Warm Sweet Potato Salad with Toasted Pecans, Spinach and Cranberry Vinaigrette

Recipe courtesy of Michael Weinstein, Dread Head Chef, featured Grand Prairie Farmers Market chef.

<u>Cranberry Vinaigrette</u> I cup Cranberries ½ Tablespoon ginger minced 2 Tablespoon Brown sugar 2 Tablespoon Rice wine vinegar ½ cup Orange juice I/8 cup water I/3 cup Grape seed oil Kosher salt and black pepper <u>Sweet Potatoes</u> 2 Ibs sweet potatoes-peeled and diced in 1" cubes I tablespoon Grape seed oil Kosher salt and black pepper <u>Pecans</u> 1/4 cup Pecan Pieces

<u>Spinach or Kale</u> I ½ cups baby spinach/ kale

<u>For the vinaigrette</u>: In a I quart pot add the cranberries, ginger, I tablespoon of the vinegar, orange juice and brown sugar. Bring to a boil, turn down the heat and reduce by half. Remove from the heat and let cool completely. In a blender add the cranberry mix, water and the other tablespoon of vinegar. While pureeing slowly pour all of the oil in then strain through a fine mesh strainer and season with salt and pepper to taste.

<u>For the sweet potatoes and pecans</u>: Toss the sweet potatoes with the oil, salt and pepper and place on a baking sheet. Place in a preheated 300-degree oven and cook for approximately 20-25 minutes until tender. When ready keep warm. For the pecans place them on a baking sheet and cook for about 7 minutes in the oven, remove and set aside.

<u>To complete</u>: In a bowl add the spinach or kale, warm sweet potatoes, pecans and some of the vinaigrette just to lightly coat. Toss the salad and place on a serving platter. Drizzle a little extra vinaigrette on top to finish. Bon appétit.