



## CARROT APPLE ZUCCHINI BREAD with or w/o icing

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 C unsalted butter melted
- 2 C granulated sugar
- 3 eggs room temperature
- ¼ C fresh orange juice
- 3¼ C all-purpose flour
- 2½ tsp baking powder
- 2 C shredded carrots
- 1 C shredded zucchini
- 1 C diced peeled apple (Granny Smith, Fuji, whatever's on hand)
- ½ cup pecans chopped

### CREAM CHEESE GLAZE/FROSTING

- ½ C cream cheese softened
- ¼ C butter softened
- 2 - 3 C powdered sugar
- 1-3 TBS orange juice as needed

### INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.  
Grease and flour two 8x4" loaf pans. Line with parchment paper. Set aside.  
Place zucchini in a large kitchen towel. Bring up the four corners and twist. Wring towel to extract all liquid from zucchini (as much as you can). Set aside.  
In large bowl, whisk together flour, salt, baking powder, baking soda, Cinnamon, cloves, and nutmeg. Set aside.  
In a separate large bowl, whisk together the butter and sugar. Add eggs, orange juice, and vanilla and whisk until combined.  
Fold dry ingredients into wet ingredients along with shredded carrots, shredded zucchini, apples, and pecans.  
Pour into prepared pans and bake until golden brown, 55 to 60 minutes, or until loaves spring back when gently pressed with fingers.  
Let cool completely before icing.

### CREAM CHEESE GLAZE/FROSTING

Cream together cream cheese and butter with a hand mixer.  
Add in 2 cups powdered sugar. Continue mixing. Drizzle in orange juice until desired consistency is achieved.  
Frost bread and enjoy!

Found on this great blog!: <https://www.momontimeout.com/carrot-apple-zucchini-bread-recipe/>

## CARAMEL APPLE CIDER!!

(Copycat) MADE IN SLOW COOKER

### INGREDIENTS

- 64 oz apple cider
- 5 TBS Caramel Syrup
- 3 whole cinnamon sticks
- 10 whole cloves

### INSTRUCTIONS

Add apple cider and caramel syrup to slow cooker and stir together.  
Drop in cinnamon sticks and cloves.  
Cook on low for at least 4 to 6 hours.

**REMOVE CINNAMON AND CLOVES.** Don't leave cinnamon or cloves in the cider, as spices will become overpowering. Will smell great, but won't taste so good!

Top with a little whipped cream, cinnamon sugar and don't forget the caramel syrup drizzle! Enjoy!

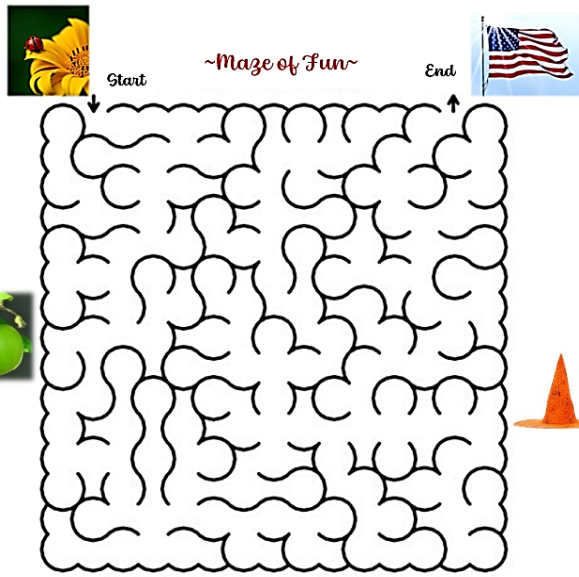
### WANT TO MAKE A SPIKED CIDER?

Interested in making your caramel apple cider more of an adult beverage? Try adding a 1.5 oz shot of your favorite bourbon, spiced rum or even cinnamon-y Fireball might hit the spot!

Found on this great blog: <https://www.scatteredthoughtsofcraftymom.com/starbucks-knock-off-caramel-apple/>



Bon  
Appetit!



