

## **Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?**

Fundraiser for

**First Parish Church of Groton**

Silent Auction

to be held at fellowship hour and via e-mail  
to [ellen@toddlandscape.com](mailto:ellen@toddlandscape.com)

Sunday, March 15, 2009  
through  
Sunday, March 22, 2009

Please check out the back pages of this booklet for  
our  
"Frequently asked Questions"



### *Almuerza Mexicano*

Saturday, April 18, 2009 6:00 p.m.  
Terri Ragot and Tom Crow will host 6 to 8 adults for a delicious Mexican feast.

Botanos (appetizers)  
Guacamole

Camarones ceviches (marinated shrimp)  
Chalupas con salsa Roja  
Sopas de cabra y ensalada hierbas  
Quesadillaas de queso y hongo

Curso Grande  
Mole Rojo Clasico de Guajolote (Turkey Mole)  
Arroz Mexicano  
Frijoles Refritos  
Plantanos  
Ensalada di Jitamates

Dulces  
Arroz con leche  
Flan

Bebidos  
Sangrita— Cerveza—Tequila—  
Cholcolato—Café



Vegetarian choices will be available  
Planned menu may contain nuts

*Minimum bid \$50 Estimated value \$75.00*



### *"Gado-Gado" an invitation to Indonesia*

Saturday, April 25, 2009 evening  
Carol Bousquet, assisted by her friend David, will host 6 to 8 adults in her Ayer home for a reprise of her Indonesian dinner.

There will be a vast array of vegetables and satay, accompanied by fried shallots and spicy peanut sauce.

Please bring wine or beer to share. Carol recommends Grolsch and Gewurztraminer as complements to the meal.

Vegetarian & non-vegetarian choices will be served. The menu contains nuts.

*Minimum bid \$25*



*An Evening of Art and Culture in Clinton*

Friday, May 1, 2009

5:00 p.m.

Janet Armstrong will host up to 16 adults for a pre-concert meal in her Clinton home. Enjoy appetizers, dinner, and dessert. Wine, a specialty drink and coffee will also be provided.

The party will move to the Museum of Russian Icons in downtown Clinton for a 7:00 p.m. concert by the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church choir of Newburyport, Massachusetts.

This traditional Orthodox Christian vocal ensemble features 18 singers who specialize in the a capella chants of the Orthodox Church. The choir sings an extensive repertoire of hymns representing the Greek and Russian traditions, both in unison chant and four-part harmony. Among the favorites of the choir are the Russian style hymns from the Divine Liturgy and other holy worship services. The performance style is faithful to the Russian tradition, though the hymns are sung in English.

This is an all inclusive event—your bid will cover meal, beverage and admission to the museum/concert.

Minimum bid: no minimum bid set



*Indian Buffet - Trader Joe's Style*

Saturday, May 2, 2009

6:30 p.m.

Kathy and Greg Reiff will host 4 to 6 adults for an Indian buffet

featuring:

Samosas  
Chicken masala  
Vegetable korma  
Jasmine rice  
Naan  
and more.

Come for a casual dinner and conversation. We've never been to India, and can't guarantee authenticity - but Trader Joe's makes it good and easy!

Wine and other beverages will be provided  
Planned menu contains nuts

Minimum bid: \$25



*An Elegant Sunday Brunch*  
Sunday, May 17, 2009      after church

Chef Sal Lombardi and his wife, Diane, will entertain 4–6 adults in their Tyngsboro home for a Sunday Brunch. The menu features many recipes from Greens Restaurant in San Francisco.



**Menu**

- Fresh orange juice, mimosa or bloody mary
- Fresh grapefruit segments
- Sweet pepper and basil frittata
- Potatoes with shitakes baked in parchment
- Roulade with tomatoes, cream cheese & herbs
- Rashers of Bacon
- Pecan French Toast & Maple Syrup
- Assorted Rolls and Sweet Breads



Hosts will also provide coffee and tea  
Omnivores may enjoy the bacon, all other dishes are vegetarian

**Suggested minimum \$35      Estimated value \$50**



*Polish Delight!*

Saturday, June 6, 2009

6:00 p.m.

