

A GUIDE FOR
HOLIDAY
HOSTING

HOLIDAY
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The Gift of Togetherness

Happy Holidays Friends!

It's my favorite time of the year!

'Tis the season for festive togetherness and making "New" memories with loved ones and friends!

Here at Charese J. Entertaining, intentionality is not just an overused phrase. It is our way of life! We love true connectivity and helping our clients and friends with hosting well. While this season is full of tree trimming, gift giving and shopping; we tend to focus on people and how to enrich our time spent together.

In this issue of *American Lifestyle*, we showcased a Farmhouse Chic Christmas Dinner with our dear friends at their beautiful home in Davidsonville, MD. We used family heirlooms to decorate the dinner table and focused on natural touches picked from their home garden. We featured our fabulous DCity Smoked Turkey to make its grand holiday appearance and a delicious recipe for Sweet Potato Pound Cake from Michele's kitchen.

This issue also explores a variety of holiday happenings from coast to coast, including a guide to one San Francisco hotel's magnificent seasonal displays, a behind-the-curtain look at a Texas theater's productions, and an aptly named outdoor marketplace in Pennsylvania that goes all out for the holidays.

If handmade gifts, seasonal treats, and twinkling lights strike your fancy, a trip to Peddler's Village, only a short drive from both Philadelphia and New York City, might be in order. This quaint outdoor shopping center is full of wares from small businesses and artisans, making it the perfect place to experience holiday bliss while checking items off your gift list.

May you have a memorable and joyous holiday season!
As always, it's a pleasure to share this magazine with you.

Love,

Charese...

IT'S DINNER PARTY SEASON



It's time for me
to pull out the
**CHINA &
SILVER**

I always look forward
to using my
grandmothers' pieces

It brings me so much
JOY!



THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO HOSTING A DINNER PARTY

Every seasoned host knows a great dinner party is about more than a conventional-defying cheese platter and a conversation-starting table setting; it's about the moment when the post-meal mess of empty plates and dwindling drinks creates a warm feeling of kinship among the guests. Often illuminated by the yellow glow of candles and the leftover smells of a freshly baked dessert, the sentimental ambiance marks the desired togetherness that comes from sharing good food with others.

How we host a dinner party that brings both loved ones and strangers close together begins with the simple act of inviting people into our homes. When we do this, it's only natural that we want to display our best cooking, our best wine, our best linens and our best selves. We want our guests to feel taken care of and nourished. And when the night is over, we want to plop down on our couch, stomach and heart full, knowing that we'd do it all again.

As we approach peak dinner party season, our how-to guide to hosting an unforgettable, stress-free evening will help you achieve all your entertaining goals this season. We'll leave the dinner guest list up to you, but read on for everything else you'll need to host the perfect dinner party.



ALL ABOUT THE DETAILS





Keep It Holiday Festive...

Do what you do well...
The rest will take care of itself.

The Holidays is NOT the time
to try something new...

This is the Season for Sharing!

Ask your guest to bring a dish
they do well to add to the table!



Let's Drink



I'm Dreaming Of A

*White
Christmas*



SET THE TABLE



Easy Tips For A Flawless Dinner Party



Holiday Entertaining Gems



THE FOOD

Make It A Focal Point

Hosting a holiday dinner is an exciting endeavor, but it doesn't mean you have to spend hours in the kitchen if that is not your ministry. If it isn't, you can always call me and we can make magic!

THE TABLETOP

Layers of Seasonal Items & Lots of Luxury

Aside from delicious food, the foundation of any great holiday dinner begins with your table design. One detail transforms your gathering into a luxurious affair with your choice of table accessories! This year try: holiday greenery, fresh garland, mini reefs, pears & pomegranates.

THE BAR

Pull Out The Good Stuff & Fancy Glassware

Enhance with a well-curated beverage selection. Make your cocktail or spirit a talking point. Don't forget to create festive mocktails for your young people & designated drivers!

THE ENTERTAINMENT

Keeping the Energy Level High

Everyone dislikes boring dinner parties. Ensure your mood music does not distract from conversation but adds to it. Liven it up after dinner! A little dancing or toe tapping helps to digest a great meal.

Four Key Points For A Stress-Free Holiday Dinner



Keep the Holidays **SWEET**





Let's Party
Drinks on ME!

Holiday Libations

- Bubbles, Bubbles & More Bubbles
- Bourbon
(my favorite)
- Small Batch Old Fashioned
- Large Cubes
- Espresso Martini
- Pomegranate Martini
- Pretty Glasses
- Great Friends...

Holiday 2023 Favorites

- Rabbit Hole Bourbon
- Fortaleza Tequila
- De Saint-Gall Blanc De Blancs Grand Cru Brut Champagne

Happy Holidays

