

# FOURTH OF JULY STRAWBERRY RHUBARB PIE

Celebrate the holiday with a sweet treat

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My wife of 40 years, Laurie Anderson, recently baked the perfect strawberry rhubarb pie. The aroma of warm pie wafted about the kitchen like the scent of dew on a meadow. The crust was flaky, buttery and soft.

The rhubarb was picked only hours before from our new garden, a revelation in itself. That day, the sun rose and set with fiery comfort. Early morning, we traipsed along Benson Beach for a four mile sojourn, only to remember how happy we were to live in this splendid corner of the earth.

Nearly July now, and nearly upon that manic, free-for-all holiday that apparently celebrates our victory and independence from the British — The British, our long-standing ally — in 1776, when Americans danced jubilantly in the streets of Philadelphia.

Independence Day is represented



Photos by Laurie Anderson

**LEFT:** Don't be tempted to slice the pie directly from the oven. It's much better if you let it sit for at least 30 minutes before serving, with vanilla ice cream. **RIGHT:** There's nothing quite like growing your own rhubarb and then baking a pie with the harvest.

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