"Green & Blue" Smoothie

I never imagined I would be drinking a "green" drink! It just wasn't my style, I preferred to chew my "greens". I took the plunge 3 years ago and now LOVE tossing fresh ingredients together (esp. when the produce is all local or from my earth boxes!). Spinach and blueberries (or any other berries) packed with antioxidants and Vitamin C to boost immunity; flax, walnuts, and avocado providing essential vitamins, nutrients, and Omega 3 healthy fats. "Drinking" from the rainbow of colors never tasted so delicious! Take the plunge — GO GREEN & BLUE...or whatever "colors" you love! ~ Julie

Serves 1 (~16-20oz) (double for serving next day)

1 cup spinach (can also add Swiss chard and kale)

½ cup frozen blueberries

1 serving protein powder (~20 grams protein)

½ cup ice + 1 cup cup water

¼ cup almond or soy milk (if desired)

1 Tbsp. ground flax or chia seed

3-5 walnuts

¼ large avocado

*more ice, water, or milk as desired

Nourishing "Nuggets":

- Try adding fresh ginger, parsley celery, or apple for added health benefit
- Following a tough workout add ¼ cup raw old-fashioned oats for extra carb and/or a dash of turmeric
- Several protein powders I like are the whey isolate Organic BioChem or Teras Whey . Vegan try SunWarrior Plus Raw Vegan protein
- Select a protein powder with \sim 15-20 grams protein and less than 2 g sugar and no artificial sweeteners other than stevia if you can tolerate.
- Add some banana or 1tsp honey for extra sweetness if desired

Directions:

- 1. Combine all ingredients in a Nutribullet, blender, or even a hand blender will work.
- 2. Blend until smooth.
- 3. You can add more water, milk, or ice to get to desired consistency.
- 4. ENJOY! Drink slow and mindfully....