Playground ~ Fun 'n' Games



### BULLETIN BOARD:

Some upcoming local events we hope you might enjoy!



Sat, Sep 24, 32nd Ann'l Harriton Farmstead Fair, Harriton House, Bryn Mawr

Thu, Sep 29, 4 - 8 PM, Food Truck Thursdays - Peddler's Village, Lahaska, PA

Sat, Oct 1, Exhibition CHRISTO & JEANNE-CLAUDE: THE TOM GOLDEN COLLECTION, The Philip & Muriel Berman Museum of Art, Collegeville

Sat, Oct 1, Malvern Cabin Oktoberfest, 600 Monument Avenue, Malvern

Mon, Oct 3, 25th Ann'l Phila IFT Golf Outing - Hartefeld National, Avondale

Wed, Oct 5, 50th Anniversary of Ridley Creek State Park Mansion Tours & Talks - Newtown Square

Sat, Oct 8, Roaring 20s Murder Mystery Dinner, Victory Brewing Downingtown

Sun, Oct 9, ChesCo Balloon Festival - Willowdale Steeplechase, Kennett Square

Sat, Oct 15 Philadelphia Street Food Festival, Xfinity Live! Philadelphia,

Sat, Oct 15, Photo Walk, Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens, Devon

Tue, Oct 18, Charity Golf Tournament at Waynesborough Country Club, Paoli

Sun, Oct 23, The Philly Vintage Flea - Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, Oaks

Sat, Oct 29, Succulent Tea Party Workshop Smoketown Location, Ken's Gardens: Garden Center & Greenhouse, Lancaster

Sat, Oct 29, Halloween Costume Dinner Cruise - Ben Franklin Yacht Philadelphia

Fri, Oct 21-Sun Oct 30, Roxey Ballet presents: Dracula - Event Center at the Mill Ballet School - New Hope

Sat, Nov 5, 10 AM - Sun, Nov 6, - Apple Festival - Peddlers Village, Lahaska

Sat, Nov 5 - Sun, Nov 6 Fall Festival Tickets, Wissahickon Environmental Center (Tree House), Philadelphia

Sun, Nov 6, Silkie's Farm Sustainable Alpaca Breeding, Kimberton Fair Grounds, Phoenixville

Fri - Sun Nov 11-13, The Philadelphia Museum of Art Craft show - Pennsylvania Convention Center, 1101 Arch Street, Phila

Sat & Sun Nov 19-20, Antiques At Kimberton - Kimberton Fire Co, Phoenixville,

Thu, Nov 24, Chester County Turkey Trot - Downingtown



# TP&C SEASONAL NEWSLETTER

Maintaining Balance & Beauty in Your Home & Office

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FALL 2022  
EDITION

Goodbye  
Summer



Hello Everyone,

We hope you all have been enjoying an excellent summer and are looking forward to the cooler months ahead (and all things "Pumpkin Spice", as the daughter would say)! We have been blessed this year and have been able to get out and "DO" a lot more than we have in years passed. We have been out walking or hiking at least once each weekend and have discovered a lot of really cool spots in the Berks County area that we never got around to seeing in the previous years since moving up here. There are so many beautiful places to get out and enjoy nature and we look forward to finding even more in the coming months.

I also attended my week-long racing school in the Poconos in August and that was a lot of fun. It was a lot more difficult than I had imagined it would be. It is very physically taxing and takes a lot of instruction and concentration to handle a vehicle moving at such high speeds. You may not be surprised that I was scolded more than a few times by my instructor - really took me back to my school days! But honestly it was such a blast and is something I hope to continue pursuing as a hobby as time and finances allow.

