

# The Mangrove Galley

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The holidays have descended upon us and now is the time to celebrate with family and friends. It is the time of year that we all rejoice in food. Get together, happy hours, and meals make December a tasty month. One of the ways that I like to celebrate is the giving of gifts in the form of food. Whether it be a special cake, pie, cookies, or bread, it is always a welcomed gift. My mother-in-law served this chocolate treat at last year's family Christmas Eve. If you aren't a chocolate fan you will find this recipe a winner.

Happy holidays to all!

## PEPPERMINT BARK CANDY

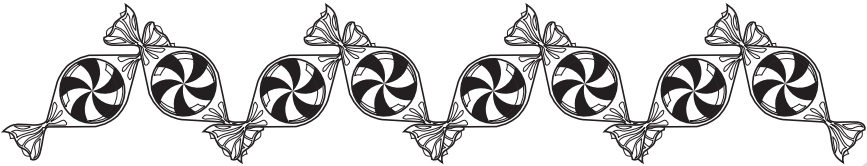
- 3 (four ounce) packages white chocolate
- 2 (four ounce) packages semi-sweet chocolate
- 1/2 cup miniature marshmallows
- 1/4 cup crushed hard peppermint candies (about 13 candies)

Place wax paper on a cookie sheet. Slowly melt the white chocolate on low heat in a saucepan stirring constantly (if you have a double boiler that works great.) Spread the white chocolate into a thin layer on the wax paper. Refrigerate 10 minutes.

While the white chocolate is cooling, melt the semi-sweet chocolate using the same procedure.

Spread the semi-sweet chocolate over the white chocolate. Sprinkle with the marshmallows and peppermint pieces. Place back into the refrigerator for 4 hours or until firm. Break into pieces or cut into shapes using a cookie cutter then serve.

The candy can be stored in an airtight container at room temperature or in the refrigerator for up to 3 weeks.



## PUNOGRAPHY

I tried to catch some fog. I mist.  
When chemists die, they barium.  
Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.  
A soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.  
I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop any time.  
How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.  
I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.  
This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.  
I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down.  
I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.  
They told me I had type A blood, but it was a Type-O.  
Why were the Indians here first? They had reservations.  
Class trip to the Coca-Cola factory. I hope there's no pop quiz.  
Energizer bunny arrested. Charged with battery.  
I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.  
What does a clock do when it's hungry? It goes back four seconds.  
I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me!  
Broken pencils are pointless.  
What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.  
England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.  
I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.  
I dropped out of communism class because of lousy Marx.  
All the toilets in New York's police stations have been stolen. Police have nothing to go on.  
I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.  
Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes.  
Velcro - what a rip off!  
Cartoonist found dead in home. Details are sketchy.  
Venison for dinner? Oh deer!  
I used to think I was indecisive, but now I'm not so sure.  
Be kind to your dentist. He has fillings, too.

# Conch Characters



Ariel of Iconic Women of Rock photobombs some fans, while performing at Gilbert's.



Beautiful hostesses Maggie and Tori at the Pilot House.



This sign can be spotted at Bayside Grille on the beach!



Country Music Night - first Friday of the month at Gilbert's. And every Friday they serve a fantastic rib dinner including a beer for only \$9.99.



Gilbert's Resort GM Rob LeBrun presents Julie Cuneo of the American Cancer Society - Making Strides for the Florida Keys a check for \$3200 in October. Gilbert's has pledged \$1 from every "Boobie" drink sold to help support breast cancer awareness. In the 6 months since its introduction, the "Boobie's" popularity is growing every day.



Things you ONLY see in the FLORIDA KEYS. I was leaving the Mariners Hospital gym early Sunday AM when I saw this scene in front of the hospital. They had just done a CT scan on a sick dolphin and it was going back to Dolphins Plus. One of the hospital staff said to me, "They are part of our community too." I do love my hospital. Photo by Frank Derfler.



John Donnelly of American Legion Post 333 presents Sheriff Ramsay with a plaque thanking him for his continued support and dedication to The Wounded Warriors.



Gilbert's manager Rob in his bacon jacket!



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