Tiffany Bean Pot

Yield: 6-8 servings

Ingredients:

- 2 cups dried pinto beans plus water for soaking
- 4 cups water
- 4 cups chicken stock
- 2 ²/₃ cups tomato juice
- 1 cup diced cooked ham (optional)
- 3 medium onions, diced
- 1/4 cup diced green pepper
- 1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons chopped parsley
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon rosemary
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon celery seed
- 1/2 teaspoon thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon marjoram
- 1/2 teaspoon basil
- 1/4 teaspoon curry powder (preferably The St. Louis Herb Society Curry Powder)
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic salt
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 whole cloves

Directions:

Wash beans and soak overnight in water to cover. Drain and reserve liquid for stock if desired.

Combine all the ingredients, except the drained beans and the reserved stock, in a large pot. Add drained beans. Cover and cook over low heat for 1-2 hours, or until beans are tender. Stir occasionally to prevent sticking.

Adapted from The Elsah Landing Restaurant Cookbook, 1981.