Amy Sturm and Luke Davis invite 4 adults to share an Eastern European dinner in Pepperell!

The Menu will include:

- Pierogies
- Golumpkies (stuffed cabbage)
- Kielbasa
- Other Eastern European dishes

Come and Enjoy!

Planned menu may contain nuts  
Vegetarian choices can be provided  
Hosts will provide wine and other beverages

**Minimum bid: no minimum bid set**



**Sneak Preview—The Gypsy Café**

**Sunday, June 7, 2009 7:00-10:00 p.m.**

Kevin Pammett, Keith Doucette and other members of their "24Seven" men's team will host 5 to 15 adults and children at The Gypsy Café in Pepperell.

The men will create and serve the meal and provide entertainment for a private, intimate sneak preview of the Doucette's new restaurant (The Gypsy Café will be in full swing—Gypsy Style— by early June.)

The hosts say this is your ground-floor opportunity to experience a fabulous, full gourmet meal, served to you by 5 men, working together—as a team— like you've never seen before.

Re the Entertainment...ask yourself: What do Gypsies do?

Hosts will provide some beverages, guests are also encouraged to bring wine to share

Vegetarian choices can be available  
Planned Menu may contain nuts

**Minimum bid: \$25**

*It's almost Summer Barbecue!*

**June 20, 2009**

**6:00 p.m.**

John Jackson & Ellen Todd will host up to 16 adults to celebrate the day before summer!. The menu will include traditional and updated versions of classic barbecue fare: locally grown beef and pork will be slow-roasted over natural lump charcoal. Produce from the Todd-Jackson garden will be served.

**Menu**

Pulled Pork

Barbecued Brisket

Grilled Falafel

Homemade Barbecue Sauce

Coleslaw

Potato salad

Tossed Salad

Homemade Pie

(from heirloom recipes)

Ice cream



Vegetarians and Omnivores welcome

Wine, beer and other beverages will be provided.  
The menu may contain nuts

**Minimum bid \$20**

**Estimated value \$30-40+**

### *Frequently asked questions*

**Is this just like last year's auctions?** It's similar—but there are a few changes!

Some of the events have a minimum bid per person.

Other events have suggested minimums—less firm than the minimum bid.

And other events have no minimum—the hosts are willing to accept the top bidders at any price level.

In all cases, this year's events have competitive bids, and the high bids will determine the guests.

**Is my bid price for the whole meal, no matter how many guests I will bring?** No, your bid is the price you are willing to pay for each person in your party.

**When do I pay for events?** after the auction closes you will receive a letter or email, and will be asked to mail or bring payment to church before you attend the event.

**How will I remember the date of the event(s)? And what if I don't have the hosts' address?** We will send you a letter with the dates of any events that you will attend and with the hosts' addresses and phone numbers.

I am hosting an event and can include a few more guests. Someone asked me if they can attend (they will give me the payment for the church.) **Is this okay?** If you want to include a few more guests, please contact Ellen Todd to coordinate this. We need to be fair to other bidders who did not make the high bid cut-off.

**How does this type of event help First Parish Church of Groton, other than raising money?**

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner brings together mixed groups of people at each event—including some who know each other well and some who don't know each other. Our church has grown so fast in the past 7 years that it is hard to keep track of new faces and names. This sharing of time, food and conversation will help us get to know each other and strengthen our sense of community

**Is my payment for this fundraiser tax-**

**deductible?** Payments are not tax deductible unless your payment exceeds the value of the event. If you think you have paid more than the value of the event, consult your tax adviser to determine deductibility.

**Are my expenses as a host tax-deductible?**

Your expenses to raise funds for the church may be deductible on your tax return. Please consult your tax adviser to determine deductibility.