## Hot Artichoke Dip Stuffed Tomatoes

## The Ingredients

- 4 large sized fresh tomatoes
- 2 large sized fresh tomatoes, seeds removed and diced
- 1 (8 ounce) package low-fat cream cheese, softened
- 1/4 cup low-fat mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup Parmesan or Romano cheese, grated
- 1 lemon, juiced

- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon fresh basil
- Kosher salt and fresh ground pepper to taste
- 1 can low sodium artichoke hearts, drained and chopped fine
- 1 cup fresh spinach, chopped
- 1/4 cup mozzarella cheese, shredded

## Directions

- Preheat oven to 375 degrees. In a medium sized mixing bowl, combine cream cheese, diced tomatoes, mayonnaise, Parmesan cheese, garlic and fresh basil. Stir in chopped artichoke hearts and spinach. Taste mixture and adjust seasoning with lemon juice, kosher salt and fresh ground pepper. Set stuffing mixture aside.
- Rinse the whole tomatoes under cold running water and pat dry with clean paper towels. Slice off the top of each tomato with a serrated knife. Using a spoon, scoop out 1/3 of the insides of the tomato.
- Fill the tomatoes back up with the stuffing mixture. Top each stuffed tomato with the shredded mozzarella. Place stuffed tomatoes in a baking dish and put them into the pre-heated oven. Bake for 10 to 15 minutes or until bubbly and golden brown. Remove from oven and let cool slightly. Serve warm with tortilla chips or crisp flatbreads.

## **REFERENCE:** Oklahoma Gardening