Marcella's Orange Cake

(makes 1 Bundt cake) A traditional favorite, will travel, will keep.

Cake

Ingredients:

2 sticks Butter, softened
2 cups Sugar
4 Eggs
1 tsp Baking Soda
About 1½ cups Buttermilk
4 cups Flour, sifted (consider Wondra)
1 tsp Orange rind, grated
1 cup Pecans, chopped
7 oz package Dates, cut into pieces

Directions:

Cream together butter ans sugar. Add the eggs, one at a time Dissolve the Baking Soda in the Buttermilk. Mix all the ingredients and pour into an oiled Bundt pan. Bake at 325° for 1 to 1½ hours.

Icing

Ingredients:

2 tbsp grated Orange rind1½ cups Orange juice1½ cups Sugar

Directions:

Pierce cake in the Bundt pan in several places with wooden skewer and immediately pour the mixture over the hot cake.

Tent cake with waxed paper or a tea towel until orange/sugar mixture is absorbed. When cake is cool turn onto a cake plate sprinkled with powdered sugar.

Note:

Adjust recipe to bake in small cupcake pan.