

# Mariposa Messenger

December 2021



*"The Joy of  
brightening other lives,  
bearing each others' burdens,  
easing each other's loads  
and supplanting empty hearts  
and lives with generous gifts  
becomes for us  
the magic of the holidays."  
W.C. Jones*



Sales Run From  
November 27th  
Until  
December 31st

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## **TIS THE SEASON**

**BY MARY ANNE**

*2021 IS FINALLY IN THE HOME STRETCH. No one can deny that it's been quite a year, what with supply chain issues, a dwindling labor force, covid restrictions, kids out of school, and a general aura of anger and frustration. I believe that it's been a long time since America has faced two long years of fear and hindrances. We are used to a certain amount of entitlement and freedom that is not always the daily experience in other parts of the world. Instead of pulling together as we have during wars, we are pulling apart. And the consequences are causing a lot of strife, finger-pointing, and ire. It really is no one's fault that a pandemic has flattened the playing field in much of the world. No one political figure can wave the magic wand and make it all disappear. It's up to each individual to take the higher road and join up with the rest of humanity in order to use these current challenges as a springboard for a better tomorrow. Changes are rampant and certainly unnerving. We have to learn flexibility and kindness in the face of so much stress. It isn't an easy task, but it's definitely doable. So this holiday season, instead of fretting over the lack of merchandise in the stores, this could be the moment when one takes to heart the "shop local" mantra or creates some homemade presents, either a physical gift or an offering of service.*

*As our poor Mother Earth struggles under a deluge of plastic and pollution, it actually could be a gift to her to refrain from buying more plastic toys. Unbelievable gas prices in the U.S. (which are standard in many other parts of the world) might make us reconsider trips to Santa Rosa or even Ukiah. Take some time for those near you who may not have a family or are aged and homebound. Give some money to the Food Bank or the Cancer Research Center, or Humane Society. Shop at the Craft's Faire, support Farm to Table operations, sing with the choir, dance with the elves, make cookies. And take a live and let live attitude when it comes to politics. A difference of opinion should not destroy family dynamics.*

*Make this the best Christmas ever by not spending copious amounts of money on unnecessary trivia so that when the holidays end, you are not left with an empty wallet and a lot of misgivings. If you have a family you care about and a few good friends, you are blessed. Erase those feelings of hate and anger, and fear. Embrace your life in beautiful Mendocino, one of the most gorgeous places in the world—and you get to live here!. And have a most joyous holiday. It's the season of love and peace—and that's what counts.*

*Just a reminder: we will be closing at 4 pm on Sunday the 19th, so that our employees will have time to get ready for the store Christmas party. We will be open during regular hours (9 am-6 pm) on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Of course, on Christmas and New Year's Day, we will be closed.*

**"Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love."**

**Hamilton Wright Mabie**

BULK  
**Unrefined Cane Sugar**  
LB



Reg \$1.99/LB

**\$1.69/LB**

BULK  
**Mixed Nuts**



Reg \$16.59/LB

**\$13.79/LB**

Bob's Red Mill  
**Org Coconut Flour**  
16 OZ



Reg \$6.39

**\$4.29**

Bonne Maman  
**Preserves**  
Assorted Varieties



Reg \$5.99

**\$4.49**

Enjoy Life  
**Mini Chocolate Chips**

Semi-Sweet  
10 OZ



Reg \$7.29

**\$5.39**

King Arthur Baking Company  
**Gluten Free Mix**

Multi-Purpose Flour  
24 OZ



Reg \$9.59

**\$7.29**

Endangered Species Chocolate  
**Dark Chocolate Bar**

Assorted Flavors  
3 OZ



Reg \$3.89

**\$2.79**

Equal Exchange  
**Organic Dark Chocolate Bar**

Assorted Flavors  
2.8 OZ



Reg \$4.29

**\$3.39**

Vermints  
**Organic Mints**

Ginger Mint  
Cinnamon Mint  
Peppermint  
1.41 OZ



Reg \$3.69

**\$2.79**

Bionaturae  
**Organic Tomatoes**

Crushed  
28.2 OZ



Reg \$4.19  
**\$3.19**

Bar Harbor  
**Soup**

New England Style Clam Chowder  
Manhattan Clam Chowder  
Lobster Bisque



Reg \$5.19-\$5.39

**\$4.29**

Amy's  
**Organic Soup**

Assorted Varieties



Reg \$4.79

**\$3.89**

Hakubaku  
**Organic Noodles**

Ramen  
Soba  
Green Tea Soba



Reg \$3.99

**\$3.29**

Garden of Eatin'  
**Tortilla Chips**

Assorted Varieties  
5.5 OZ



Reg \$3.89-\$4.09

**\$2.59**

Crystal Geyser  
**Sparkling Mineral Water**

Assorted Flavors  
1.25 LTR



Reg \$2.19

**\$1.69**

**CHEERFUL  
SPARKLINGS FOR  
THE HOLIDAYS**

*By Debbie Mac & Mary Anne*

*The holiday season brings to mind cheering our families and friends as we gather together to celebrate. Nothing says “to your health” like a glass of sparkling wine, and this year Mariposa Market has some new offerings to excite your palate. Toxqui Vineyards, a small family-owned winery located in Redwood Valley, has created a new sparkling just in time for the holidays. Named after their son, Hugh Oliver, it is a delicious bubbly made from Pinot Noir (84%) and Pinot Meunier (16%) grapes. It exhibits toasted aromas along with raspberry and creamy vanilla flavors. Toxqui also features Ruthless Red, a Zin blend, Red Blend, a combination of Merlots, and an excellent Zinfandel.*

