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Cooking: The Definitive Art Form

By Victor Nunn

There is an age old saying - 'The Way To A Man's Heart Is through His Stomach'. Well, let it be

known, that the way to everyone's heart is through his/her stomach, both figuratively and literally. To achieve this extraordinary feat all you have to be is a good cook. But, herein lays a difficulty. Cooking is not everyone's cup of tea, and people have to fine tune their culinary skills over the years to have any semblance of mastery over this art form.

Good cooking takes you to heaven or any place that you call heaven for that matter. So what exactly is 'cooking'? Something so important has a very simple meaning. It is the time worn process of preparing food. The phrase 'cooking' also includes the act of 'eating'. While cooking a person has to keep in mind a whole lot of factors that would finally lead to the making of some delicious food. Namely, there are three things that must be kept in mind while cooking: the mixture of the ingredients used, and the inherent digestibility of the food.

A good cook must be an ace at selection, measurement, and the combination of the requisite ingredients that would achieve a culinary accomplishment. Diversity is another significant feature of this age old art form. It reflects the varied considerations that include, amongst others, nutrition, aesthetics, agrarian features of a region, ethnicity, and religion. Food is cooked in a number of different ways. You can boil it, fry it, grill it or use any other methodology for the purposes of heating.

The paramount importance that cooking has in our life can be gauged from the fact that we spend close to 6 hours daily, just eating. This of course is a minimum estimate. Regional cooking and gourmet cooking is fast gaining in the popularity charts. More and more people are succumbing to the cooking bug simply because there is a lot of money in it. Nobody likes to stay hungry, and everybody likes good food. Cooking was first a necessity, and now it has achieved a status far greater than anybody supposed it would.

For the purposes of cooking, you need some good cookware. Cookware is containers, which are used to keep the food preparations. The development in cooking has led to development in cookware. Today, you have a myriad of cookware to suit the requirements of specific dishes.

To conclude, cooking is something that cannot be learnt. Like art, the qualities of a cook must be ingrained in a person. But, that does not mean that you cannot learn a few scrumptious dishes. So go give it a try, and yes, don't forget to use some apt cookware!

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What To Look For In Cooking Schools

By Linda Emerson

As they say, the greatest way to a man's heart is through his stomach. Is it any wonder why most women painstakingly toil and learn the art of cooking? Hence, most people who know how to cook would normally teach the others who do not know. They started having some sessions with every dish being taught every time the supposed to be teacher to his or her supposed to be student. As the time went by, this kind of teaching the others how to cook had been an invigorating activity. And so, gradually cooking schools were built, maybe with those who first taught cooking.

I. Culinary Schools – A Brief Rundown

Since its inception and practice, cooking schools had continuously provided their students, first, with the basics of cooking. Thereafter, they advanced to the next level until their students had the confidence to progress their learning on their own. The first sessions of classes in cooking schools before are not as organized as it is today. Nevertheless, the growth of the cooking schools can be traced back to the very first informal session they had before. Since then, cooking schools gradually develop into a more organized way of teaching somebody how to cook.

II. Choices

The problem is too many cooking schools. As a potential student, of course you will want to attend the very best learning institution that you can.

1. Is it accredited? In most instances, it always takes a certificate in order to prove one's worth to an employer. In this case, a good cooking school should be accredited, and not just by so-and-so company but a valid accrediting agency. From its accreditation, you can now tell its length of service in the business. So those who have been in the business for at least 6 years are good enough, right?

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2. Do you need a job right away after your training? If so, then it's best to choose cooking schools that can give you career advancement right after your training. Good cooking schools require their students to have on-the-job-training within restaurants and hotels. In turn, it will be good exposure for you especially if you want to work for them in the future.

3. Are you particular with the student-teacher ratio? If so, then choose a cooking school that offers at least a maximum of 15 students per instructor. This is to facilitate ease of teaching and improve better comprehension among the students. A smaller class size is better especially if the session includes mostly of a one-on-one approach.

4. Do you have a tight budget? Normally, good cooking schools cost a lot more than the typical cooking schools. So, if you are really determined to start your cooking lessons, it's a must that you have the budget for it. Otherwise, you might just end up with a cheap one but cannot give you the right techniques as far as cooking is concerned.

5. You need a good instructor for a good cooking school, right?

That is, if you really want to know how to cook effectively and professionally. So, it's best that you

check on the background of the instructors in the cooking school that you chose to enrol with. Find some helpful information if they are good enough teach you the art of cooking.

6. Proximity Can you endure a long ride going to the cooking school? If not, then it's best that you choose a good cooking school that is located within your locality. This will give you a shorter time for commuting.

7. Is it private or a public? If you go for public cooking schools, you might save a hefty amount of money because they are cost cheaper than the private ones. But then again, the quality of the school facilities and instruction may suffer because the government may not have allotted a budget for the school.

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