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AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

You may be thinking that the Cucina has been a little quiet lately, and quite rightly so. The 'cook' has become a 'nonna' for the first time and for my patience I was doubly rewarded. Isabella Georgina and Matilda Margaret were born early January and have spent the last 8 weeks in hospital to fully ripen. They are now ready to come home and I am in Melbourne to support the little family, especially in the shopping and cooking department.

While here I also have the opportunity to explore the city food scene and I have a couple of days work at the Melbourne Food Festival, due to commence March 13. I am assisting with some of the Masterclasses and looking forward to that role. I hope to learn a lot.

I have discovered that there is much 'hunting and gathering' to be done in the city.

Backyards are bountiful - tomatoes are still plentiful and I have been making batches of relish and oven-drying those tiny tomatoes, tossing them in a little olive oil and salt before a long slow cook in the oven.

Grape vines in a friend's tiny backyard are dripping with ripe muscatels and I am going to try my hand at grape jelly. Rhubarb is plentiful and my daughter has the best old apple tree, laden with tart Granny Smiths, perfect for cakes and tarts.

I am fortunate to be house-sitting a beautiful house in Alphington with a magnificent garden which provides me with all the herbs I need and I am eyeing off the quince tree and waiting for it to ripen. So I am never far from the kitchen.

The other delight of city dwelling is the vast array of food stores and markets which I am enjoying exploring.

While there will be no scheduled cooking classes at the Cucina during Autumn, I would like to invite any Melbourne Friends of Cucina to contact me if there is any interest in private classes or catering. I have a delightful kitchen to work in or I would be happy to come to your home. I can be contacted on my mobile number above.

I shall be back at the Cucina for 2 weeks around Easter as I am assisting with the catering for the Four Winds Concert Feast as well as a couple of bookings at the Cucina. I look forward to catching up with many of you then.

Whilst in Melbourne I am also doing some preparatory work on a proposed Taste of Tuscany Tour for 2011. So if you have been 'thinking about it', next year is your chance!

My apologies for any inconvenience caused by the temporary closure of the Cucina. For any gift certificate holders, please contact me if you cannot wait till my return to redeem those vouchers and I will be happy to make other arrangements.

Meantime to all of you, happy cooking and see you in the winter.
Georgina

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