



Les Dames d'Escoffier International
Washington, DC Chapter

Entre News



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DAMES IN THE NEWS:

Check out additional press coverage from LTEC:

DC Modern Luxury Magazine: <http://www.modernluxury.com/dc/scene/let-them-eat-cake/img44737>

Bizbash:

http://www.bizbash.com/washington/content/editorial/22910_pastry_chefs_compete_with_fashion-inspired_wedding_confections_at_let_them_eat_cake.php

Please send in your professional hurrahs and other news for inclusion to ENTRE NEWS editor Dianne Murphy Diannem.murphy@gmail.com

DUES ARE DUE!

It is time to renew your LDEI-DC membership dues for 2012-2013. You can beat the rush and register online at lesdamesdc.org today. Just log in and click on membership option. Dues will remain a great value at \$175.00. \$100 goes to the DC chapter and the remaining \$75 goes to International. Watch your email for more details. www.lesdamesdc.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, May 21, Save the Date

Indique Heights

3512-14 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20008

6:30pm: Program on regional Indian cuisine followed by a lavish buffet of Indian food from all regions of the subcontinent. Price TBD.

Sunday, June 10 – Save the Date

Farm-to-Table Tour of Virginia's Rappahannock County

(Bus tour pick up in Bethesda, MD 8:00am and Vienna, VA 8:45am.)

Arrive in Washington, VA to sample fine seasonal tastes at Stoneyman Gourmet Farmer's 18th Century Mercantile and farm dooryard garden. Special guest speaker: Patrick O'Connell, culinary pioneer and innovator, whose fabled Inn at Little Washington sets the gold standard for exceptional farm-to-table dining. Tour the Inn's farm-garden. Visit a local organic farm, an orchard and an award-winning vineyard. Learn what the county is doing to support and promote

Rappahannock's farmer communities and agritourism. On-board breakfast, garden lunch and ample tastings included. Price TBD.

Tuesday, June 19

Spring Annual Meeting and New Member reception– Washington Court Hotel

525 New Jersey Ave NW Washington, DC 20001

5:00 pm Board Meeting

6:00 pm General Meeting

7:30 Dinner following the meeting

Dinner: \$43; Parking: \$5 for Dames who stay for dinner; \$20 for Dames who attend the reception and meeting only.

OTHER NEWS:

TABLECLOTHS FOR SALE...Left over from our Culinary Garage Sale. \$5 EACH!!

We have tablecloths left over from the garage sale last October for which the Culinary Garage Sale committee would LOVE to find buyers. Perhaps you could use some or know of a church that could use them for weddings or events or someone who wants to make pillow covers. They really need to get out of Katherine Newell Smith's home.

128" (6ft table) round tablecloths:

- 14 pink, poly/linen weave
- 7 abstract brush stroke pattern in chartreuse, red, orange, yellow... heavy cotton/linen weave
- 1 solid chartreuse (matches the abstract)- heavy cotton/ linen weave
- 1 cream velour
- 1 pink taffeta
- 1 block pattern of rose, navy, blue and grey with an inset of leaf pattern in cream- brushed cotton
- Katherine Newell Smith will bring them to the spring membership meeting.

EVENTS OF RELATED INTEREST:

2012 FANCY FOOD SHOW - North America's largest specialty food & beverage event will be in Washington D.C. from June 17-19 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center. Discover 180,000 products including confections, cheese, coffee, snacks, spices, ethnic, natural, organic and more from 2,400 exhibitors from around the world. National Association for the Specialty Food Trade (NASFT) is a not-for-profit business trade association established in 1952 to foster trade, commerce and interest in the \$70 billion specialty food industry. Tickets are \$35 before May 4 (price increases after that). You can register online at:

<http://www.specialtyfood.com/fancy-food-show/summer-fancy-food-show/>

DAMES RECEPTION June 17 or 18 TBA – We may host a cash-bar reception for Dames visiting the Fancy Food Show on either Sunday June 17 or Monday, June 18. It will be open to all Dames.

CALL FOR PRESENTERS. American Women Writers National Museum (AWWNM) founder Janice Law, www.americanwomenwritersnationalmuseum.org wishes to connect with cookbook authors and writers for an upcoming program. If interested, please reach her at ejalaw@comcast.net or by cell at (713) 515-6282.

HAVE YOU VISITED OUR NEW WEB SITE?

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE UPDATED YOUR PASSWORD!

All of your member information has been exported to the new system. Yet, **you must reset your password and edit your own information.** (*For some of you, your LDEI information is outdated by years! You are responsible for updating that information, not the chapter.)

1. Go to www.lesdamesdc.org.
2. Click on either, "sign in" at the top of the page or on the "members only" tab on the tool bar.
3. Log in using your e-mail address listed in your LDEI directory along with the password *ldei 123*. This will take you to your "My Account" page with a list of options.
4. Choose "Account Details" and update your password and other personal/professional details. Once that is saved you can register for events. You will see them listed on the left of your information on the "My Account" page.

Please Update Your Information! It is critically important that you **update your contact information on both Les Dames DC website www.lesdamesdc.org and * Les Dames d'Escoffier International site www.ldei.org.** This information appears in both member directories and without up-to-date contact info our communications will not reach you.

SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTIONS!

Les Dames DC Goes Social! Connect with sister Dames online. Here's how:

Facebook.com/LesDamesDC Twitter.com/LesDamesDC

We need ALL members who have FB and Twitter accounts to follow both....we are actively re-tweeting our members tweets and we need everyone to do the same to spread the great news about our activities and programs! It really is helpful.

Connect with Les Dames d'Escoffier International on Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn. Facebook: Les Dames d'Escoffier International has a new Facebook Group (<http://www.facebook.com/groups/218435184886471>). Members please join and share relevant news, events, and updates.

LinkedIn: Join the LDEI members-only LinkedIn Group to stay connected with other Dames.

JOIN A COMMITTEE...GET INVOLVED! It's fun, interesting and fulfilling.

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