### MAKING DELICIOUS FOOD WITH FRESH VEGGIES







### Zoom

- Use Q&A for any questions you have for the presenters
- Use Chat for any conversation with the group
- Everyone is muted and cameras are off



## **Project overview**

Project of the Cochise County Library District

Designed to increase awareness of and action toward eating local food among Cochise County residents

- Big Reads
- Web site and directories of local food producers and markets
- Books and displays at libraries in the county
- Social media
- Local events
- Materials for schools and children

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### Introductions

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#### Greens

•Full of Vitamins A, C, and Folate. Folate isn't just for pregnant women. Also, they are good sources of calcium. And don't forget about that fiber!

Versatile. Some are great in salads. Some work well in soups.
Others are great in stir fries and casseroles.

•Don't discard the tops of your carrots, beets, turnips. They are tasty and healthful.

•All are non-starchy vegetables and "free foods" for people concerned about diabetes.



#### Microgreens

- As a garnish
- On salad, sandwiches, pizza, eggs
- Juiced
- For sturdier greens like pea shoots, stir fried







## Summer Squash and Zucchini

- Readily available during their growing season.
- Use in quick breads, as noodles, oven fry, casseroles, stuffed or stewed
- Zucchini, Crookneck, Yellow Squash, Chayote, Carnival squash, Patty pans
- Perfect for using in place of any vegetable in most recipes





## Eggplant

- Breaded and fried
  - Eggplant parmesan, sandwiches
  - Grilled or broiled
    - Rolls, sandwiches, pizza
  - Pan fried
    - Hoisin eggplant
  - Slow cooked
    - Pasta alla norma
  - Baked
    - Cut in half, brushed with oil
    - Baba ganoush (eggplant dip)









# **Root Vegetables**

- Keep well for long periods of time
- Often "sweet" and popular in many preparations
- Turnips, Parsnips, Beets, Radisha, Rutabagas and Potatoes
- Greens can be used as well!
- Eat them roasted, mashed, baked, boiled. Some can be eaten raw in salads or dipped in hummus.





# Winter Squash

- Butternut, acorn, spaghetti, Hubbard.
- High in beta-carotene, vitamin C, vitamin B6, fiber, magnesium, and potassium.











### Herbs

- Are the leafy parts of the plant. Spices are the seeds
- Herbs can be easy to grow on a window sill. So you can have fresh herbs consistently.
- Use them to enhance the flavors of your meals to help reduce salt.
- Heat the herbs in you warm pan to release the flavors. This works especially well with dried herbs.



### **Fruits**

- What is available is very dependent on the season
- Figs and Pomegranates grow very well in Cochise County
- Apples, Pears, Peaches, Plums Apricots, Asian pears, and melons
- Great as is but can also be used in savory dishes.







## Things you can do with almost any veg

- Pizza
- Pasta
- Lasagna or other pasta
- Enchiladas
- Tostadas
- Soft tacos
- Stir fried rice
- Veg curry
- Sandwiches or wraps
- Soups or chili
- Quiche
- Entree salads
- Frittata
- Juicing























### **Questions?**

## More at eatlocalcochise.org /delicious

### **Additional resources**

























### **Upcoming events**

- Wed., May 19, 6pm Preserving Local Food
- Wed., June 2, 6pm **Desert Foraging**
- Wed., June 16, 6pm Raising Local Livestock
- June, 2021 Big Read Animal, Vegetable, Miracle by Barbara Kingsolver
- Wed., June 30, 6pm Online book club discussion

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