MIRKWOOD DESIGNS presents...

Roasted Sweet Potatoes With Spiced Sugar and Whipped Butter

- 4 sweet potatoes (try to choose sweet potatoes that are uniform in size and shape)
- 1 tablespoon cooking oil (olive oil is fine)
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- ¼ cup light brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper (to taste)
- ½ pound (2 sticks) butter, softened to room temperature (not melted)

Yield: 4 servings

Note: You can easily increase or decrease the number of servings by adjusting the amounts accordingly.

Preheat oven to 425 degrees Fahrenheit.

- 1. Scrub sweet potatoes well and trim any brown spots.
- 2. Rub each sweet potato with oil, and salt lightly.
- 3. Place washed sweet potatoes in a metal roasting pan and bake for 1 hour, or until a knife is easily inserted into the center. The skin may be oozing, but that is fine.
- 4. While the sweet potatoes bake, put butter in a bowl and whip until fluffy. This is easier if you use an electric mixer.
- 5. In a small bowl, combine sugars, cinnamon, nutmeg, and black pepper.
- 6. When the sweet potatoes are done cooking, carefully remove them to individual serving bowls. With a knife, make an "X" in the top of each sweet potato and squeeze on each side so that it opens up. (Use oven mitts because they will be hot!)
- 7. Add a dollop of whipped butter to each; top with the cinnamon sugar mixture to taste.

Note: Sweet potatoes are high in beta carotene, and the skins are a good source of dietary fiber.

