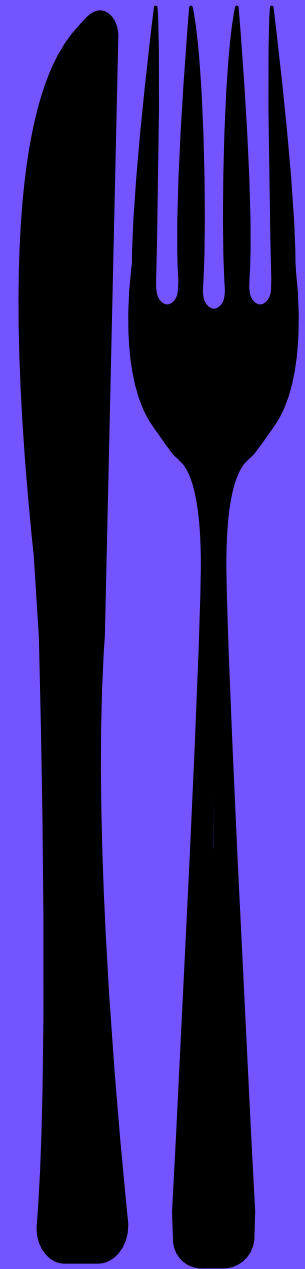


# ON THE TABLE:

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A Dessert Menu for Peace



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Inspired by Edna Lewis and Rose McGee

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# Dessert menu for peace

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## Rhubarb Pie

Made with freshly cut rhubarb from my garden

## Dandelion Wine

Dandelion flowers from my yard

## Menu for love

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We all have a food story. Our food stories are memoirs written in carbohydrates, fats and proteins. Our food stories vary with location, culture, income, access and transportation. Our mothers and fathers started writing our food stories before we were born and their food stories were written by our grandparents, whose food stories were written by our great-grandparents and on and on back for generations. Our food stories have many different chapters over a life of eating and sometimes not eating. Some food stories are written with hunger and malnourishment.

A shared dessert will bring forth these food stories, uniting us in a beautiful, poetic, artful experience across the table that exposes our differences and inequities, illuminates our similarities and connections, and builds bridges of understanding between us. This simple dessert menu reflects the stories from African American culinary traditions. These menu items come from and are inspired by *The Taste of Country Cooking* by Edna Lewis, a giant influence on American chefs and Sweet Potato Comfort Pie, an organization founded by Rose McGee, who has used pies as a tool for social change.



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