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**Charcutepalooza April Challenge: Smoking (In More Ways Than One)**

April's Charcutepalooza challenge was to smoke either salmon or pork. The Accidental Locavore chose salmon and ended up smoking in more ways than one. In the process of developing the website and as a blogger member of Charcutepalooza I've been cooking to a higher standard these days. To have conceptualized a dish, executed it (more or less) as planned and have it be not terribly interesting, is terribly frustrating and had me fuming, if not exactly smoking. The dish in question was supposed to showcase smoked salmon for this month's Charcutepalooza challenge. I pictured a spring pasta with the silky, smoked flavor of the salmon alongside asparagus with its grassy taste, with fresh linguini and some cream to finish it off.

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Recipe: Lamb Shanks Over Eggplant With Pine Nuts and Yogurt

This recipe for lamb shanks is from one of the Accidental Locavore's favorite restaurants in New York, ilili. It's contemporary Lebanese and totally delicious. My favorite dish is the lamb sausage, however this recipe for lamb shanks is pretty easy and a good substitute. I've adapted Philippe Massoud's recipe, which serves 2. Don't let the long list of ingredients scare you, you've got almost all of them, it's an easy prep with a long, slow, unattended cooking time.

[Get the recipe:](#)

**Shorter Newsletter**

The next two newsletters are going to be a little abbreviated, as the Accidental Locavore is going in search of spring produce in the south of France. See what I discovered is local and fresh there when I get back at the end of the month. Happy Spring!

Blogging Boomers Carnival 202!

What are the Blogging Boomers up to this week?

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The poll: This week: Have you ever been to a Tupperware party?

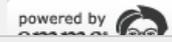
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