

Canada's Brookside Chocolate Cranberries are headed for space

Abbotsford, B.C. July 16, 2009 –Sales of Canada's Brookside Food's Chocolate Covered Cranberries are going out of this world ...literally. Canadian astronauts have selected the well known Brookside product to be available for their current missions.

In late May, Canadian Dr. Robert Thirsk, a member of the crew of Expedition 20/21, was launched in a Russian Soyuz vehicle from Kazakhstan, to participate in a six-month stay on the International Space Station (ISS). Expedition 20/21 establishes a series of exciting benchmarks for Canada's space program and Dr. Thirsk is the first Canadian astronaut to live and work onboard the International Space Station for several months in a row

On Wednesday, July 15th, Canadian Space Agency astronaut Julie Payette ventured to the International Space Station aboard Space Shuttle Endeavour as a member of Mission STS-127. For the first time in history, two Canadians will be in space together during this mission.

Part of Julie's mission objectives was to deliver critical supplies to the International Space Station where Dr. Thirsk is working. Surprisingly, one of the many things Julie brought with her was Brookside's Chocolate Covered Cranberries.

Upon hearing of astronauts Payette and Thirsk's request for Chocolate Covered Cranberries, Brookside President Ken Shaver commented: *"We are delighted that we could in some small way make the challenging and important missions of our Canadian astronauts a little more enjoyable. Fortunately, for the rest of Canadians, we don't have to await the arrival of the Space Shuttle to enjoy Brookside's products."*

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