

# Tea Leaf by Sereni-tea

## News, Events, Recipes and Information

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### Oolong Tea

One of the most noted oolong tea producing regions in the world is Taiwan, also known as Formosa. Taiwan has been producing highly prized and rare oolong teas for centuries and has mastered the craft. The meticulous nature of producing a fine oolong is considered, by many, to be an art form and is often passed from one generation to the next. The "tea master's" expertise, watchful eye and personal style are all recognized in the cup (try our Taiwan "Jade Oolong").

China also produces wonderful oolong teas and is credited for teaching the original production style to the Taiwanese tea masters. Grown primarily on the mainland, Chinese oolongs differ greatly in oxidation and firing. This firing, a necessary part of oolong and black tea production influences the tea's taste, character and coloring (try our China "Wuyi Oolong").

Sri Lanka (better known as Ceylon among tea people) and India are not as well known for producing oolong tea. For years, the oolong teas produced in these regions were considered standard grade at best, and could not compete with the time honored teas created by their Asian counterparts. However, in recent years the oolong teas from these areas have greatly improved.

While they are still very different than Taiwanese and Chinese oolongs, these unique oolong teas are recognized for their own special qualities and nuances (try our Darjeeling "Oolong Singbulli").

Try our flavored Oolong teas as well: Citron, Plum and Shalimar (passion fruit)!

### New Teas

We have added a new fragranced tea to our selection: a **Sweet Osmanthus green tea** from China that has a mild fruity flavor and is a wonderful addition to a Sunday afternoon tea.

Another blend that is now available is the **Choco - Mint Rooibos**. It was created for a fundraiser event and was so enthusiastically enjoyed we decided to add it to our store as a permanent product. Look for our **Lemurian Lavender Tea Sampler**, a 25gr sample of our black and green Lavender teas each pre-packaged with a nice label, a great gift.

### Mother's Day Lavender Tea

Come to Sereni-tea, enjoy a sampling of our Lavender tea blends and Lavender lemonade paired with sweet and savory lavender specialties.

Meet Gail and David of the Mt. Shasta lavender farms as they are getting ready for the summer harvest season on the farm.

**MAY 12<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 5pm**

A wonderful time to shop for upcoming events and gifts for all your tea loving friends and family!



## Tea Recipe

Source: www.sallys-place.com

This recipe is adapted from Cordon Bleu-trained chef Nat Litt, owner of The House of Tea in Philadelphia.

### Wild rice with tea (side dish)

- 1 chopped tomato
- 1/2 chopped small bell pepper
- 1/2 chopped onion
- 1 tbs. butter
  - Heat butter pan sweat tomato, pepper and onion in butter until tender
- 2 tsp. dark oolong tea, crumbled
- 1 tsp. thyme
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 cup wild rice
- 2 cups chicken stock
  - add all ingredients and cover pan, reducing heat to simmer and cook for about 45 minutes or until rice is done and all liquid is absorbed.

Remove bay leaf, fluff and serve it as a side dish. Use cold leftovers with cottage cheese over greens as a salad.



## Tea Lover's Reward Cards

We are introducing to our growing, loyal customer base three new reward cards:

Starting April 2007, when you shop at Sereni-tea you will be offered a \$10 or \$20 rewards card that will be validated each time you shop for at least these amounts. When you fill the card within a year (9 purchases) you will get a \$10 or \$20 credit towards tea and merchandise on your next shopping trip. Take advantage of this great offer and save!

We are also offering a "frequent cup of tea" card that will give you the 7<sup>th</sup> cup for free. No matter if you drink it in house or take it to go, your card will be validated (3 punches for a pot of tea). Make it a habit!

### Our teas at local establishments

We are working on a co-branded unique tea blend to be offered at **Sacred Mountain Retreat Spa** (918-9229) to be served when enjoying treatment as well as being sold there. Plan a visit for a pampering experience!

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| E<br>V<br>E<br>N<br>T<br>S | <p><b><u>Tea &amp; Tarot Afternoons</u></b><br/>Media celebrity and renowned Tarot teacher <b>Judith Conrad</b> will hold 15 minute recorded Tarot readings on</p> <p><b>Saturdays</b> (from 1 to 4pm)<br/><b>April 7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 21<sup>st</sup></b><br/><b>May 5<sup>th</sup> &amp; 19<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>Cost: \$30 includes a fragrant cup of tea and a recording of the reading.<br/><b>First come, first serve.</b></p> | <p><b><u>Tea Leaf Readings</u></b></p> <p>Come in with your friends, enjoy a cup of tea and have a fun, intuitive tea leaf reading with <b>Linnea Gael</b>.</p> <p>Cost: \$15 per person<br/>3 to 5 persons per group</p> <p><b>Please call Gael</b> (926-0650) for an appointment time and date and meet her at Sereni-tea for the reading.</p> | <p><b><u>Tea &amp; Animal Talk</u></b></p> <p>Come with a picture of your animal companion, have a cup of tea with <b>Victoria Song</b> and hear what your animal companion has to tell you.</p> <p><b>Wednesday</b> (from 2 to 5pm)<br/><b>April 11<sup>th</sup> &amp; 18<sup>th</sup></b><br/><b>May 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 16<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>For 1 animal: 15 min. /\$30<br/>For 2 or more: 30 min. /\$50</p> <p><b>Please call Sereni-tea</b> to reserve your time &amp; space.</p> |
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