Richelle and I recently returned from Clearwater Beach, where we spent time celebrating our 27<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We love Florida, particularly the Gulf Coast, and it has been many years since we have been able to visit. It was so great going back and just enjoying time alone together on the beautiful beach, relaxing by the pool, taking a sunset dinner cruise the night of our anniversary around Tampa Bay, and just taking a little break from the stressors of daily life - not to mention a rather spoiled and bossy dog! Luckily, we had Devon at home tending to the needs and demands of "Princess" Jaida aka "Me-Me"!

We are now back home and diving back into all things painting and carpentry related. This is the time of year when many of us start thinking about making home improvements for the fall in preparation for the upcoming holidays or just taking care of maintenance projects before colder weather sets in. We recently sent out an email with an offer for all existing clients interested in getting an estimate for new work - either interior or exterior. We decided to mention it again here for anyone who may have missed it.

We are offering a 10% discount off the cost of any newly estimated project for existing clients from now through the end of December. We have included a coupon in this issue of the newsletter and are just asking that you please mention the discount offer when scheduling your estimate (mainly because if you don't remember to bring it up chances are that I will forget and then you will miss out on the chance for a discount on your project!). It's just our way of saying thanks to everyone for being such good customers through the years.

Prices have gone up so much for everything lately, and we know we all must be a little more careful with our spending due to all the increases. We cherish the peace of mind that comes with having steady work through the winter to keep ourselves and our crew busy, so if you were wanting to get something done but have been holding off due to finances, this might be a good chance to move forward with your project and get a break on the cost. We would also like to mention that we are also accepting some credit cards at this time, so if that is something you are interested in doing as a form of payment, just let us know that at the time of your estimate as well, and we can discuss the details.

We hope you enjoy the recipes, ideas, and other content of this season's newsletter. We are always open to suggestions if there is something you would like to see more of or if you have an event you would like to promote in the Bulletin Board section or a question for The Tip Line section. Just shoot an email or call/send me a text and we would be happy to consider your feedback or include something in an upcoming issue! I look forward to seeing you all soon, and as always, just reach out if you need us!

Take Good Care,  
Tim & CO.

## Customer Spotlight:

Tom & Karen Nathan!!



Our customer spotlight this month is on Tom & Karen Nathan. The Nathan's have been customers for approximately 10 years now (give or take a year or two), and not only are they just a great and friendly family to begin with, but they have also had us out to help with several larger projects at their home in Haverford, as well as having us out at least once a year it seems to work on something whether large or small. This year alone we worked on their bathroom project, which was Tom's first home project managed without Karen's input, and it turned out very well! We also helped with leveling thier den floor which turned into a real roller-coaster due to many unforeseen floor joist issues. We always appreciate their patience, sense of humor, and continued patronage, and they are always a lot of fun to work with. Thanks guys, and know how much we value your business!



# THE TOP LINE

Q & A:

**Q:** We live in the Northeast and recently bought an older home. There is a wood stove in the house, which apparently really helps keep heating costs lower in the wintertime, which is a great asset with rising gas costs. The problem is that it is such an eyesore and takes up a lot more space than we would like. We have a lot of projects we want to tackle in our new home and want to go through a couple winters with the woodstove and see just how efficient it is at heating before we even think about removing it or switching to something else. In the meantime, is there anything we can do to make it more attractive or less obvious? The stove itself is not super old but the black is very matte and drab. The brass accents look really dated. The brick around it is darker and too red to really fit with our other furniture and décor.

**A:** We understand what you mean about the ever-soaring gas prices and agree that a wood or coal stove can be a great way to keep those costs down. Unfortunately, as with your situation, many of the stoves are large, cumbersome, and not the most attractive focal point, especially if they are in your main living or family room! One thing we would suggest doing, if you haven't already, is to arrange the furniture in that room to avoid having the stove BE a focal point. Having your furniture oriented so it faces the opposite direction, when possible, is very helpful. Otherwise, even if the stove is off to the side, it's better than if you are sitting and staring right at it. Next, consider your furniture and décor and what your theme leans toward: farmhouse, industrial, traditional, modern, rustic, boho, and so on. Then decide on what your budget is for improving the look of your stove and also the amount of time you want to invest in the project if doing the work yourself, or if working with a contractor, the timeframe you would like to (realistically) have the project finished in, so you have some ideas when getting estimates and discussing your project.

