2018 Adult Baking Contest

Marcy Goldman's Famous Moist and Majestic Honey Cake



Cake Batter

3 3/4 cups King Arthur Flour all-purpose flour

4 1/2 teaspoons baking powder

1 teaspoon baking soda

1/2 teaspoon salt

5 teaspoons cinnamon

3/4 teaspoon cloves

1/2 teaspoon allspice

1 cup canola oil

1 cup honey

1 3/4 cups white sugar

2/3 cup light brown sugar

4 eggs

1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

1/2 cup warm, strong orange pekoe tea

1/2 cup Coca Cola (c), bubbles stirred out

1/4 cup fresh orange juice

1/2 cup brewed coffee

1/2 cup sliced almonds

Preheat oven to 350 F. Spray the angel food cake pan very generously with non-stick cooking spray. Line the bottom with lightly greased parchment paper, cut to fit. Stack two baking sheets together and line the top one with parchment paper. Place angel food pan on baking sheets.

For the Cake Batter, in a large bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, cloves and allspice. Make a well in the centre, and add oil, honey, white sugar, brown sugar, eggs, vanilla, tea, cola, orange juice, and coffee.

Using a strong wire whisk (if mixing by hand) or an electric mixer on slow speed, stir together well to make a thick, well-blended batter, making sure that no ingredients are stuck to the bottom.

Spoon batter into prepared pan. Sprinkle top of cake evenly with almonds.

Bake until cake tests done, that is, it springs back when you gently touch the cake center, 65-80 minutes.

If cake appears almost done but wobbly leave it in the oven, lower the oven temperature to 325F and let bake 15-20 minutes more as required.

Let cake stand 20 minutes before removing from pan.

Submit on strong cardboard covered in aluminum foil no more than two inches from edge of cake.

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Judging Criteria

Overall appearance 25 points
Following Directions 10 points
Texture 15 points
Aroma 10 points
Flavor 40 points
TOTAL 100 points

The following prizes will be awarded at the state contest plus a Rosette.

1st Place: \$40.00 5th Place: \$15.00 9th Place: \$5.00 2nd Place: \$35.00 6th Place: \$12.50 10th Place: \$5.00

3rd Place: \$30.00 7th Place: \$10.00 4th Place: \$25.00 8th Place: \$7.50

Honorable Mention Ribbons will also be awarded.