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Hey! Is it hot or what? If you responded "or what?" let me know where you live and I'm coming to visit!

Here in prairie world, it's hot and just how hot is the #1 lead-off summertime social exchange, which got me to thinking about cooling off, which led to a desire to cool off, which turned into thinking about the coolin'off attire known as the bathing suit, which is the subject of the latest [vintage e-greeting card](#) And the photo's border – very, very vintage Kodak.

Cool, too, is The Kitchen Linens Book featured in [July's Romantic Homes and July/August Cooking with Paula Deen](#). Yes, I've known about both publications for about 6 months or so, but to actually see the magazines in person is a whole other thang. I only just saw Cooking with PD this past Sunday as I waited to check out at the [grocery store](#). Such sighting elicited a shriek, like I'd been stung by a Yellow Jacket or something. A sophisticated moment if there ever was.

Anyway, this is all such a big deal, I've decided to celebrate with a Sunday giveaway throughout July and August, with the first drawing held this Sunday, July 5th. And the prize – a personalized copy of my exhibit's catalogue, [Apron Chronicles: a Patchwork of American Recollections](#).

The July/August drawings are open only to those signed up to receive the newsletter. So, if you're reading this, then you're entered!

News from the Apron-Hood

Latest tidbit from my friend Maren of [The Secret Stitch Club](#) is a July 5th lime-i-licious giveaway for two aprons for two lucky winners. Maren's

Feeding the Soul

Peel and chill medium-sized tomatoes. Cut 5 crosswise gashes petal-fashion and insert in each cut a crisp slice of cucumber. Serve on lettuce with salad dressing. Very decorative and cool-looking!
1937 Aug. Food Calendar by Nell B. Nichols

Vintage Horticulture

"Women have been the treasurers of seedlings and cuttings; they are the ones who will root a single slip in a bottle of water in the corner of a closet; or set out, as the pioneer American women did, guarding who knows how their priceless little store of seeds and roots."
Katherine Anne Porter,
1950 Flair magazine

Cherry Limeade creation is for a child and Christie's Key Lime design is adult sized.

Olivia, an author on a deadline, got a hold of me last week end with a plea for an apron poem. For the life of me, I could not help her out, other than that Grandma's Apron poem that's been circulating for years and years now. But I kept looking and lo', discovered [Auntie Em](#) and a host of lovely verse. Nice if read with a buttered ~~dog~~ biscuit.

Where I grew up, the "bad" kind of firecracker was legal and when school started in early September, there was always a boy showing up minus a digit or two. With that image in mind, I've always been a tad wary of things that fizzle and have the ability to explode. But when it comes to fourth of July and a fireworks display, I am in the stands, far from the actual fireworks themselves, ooohing and aaaahing with the best of them. I also know all the words to It's a Grand Old Flag.

Alrighty!

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