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Who Wants Pie?

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Berry pie with crumb topping Photo Susie Iventosch

quite a sight climbing up the ladders to pick the ripe fruit - she was in her 80s and I was several months pregnant. Neither one of us wanted the other to do the climbing, but in the end, I think I won out and left her on the ground worrying. Those days, farmers' markets hadn't made their resurgence and to get just-picked produce we really had to head to the farms. We are so lucky these days to have great farmers' market networks, bringing perfectly ripe produce practically to our doorsteps.

One year, I made a berry pie birthday dessert for our good friend, Mike Miller of Moraga. Since his birthday is in March, I am certain that at least some frozen berries went into that particular dessert. It didn't much matter to him ... he's never forgotten that pie, and now almost every time we get together, the idea of berry pie surfaces in the conversation. And, like anything else in life, the fresher the better, so whenever possible, it's best made with fresh seasonal berries. This pie can be made with just about any combination of berries you like, but I use blueberries, boysenberries or blackberries, and raspberries in roughly equal proportions.

Moraga Farmers' Market -

Sundays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Orinda Farmers' Market -

Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Lafayette Farmers' Market - could be coming to you on August 21

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