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COMFORT FOOD

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THE DESSERT

Maine Strawberry Shortcake

From Chef Sara Jenkins of Nina June, Rockport

RECIPE:

Ingredients:

2 pints ripe, well-rinsed Maine strawberries

½ cups sugar, or more to taste

4 cups flour

3 tbsp sugar

1/4 tsp salt

5 tsp baking powder

2 sticks cold, unsalted butter (plus 2 Tablespoons)

1 ³/₄ cup buttermilk

1 cup heavy cream

1/4 tsp vanilla extract

Instructions:

- 1. Pick over and hull strawberries. Cut in half or slice, depending on size.
- 2. Gently crush about a quarter of the berries with a fork to release their juices.
- 3. Mix with remaining berries and the 1/2 cup of sugar, adding more sugar if necessary.
- 4. Set aside, covered, for about half an hour to develop flavor.
- 5. Preheat oven to 450 degrees.
- 6. Into a large mixing bowl, sift together flour, 3 tablespoons sugar, salt and baking powder.
- 7. Add the cold butter and cut in dry ingredients as for pastry.
- 8. Add 1 ½ cups buttermilk, and just barely mix to a soft dough.
- 9. Roll it out to about 1/2-inch thickness.
- 10. Using a 3-inch biscuit cutter, (or other creative tool) cut an even number of rounds 2 rounds per serving.
- 11. Use the extra butter to grease a baking sheet. Place half the rounds on it.







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- 12. Melt remaining butter and brush a little on the rounds; place remaining rounds on top.
- 13. Bake for 10 to 15 minutes, or until golden brown.
- 14. Remove from the oven, and pull shortcakes apart. Brush the insides with some of the remaining melted butter.
- 15. Beat the cream until it thickens.
- 16. Add vanilla. Beat again just until thick.
- 17. Place a bottom half of a shortcake on each plate. Top with a generous spoonful of berries. Cover with a top half, add a few more berries, and top with whipped cream.
- 18. Serve immediately, and Enjoy!