Amaretto Chunk Cookies

2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup butter or margarine (2 sticks) -- softened
1 cup brown sugar -- packed
1/2 cup granulated sugar
2 large eggs
1 tablespoon amaretto liqueur
2 teaspoons almond extract
2 cups semisweet chocolate chips
1 cup sweetened coconut flakes
1 cup sliced almonds

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

On waxed paper, combine flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt.

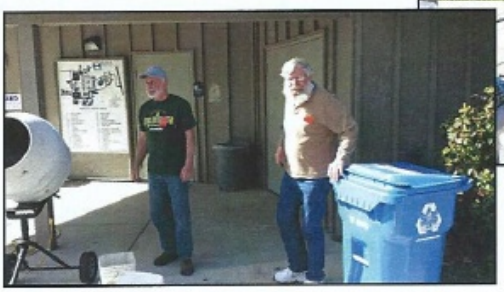
In large bowl, beat butter and sugars at medium speed until creamy. Beat in eggs, amaretto and extract.

Reduce speed to low; beat in flour mixture just until blended. Stir in chocolate chips, coconut and almonds.

Drop dough by heaping measuring tablespoons, 2 inches apart on ungreased large cookie sheet. Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until golden around edges.

Transfer cookies to wire racks to cool. Repeat with remaining dough.

Yield: 4 dozen



March Tips:

***Planning/Planting**: Divide hostas, daylilies, mums; Plant insectary plants (alyssum, coriander, candytuft, yarrow, dill, sunflower) to attract beneficial insects to the garden; If soil is dry enough, prepare vegetable garden and plant early cool-season crops (carrots, beets, broccoli, leeks, parsley, chives, rhubarb, peas, radish); Onions, too, if soil is dry enough. Good time to plant various berry producing plants.*

***Maintenance**: Spread compost over garden and landscape areas; Prune gooseberries and currants, fertilize with manure or a complete fertilizer; Fertilize evergreen shrubs and trees, rhododendrons, camellias, azaleas with acid-type fertilizer if needed; Prune spring-flowering shrubs after blooms fade; Fertilize cane berries; Prune ornamentals for air circulation and to help prevent fungal diseases.*

***Pest Monitoring and Management**: Spray trees and shrubs for webworms and leafroller, if present; Start rose blackspot control tactics at budbreak- remove infected leaves, spray as necessary with a registered fungicide.*