*Another bubbly comes to us from Rivino Winery. This one is called Boujee and reminds the imbiber of the drier, crisper style of French Champagne. No sugar is added during the process, which causes it to have tiny active bubbles that last for hours. The label we will be carrying is the Rose’ which sings with brightness. This is a pricier variety which would make a welcome gift, as well as a celebratory beverage.*

*For an everyday bubbly, try the Beaver Creek Sparkling Sauvignon Blanc from Lake County. This particular sparkling has been popular with our staff because it is organic, biodynamic, and sulfite-free. Plus, it has a reasonable price point, perfect for cookie-making, gift-wrapping, or wreath-making get-togethers. We are also carrying a Petite Syrah and a delicious Zinfandel from this label.*

*We need to mention a couple of non-sparkling wines which would make excellent holiday gifts. One of them is Seghesio Old Vine Zinfandel, a rich, fruity red with extravagant flavors. And Masut has a Chardonnay which we have featured this month. It is a luscious white with all the yumminess that you would desire in a higher-end white.*

*Don’t hold back! If you are a California sparkling traditionalist, we still have Roederer, Sharffenberger, and MacFadden Bubbliies, all locally produced and worth the price.*

Miyoko's Creamery  
**Organic Cashew Milk  
 Mozzarella**  
 8 OZ



**\$7.69** Reg \$9.99

Lightlife Foods  
**Smart Bacon**  
 5 OZ



**\$3.99** Reg \$5.39

Field Roast  
**Vegan Chao Slices**  
 Creamy Original  
 7 OZ



**\$5.99** Reg \$7.59

Lightlife Foods  
**Gimme Lean! Veggie  
 Sausage**  
 14 OZ



**\$3.99** Reg \$5.39

**Oatzarella  
 Nut & Dairy Free  
 Cheese Cake**



**Vegetarian &  
 Vegan Holiday  
 Offerings**

Non Dairy Nog

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Tofurky Feast  
 Roast

&

Gravy

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Gardein Stuffed Turk'y

&

Turk'y Roast

Field Roast Celebration  
 Roast



**Holiday Treats**

Willamet Valley  
 Pies & Cobblers

Egg Nog From:  
 Straus

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Alexandre

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Kaloma Supernatural

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Clover

Marin French Cheese Co.  
 Brie en crouete

Beeler's Hams

# New Year Black Eyed Peas

## Ingredients:

1 pound dry black-eyed peas	1 pound smoked ham hocks
2 tablespoons olive oil	1 (14.5 ounce) can diced tomatoes
1 large yellow onion, diced	5 pepperoncini peppers
2 cloves garlic, minced	1 bay leaf
2 (32 ounce) cartons chicken broth	½ teaspoon garlic powder
8 cups water	¼ teaspoon ground thyme
	salt and pepper to taste



## Directions:

Place the black-eyed peas into a large container and cover with several inches of cool water; let stand 8 hours to overnight. Drain and rinse before using.

In a large stock pot over medium heat, cook and stir onion and garlic in olive oil until onion becomes translucent, about 5 minutes. Pour in the chicken broth and 8 cups water, bring to a boil, and reduce heat to a simmer. Stir in soaked black-eyed peas, ham hocks, tomatoes, pepperoncini, bay leaf, garlic powder, thyme, and salt and pepper. Cover and simmer until peas are tender, ham meat is falling off the bones, and the broth is thickened, about 3 hours.

Cornbread is a traditional side with this dish

Borrowed from All Recipes <https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/213029/new-year-black-eyed-peas/>



Shikai Products  
**Hand & Body Lotion**

Honeysuckle,  
Gardenia,  
Cucumber Melon,  
or Yuzu  
8 FL OZ

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Yerba Prima  
**Psyllium Husks Veg Capsules**  
180 CAP

**\$10.49** Reg \$15.99



**Line Drives Run December 1st-31st**

Griffin Remedy  
**Line Drive**  
20% OFF



Sunwarrior  
**Line Drive**  
20% OFF



Foods Alive  
**Line Drive**  
15% OFF



Wild Carrot  
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**Line Drive**  
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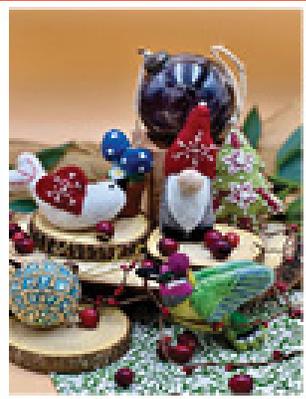
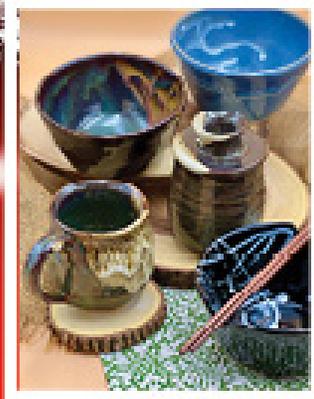


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