The quickest way to change the look of your stove – besides buying a brand new one and replacing it – is to paint it. There are good products out there created specifically for use on high heat surfaces such as stoves, grills, engines and similar. If you plan to paint the stove yourself, make sure you purchase the correct product for your surface – some stoves are steel, some cast iron, some soap stone, and some ceramic porcelain. Each type will have different requirements for the products used to clean it, which must be done thoroughly before starting any painting project. You also need to consider if there is any rust or bubbling or flaking of any sort, which needs proper sanding. Most stoves will need a primer designed for high heat surfaces, but some don't so make sure you research your specific type of stove and the products you plan to use. If you don't like the matte finish on your stove, you should be able to choose from satin, semi-gloss, and gloss finishes. There are even paints for getting rid of that brass so popular in the '80's, or any other accents or hardware you don't like.

Once you have chosen a color that works in your space, consider the colors and materials in the surround. If you don't care for the colors of brick used in yours, a trending method in renovating right now is white-washing or gray-washing it. This is an especially good choice if your decorating style is rustic, farmhouse, or even boho. You could cover the brick with stone or ceramic tile, and also lay down natural slate pavers around the stove's base and/or surround. You want to keep decorations to a minimum, especially if you are wanting to keep the eye from constantly being drawn to the area. However, there are a few things you can do to improve the aesthetic without going overboard. Some people put large kettles on their stoves, some with water. And potpourri in it. Depending on your decorating style, you can use an extra-large basket or copper or galvanized bin to store firewood. A few lanterns or tall candles in staggered sizes are also a nice feature to have around the base of your stove or in the background.

Keep in mind that there are different cure rates depending on your surface and the product used, so we recommend doing plenty of research if doing the work yourself. Otherwise, hire a qualified professional such as our crew at Taylor Painting, and we would be happy to give you a free estimate on your project!



## THANK YOU FOR THE REFERRALS!!

Much of the work at TP&C comes from satisfied customers telling friends & family about us. Our customer referral program works like this: You refer someone to us, it turns into a job, at the end of that job we will thank you with a \$100 gift card for your favorite restaurant/retail establishment, donation to your favorite charity, or discount on future work! Your choice!~

This season we are doing something a little different. The referral program is still in place as always, but right now we are not singling out a specific client for a certain referral or referrals, but rather we want to thank all of our existing customers in general, because almost all of you have been very generous through the years with recommending us to one or more persons for perspective jobs.

Also, so many of you have taken the time from your busy schedules to leave us glowing reviews on Google, Angi's List and similar sites. In today's world this is so helpful in assisting new families in their search for reliable painters to find their way to our company. It is "against the rules" of good business practice to provide compensation for reviews on Google, but please know that we could not be more grateful for the time you spend in doing this as it really does help keep the business growing. We are truly blessed with the best customers around!

## HELLO & WELCOME, OR WELCOME BACK!!



We would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest customers & welcome back to anyone we haven't seen in a while: Erik & Karen Bossan, Kim Cermak, Meghan Crook, Ellen Knight, Linda Kurtz, Bryn Palena, Marjorie Portnoy, Joe Schumacher & Kim Toomey, Aaron & Laura Taylor, and Yi & Ying Zhang.

Thank you for putting your trust in our Co. and giving us the chance to prove our worth to you as we help you make improvements to your homes & businesses. Our goal is to make you "repeat for life" customers, so please let us know how we're doing!!

**FALL INFLATION-BUSTING OFFER:**  
**10% OFF Any Project for Our Existing Customers**  
For Any Project Which is Both  
Newly Estimated (Not Outstanding/Previous Proposals), &  
Completed Between Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> & Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022.  
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## We can't help but Fall in love with these Autumn color palettes! We hope you like them too!

