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## Local woman's recipe included in Gooseberry cookbook

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Shelbyville resident Julie Marsh was recently featured in a well-known cookbook published by Gooseberry Patch, a company that prides itself in cookbooks, crafts, gourmet goodies and other unique items.

"I'm a huge fan of Gooseberry Patch," said Marsh, who works at Jostens in Shelbyville. "I love all of their craft books and cookbooks. I also love to cook, to try new recipes and bake."

Marsh's recipe for "Granny Hodge's Teacakes" was selected for inclusion in this year's "Christmas Cookie Jar Cookbook" by Gooseberry Patch. It is a recipe that is very close to Marsh's heart.

When submitting the recipe to Gooseberry Patch for possible inclusion, Marsh included the following story with the recipe: "My Granny Hodge gave me a copy of this recipe when I was young and starting my own recipe collection. Years later, after Granny had passed away, my aunt gave me a copy of Granny's same handwritten recipe with a little note, 'Mama used to make these for us all when we were kids.' I always think of my mom, Juanita Fears, and Granny Hodge while making these cookies at Christmas time for my family.'

Since 1984, Gooseberry Patch has published more than 100 cookbooks, comprised of readers' recipes. Currently, the company publishes four to five hardcover books a year and several soft-cover books.

"The recipe selection process for each cookbook begins with the book theme," said Gooseberry representative Jill Burton, in a press release. "Our book editors comb through thousands of submissions to find just the right recipes to fit the theme of the cookbook. They look for original recipes that are tried and true, sound delicious, and create a good mix with all of the recipes for the cookbook.'

Burton said all of Gooseberry Patch's hardcover books call for recipe submissions. Additionally, members of Gooseberry Patch's web site can submit recipes anytime online.

"Our recipe contributors come from all over the world, but the majority of them are from the United States," Burton said. "No one is paid for a recipe submission, but each person who gets a recipe published gets a free copy of the cookbook it's published in.'

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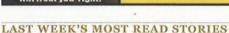
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