had by all who attended and requests were made for more evenings of live entertainment. We hear you, and we are happy to announce that Greek Nite with Live Music will become a monthly event throughout the winter months.

Our next Live Music Event will be held on Saturday, November 22 with Carol entertaining us from 8 to 10 PM. Join us for another fun filled evening of good food, good music and good friends!

Future dates will be announced monthly as we prepare to bring you Carol along with a variety of talented local musicians who showcase the sounds of Greece. Stay tuned we look forward to seeing you on November 22nd!

NEW AT CAFE NOSTIMO

Full bottles of Greek wine are now available. Enjoy a bottle of Vin de Crete Red or White, or a bottle of Retsina while you dine.