

FROM THE EDITOR

The Moebius Board thought that the theme for our spring 2009 issue, “Food for Thought,” had many possibilities. Still, we received many food-related submissions.

You’ll read articles about making jam, nurturing a garden, and participating in a Japanese tea ceremony. You’ll find recipes for Southern corn bread, soy ginger salmon, tabouli, potato tortillas, and waffles—some accompanied by wonderful stories.

Luckily, once again, we have Larry Watson’s Preface talk from fall 2008—“Montana 1948: Where Stories Come From.”

We also have five interviews with interesting local people—some thoughtful about food and some merely thoughtful. Our five poets are especially strong this year.

Those of us who like to cook (and/or eat) have probably spent some time thinking about the nature of hospitality since food preparation is often in service of others. Hospitality doesn’t always come naturally. It has to be learned. I think we often make a conscious choice about how or if we’ll be hospitable human beings. Do we offer drink and food when a guest arrives at our door? Or do we forget our manners and do not share something we made with others?

My Mid-Western parents seldom had anyone to dinner, nor did they entertain. We always sat down together as a family for dinner; it was a circumscribed time. No phone, no doorbell could interrupt.

Later, on the other hand, I watched my Texas mother-in-law grab a chair or two to fit drop-in guests around her lunch or dinner table. Her motto? “I’ll just put another bean in the pot.” And she always had huge quart jars of sweet iced tea.

As a young woman, I decided that her motto would be mine, too. I loved her generous spirit. Food makes everyone happy—especially when we share it. Food for thought?☺

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