

What happened to my coffee???

I have written many times about my love of coffee. I will admit that I am a bit of a coffee snob. But I never needed to have gourmet coffee at every turn. But for the past couple of days the coffee I've had just didn't taste right. Hmm...

At work last Friday I had one cup of coffee. It was flavored coffee (beans from a local coffee shop) and it had an off flavor. Ok, maybe I don't like that flavor, I've had some experience with that.

Saturday no coffee. Sunday no coffee. Tea tastes fine both days...

Monday coffee at lunch. It was bad even for store brands... Arrrg.

Monday dinner. I was at a well know chain restaurant that usually has decent coffee. The first cup was ok, the second cup not so good. More Arrggg.

Today I had one cup at work. My Kona blend. Can I just say it was nasty..

I think I found the problem at work, the water in our new office just isn't right for coffee or tea. My green tea in the afternoon had a weird/off flavor too. I really hope they get the water coolers. Or at least put a filter on the water. Maybe I should get a pitcher with a filter on it...

Told you I was a bit of a coffee nerd/snob. If I can be upset with the coffee based on the water it was made from. Funny the water doesn't taste bad from the faucet, just when mixed with coffee or green tea. The black tea was fine..

The day is gray

I'm not sure how it started out, it was still dark when I arrived at work. I'm not sure how the day look all day, I have no windows where I work. But the day was gray anyway.

For this reason or that. Human error and computer malfunction played havoc on the day today. All morning seemed to be a rush to get nothing accomplished. Everytime something was tried it, for some reason, failed. The day was gray.

This type of day is very draining.

But even with all of that, there was humor in the day. That little bit of silver lining, perhaps?

Coffee just wasn't doing it this morning. Even though I enjoy my cup of joe in the morning, it just didn't hit the spot like normal. When this occurs, as it does from time to time, I go to a cup of tea or two. After heating my water, I went back to my desk for a nice cup. A few minutes later, I was drinking my brew thinking it was very weak. Then I noticed, the dry teabag was still sitting next to the cup. I was drinking a cup of hot water. Now at that point, I knew the day was going all wrong. I'm lucky it got better in the afternoon.

So, how was your day?

Hot winter drinks

I've been thinking of some hot winter beverages, be they spiked, spiced or just hot. Things I like, but generally limit to the winter months (I drink hot tea and coffee all year round). So here is my list, if you want recipes, I can dig one or two up.

Hot Chocolate: I don't really care how you make this. You can use an instant mix, or chocolate and warm milk, all is good. Especially with whipped cream or marshmallows. For something a bit different, I usually add some mint extract. Or maybe some mint schnapps.

Hot Spiced Cider. I will drink this in the fall when cider becomes more available. But I like it all winter long.

Hot Spiced, Spiked Cider... same as above but with a jigger of Captain Morgans.

Hot Mulled Wine Good stuff when done properly.

Hot Lemonade. I'm not sure what started this, but it sometimes hits the spot when coming in from the cold. Also hot sweet orange juice. The orange juice is good with some Amaretto added.

And Kahlua, coffee and cream.

I just noticed, I may be a bit of a lush when it comes to winter drinks. But I usually only get the Cocoa and hot lemonade. ☐