

PIE PIPER

Looking for an unusual pie recipe with which to wow the judges at the State Fair? Or maybe a recipe that makes use of all the Tang you've had lying

in Chicago, spent her evenings at the city's climate-controlled Harold Washington Public Library. To pass the time, she got in the habit of thumbing through the library's collection of old cookbooks. Enthralled with the concoctions from bygone times—Methodist Pie, Gravel Pie and Shoo-Fly Wet-Bottom Pie, to name a few—and fortunate enough to have a roommate who worked at a copy shop, Zollinger began making postcards that included recipes, drawings and her musings on each type of pie, and sent them to friends as a way to keep in touch

and share her crusty cravings. Now she's doing essentially the same thing, only online. Zollinger's Web site, www.pieofthemoth.org, includes an archive of recipes—some more edible than others (Pralined Cicada Pie, anyone?), an "Ask the Expert" section that addresses crumb-topping and meringue-weepage issues, and a "Pie Across America" database featuring reviews of pie joints in Indiana and beyond.

There's also an online shop where visitors can buy Zollinger's handmade "Pie of the Month" T-shirts and buttons or sign up for 12 months of pie postcards—the next best thing to a big slice of Green Tomato Pie. —Laura Putre



around since 1965? Look no further than the Pie of the Month Club, a Web site created by Bloomington resident Sue Anne Zollinger.

Why pie? One sweltering summer a dozen or so years ago, Zollinger, then living in an un-air-conditioned apartment