



NEWARKAPIARIES

Honey Cake

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Right in Montclair, a local beekeeping family bottles honey that is pollinated by our local flora. NewArkApiaries honey is carried on Etsy, and the family loves to use their product in many ways. This is a honey cake they make using their Montclair honey.

Ingredients:

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| 3 ½ cups all-purpose flour | 1 cup vegetable oil |
| 1 teaspoon baking powder | 1 cup honey |
| 1 teaspoon baking soda | 1 ½ cups granulated sugar |
| ½ teaspoon sea salt or any sea salt | ½ cup brown sugar |
| 4 teaspoons ground cinnamon | 3 large eggs |
| ½ teaspoon ground cloves | 1 teaspoon vanilla extract |
| ½ teaspoon ground allspice | 1 ¼ cup warm strong tea |
| | ½ cup fresh orange juice |

Fits in three loaf pans, two 9-inch square or round cake pans, one 9 or 10-inch tube or bundt cake pan, or one 9 by 13-inch sheet cake.

Preheat oven to 350°F. Generously grease pan(s) with non-stick cooking spray.

Directions:

- In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, cloves, and allspice.
- Make a well in the center, and add oil, honey, white sugar, brown sugars, eggs, vanilla, coffee or tea, orange juice, and rye or whiskey, if used.
- Using a strong wire whisk or in an electric mixer on slow speed, stir together well to make a well-mixed batter.
- Add batter into the prepared pan. Bake time for loaf pans: 45-55 minutes, tube cake pan bake: 60-75 minutes. Let cake stand fifteen minutes before removing it from pan. Enjoy with a hot cup of tea - Earl Grey pairs nicely! ■

Simple Detailing and Restrained Palette

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ANDREW WANDER'S BOOK *Stately Homes of Montclair* describes the architecture of this house on Union St. as having "simple detailing and a restrained palette" that makes this house "give a somber face to the neighborhood". The 1982 Junior League Preservation Survey calls the architecture "Georgian Revival".

The house with an adjoining (doctor's) office was designed by the famous Montclair architect Francis Nelson, who designed many houses and public buildings in Montclair. Perhaps his most notable contribution to our landscape was the Upper Montclair Library. Dr. John Atkinson applied for the permit to build this house in 1941. It was expected to cost \$28,100 and was complete by 1942. It is built on a rare double lot, rare for Montclair, at least. Dr. Atkinson and his wife, Ethel (McCabe) Atkinson moved here in 1942 after living on South Fullerton Ave. He had his practice in the office that was attached to this building.

Dr. Atkinson was born in Paterson, NJ and graduated from Paterson High School. He served in the Navy during WWI. He studied medicine at Kirksville (Missouri) College of Osteopathy, graduating in 1923.

Osteopathy is based on musculoskeletal manipulation to achieve the health of the patient. Osteopaths, however, do not limit themselves to manipulation. They accept the full range of common medical practices. Osteopathy is considered a perfectly acceptable branch of medicine, producing physicians who are capable of being licensed to practice in any hospital. Dr. Atkinson was actively involved with the New Jersey Osteopathic Society, serving as its president from 1931 to 1934, later serving on the Executive Committee and as chair of their Bureau of Professional Affairs. Dr. Atkinson passed away in 1943. Ethel remained in the house until her death in 1950. Another doctor, Dr. Harry Halprin, moved his practice into the office in 1946 after he finished his service in the Navy.

Dr. Atkinson's parents lived on Park St. His brother, Dr. G. Randall Atkinson, was also an osteopath. G. Randall and his wife, Maxine, lived on Summit Ave. and then Cooper Ave. Dr. Halprin (the second doctor to live and work in our featured house) graduated from New York University Medical School in 1923. He interned at Mountainside Hospital and was its first resident physician. He opened up a practice in Caldwell. He served as a



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Navy doctor in the South Pacific during WWII. He was among the first to land with the Marines at Bougainville. Dr. Halprin arrived at the beach under intense fire. He survived months of bombing and strafing from Japanese warplanes, in an operating room that was forced to be underground. He also saw action at Guadalcanal. Dr. Halprin received the Purple Heart during his tour. He remained in the Naval Reserve and retired as a captain in 1960.

After the war Dr. Halprin returned to New Jersey and resumed his affiliation with Mountainside Hospital. As he was already using the office attached to our featured house, he and his wife, Adelaide, decided to buy the house from Ethel Atkinson's estate. Harry and Adelaide's son, Dr. Arthur Halprin, a dental surgeon, was also in the naval reserves and also served on the staff of Mountainside Hospital. Another son, Jim, was a star pitcher who led MKA to a Division "B" state championship (Independent School Athletic Assoc.) in 1979; somewhat of a miracle since they went winless the previous season. Jim wasn't on the team during the previous season. Adelaide was a painter who often exhibited in what were known as "picket fence" art shows. She was an avid gardener and was admired for her rose garden. She was a docent at the Israel Crane House and a member of the Montclair Art Museum. She was active in the Essex County Multiple Sclerosis Society and she co-founded the swim therapy program at Kessler Institute in West Orange. Adelaide's mom, Mary Oshrowitz, lived with them after her husband, Solomon, passed away.

Dr. Halprin passed away in 1979 and Adelaide moved to Florida in 1984. Ronald P. and Nancy (Cesarini) Berman were the next owners of the house. Ronald graduated from Long Island University. He got his law degree from Emory University in Atlanta. He practiced law in New York City. Ronald was a long-time member of Montclair's Civil Rights Commission; especially active on their standing Police Community Relations Committee. He received extensive training and was certified as an American Arbitration Association Neutral, someone who can be relied on to help opposing parties reach fair and reasonable settlements. Nancy was an active member of the Montclair Garden Club and was certified as a master gardener.

In 2006 Jude Thaddeus "Thad" Hayes bought the house. Thad is a highly respected interior designer based in NYC. He has been called a "Dean of American Design" by Architectural Digest and is considered one of the "AD100". House Beautiful has named him one of the "Best of the Best". On Aug 19, 2007 the New York Times printed an article by Michael Winerip about what Thad and his partner, Adam Lippin, went through when they adapted a baby boy. Adam is the CEO of Atomic Wings, a burgeoning restaurant chain. In 2013 the house was up for sale again. ■

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