Flavors of Rochester at the Market Celebrating the Cuisines and Cultures of our Community

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> Guest Chefs for June 20, 2015: Marilyn Ajavananda and Jack LoCastro

RECIPE: Thai-style Green Apple Salad

Ingredients:

- 1 Granny Smith apple, julienned
- 1 carrot, julienned
- 1 large shallot, sliced lengthwise
- Handful grape tomatoes, quartered
- ¼ cup green beans, trimmed and cut into 2 inch lengths

- 1 tablespoon dried shrimp
- ¼ cup roasted peanuts
- the juice of ½ lime
- fish sauce, to taste
- sugar, to taste
- 2 Thai chilies, chopped
- ¼ cup chopped cilantro
- clove or 2 of garlic

Method:

In a mortar and pestle, add the green beans and about 6 grape tomatoes cut in half. To that, add the shallots, chilies, a tablespoon of dried shrimp, and a clove or 2 of garlic. Pound that mixture together until the tomatoes are crushed and the green beans are bruised.

Season your mixture with about a teaspoon each of fish sauce and sugar and continue to lightly mix in the mortar and pestle until the ingredients are combined. Finally, add a ¼ cup of roasted peanuts and crush them coarsely. If you don't have a mortar and pestle, you can do all of this with a ziplock bag and a rolling pin.

Combine the contents of the mortar and pestle with the apple and carrots in a large mixing bowl. Add the shallots, toss everything together and give it a final taste. Balance out the flavours if you have to and finish by adding a handful of fresh chopped cilantro.