

## GARDEN PARTY

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Bakst did not know the specifics of Chef Takashi's dish but promised, "as always, we will offer the best that Tribute does."

TV personality, chef/proprietor Brian Polcyn of Five Lakes Grill (Millford) noted that he always supports charities focused on family and hunger.

"With five kids," he said, "I'm a family-oriented guy so I will be at The Garden Party. From a chef's perspective, nobody should go hungry so I was at the Share Our Strength event."

"To make a difference, you can't just support a charity one year. It takes continual support. In tough economic times, it's even more important. So, I want to say to those people who've attended The Garden Party in the past, don't let the event down this year. My mother used to say, we are our brother's keeper whether we want to be or not."

Also among award-winning restaurants in attendance is The Lark (West Bloomfield) and Executive Chef Markus Flaigt, as well as Chef/proprietor Rick Halberg from Emily's (Northville).

## ETHNIC EATS AND MORE

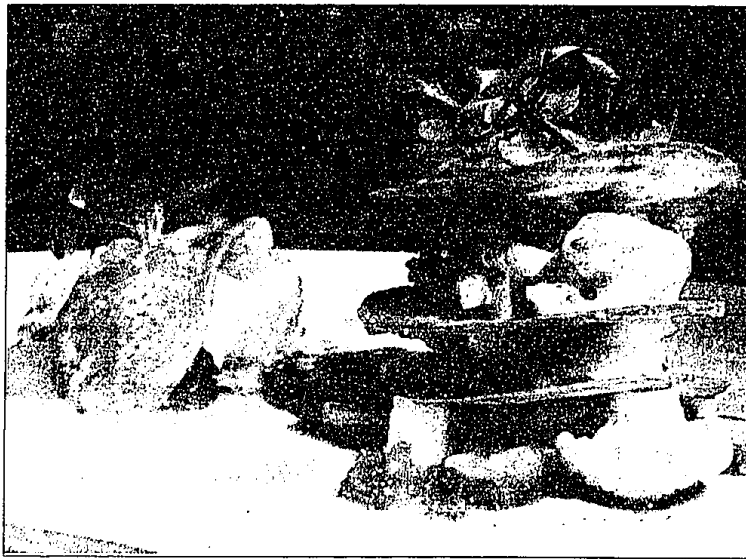
If you've not yet eaten at Agave on Woodward Avenue in Detroit, expect some surprises when it comes to Mexican food. Tacos, fajitas and refried beans, it's not. Sophisticated and upscale Mexican it is.

Everybody's favorite Italian specialties will be served by top restaurants including Andiamo West (Bloomfield Hills), Bacco Ristorante (Southfield), Ernesto's (Plymouth), Giovanni's (Detroit), and Little Italy (Northville).

Generous supporter of charity events Tom's Oyster Bar (Detroit, Grosse Pointe Park, Royal Oak, and Southfield locations) guarantees a fun stand.

Also aboard for seafood lovers is McCormick & Schmick (Troy).

Fun and unique eating spots such as proprietor Patrick



A featured appetizer ... Peekytoe Crab with Parmesan-Potato Tulle and Maine Lobster Ceviche, with Mango-Ginger Coulis and Oven-dried Tomato Vinaigrette, presented outside in the garden-courtyard.

Coleman's Beans & Cornbread (Southfield) with its Southern-style food adeptly prepared by Chef John Arnold and Big Rock Chop & Brew House (Birmingham) where Executive Chef Nina Scott dishes up more than grilled steaks, are out to impress.

## MAJOR SUPPORT

Lending major support are the restaurants in the Epoch Restaurant Group. In addition to Tribute, Forte (Birmingham) and Latitude (Bay Harbor) will showcase their food. Matt Prentice and his Unique Restaurant Corporation, that did a stellar job organizing the Share Our Strength event at Somerset Collection in Troy at the end of

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Five Lakes Grill

April, will offer foods from Morels, A Michigan Bistro (Bingham Farms), Marshall Chin, another

restaurant always lending his talents to major area charities, will offer Nu Asian from Mon Jin Lau (Troy). Also from Troy is Ruth's Chris Steak House, the top award-winner in the 2003 Taste of Troy.

Among other restaurants on tap with food stands are Birmingham's 220, Alban's and The Townsend, Detroit's Cuisine, Fiona's Teahouse Restaurant and The Renaissance Club. From Farmington Hills, Loving Spoonful and Vineyard's Cafe & Deli, Southfield's Sweet Lorraine's Cafe, and Pike Street Restaurant in Pontiac.

From Novi, Diamond Jim Brady's, and Woodruff's Supper Club in Royal Oak. It's metro-Detroit, so why

not Kirby's Koney Island and its many locations?

They'll please, too. Huel Perkins of Fox 2 News will serve as the Master of Ceremonies of this year's event, presented by Ford Motor Company and MNP Corporations with sponsors including Comerica, J. Walter Thompson, and WJBK FOX 2 News.

Where can you find so much fantastic food and support a charity too? The Garden Party.

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FOOD AND WINE EVENT  
AWARD-WINNING WINES

At this year's Garden Party, area wine purveyors will pour award-winning wines, judged at the second annual Detroit International Wine Experience.

Of 432 wines entered, four were awarded Double Gold status: 1999 Penfolds Bin 389 Cabernet Shiraz \$25 and 1998 Lindemans Pyrus \$30 from Australia, 1999 Segla Margaux \$29 from France and 2000 Bridlewood Syrah \$20, California.

In the Gold category, Australian wines stole the show with 13 out of 35 wines and shiraz leading the way. Among them: 1998 Penfolds St. Henri Shiraz \$50, Penfolds Bin 707 Cabernet Sauvignon \$80, 2000 Leasingham Bin 61 Shiraz \$23, Hardy's Stamp Chardonnay \$6, 2002 Yellow Tail Shiraz/Cabernet \$7, 2002 Yellow Tail Shiraz \$7, 2000 Black Opal Shiraz \$12, 2000 Rosemount Hill of Gold Shiraz \$15, 2001 Xanadu Shiraz \$19, 1998 Wynns John Riddoch Cabernet Sauvignon \$30, 2002 Xanadu Chardonnay \$16, 2001 Palandri Shiraz \$15 and Seppelt Trafford Port \$11.

Gold Medal wines from California include: 2002 White Haven Sauvignon Blanc \$18, 2001 Delicato Shiraz \$7, 1999 Sterling Vineyards Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon \$47, 2000 Francis Coppola Diamond Merlot \$17 and 1999 IO (a Rhone blend) \$65.

There are also other Gold surprises. You can taste them from Ontario, Washington, Italy and Portugal at The Garden Party Sunday, June 8.

ON MY LAST SPIN...  
JACKPOT!

## True story of a major jackpot winner!

I was enjoying a lazy Sunday afternoon playing the slots at Casino Windsor, moving from one machine to another, when a 10X machine (my favourite) had just opened up, so I sat down.

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