WASHINGTON STATE FAIR CULINARY ARTS AND PRESERVED FOODS COMPETITION HOME ARTS DEPARTMENT

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Recipe name: <u>Chocolate Covered Cherries</u>

Recipe Source: Original!

Set on parchment covered cookie sheet/flat board/counter... just a good firm flat surface Container prep: parchment line a can or sealing plastic container

Ingredients:

Main Fondant:

1 ½ sticks butter, soft

a pinch of salt

9 c confectioner's sugar

½ c heavy cream

1 t vanilla extract

Then, if you would like:

2 T Kentucky Bourbon OR Rum OR Almond Liquor......

Or some other entertaining addition

Filling:

28 oz. jar of maraschino cherries, drained and dried with paper towels (now, they say you can marinate them in some spirits for a few days & give 'em a kick!) Dipping:

~ 40 ounces bittersweet chocolate chips

[NOTE: quality of chips dictates quality of candy.]

Directions for combining ingredients: (Please number each step).

- *1) Cream the butter & salt.*
- 2) Alternately add sugar, one cup at a time & heavy cream beating smoothly until beating is no longer possible. Then knead.
- 3) Add vanilla & liquor, knead until blended well.
- 4) Separate the "Sugar Cream" into a small ball for each cherry.
- *5) Put in refrigerator to chill for an hour.*
- 6) Put cherries separated on a parchment lined container in the freezer, chill them for about an hour.
- 7) Taking the parts out of the refrigerator/freezer a few at a time, flatten the ball to wrap it around a cherry & place back in the freezer, until all are done.
- 8) Melt the chocolate, tempering it.
- 9) Dip each covered cherry, if no stem, use a toothpick or "straining loop or fork" or FINGERS!
- 10)Place on parchment to set.
- 11) When set, put in an appropriate container

Yield ~ 80 - 90 chocolate covered cherries

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