

# Matters

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Fall Food 2014

Where  
to Eat  
Locally





# gathering friends

When it comes to entertaining outdoors, keep it elegantly effortless and you'll be in very good company

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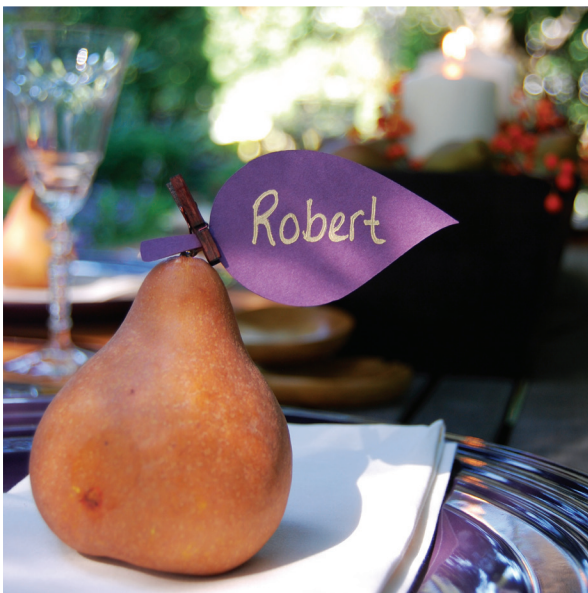
RECIPES BY BEN SALMON





Forget the fancy ingredients or formal setting. Party planner extraordinaire Laura Himmelein of Party Cake Party Cake designed and styled a pretty and functional way to take advantage of the last of the evenings we can spend out of doors. The Maplewood backyard of Kathy and Bill Kohlman of Skillman Doors served as our inspiration.

Bathed in candlelight from functional and fabulous lanterns and chandeliers that are easily strung with ribbon in trees, this dinner setting will have your guests lingering long into the evening. Set the table simply and easily using terrific local finds featured on the next pages. Whip up these easy and delicious recipes courtesy of Ben Salmon, owner of South Orange's Kitchen a la Mode, using some of the last of our farmer's market fresh ingredients. Most importantly – add a few good friends.



There is usually a craft project involved when Laura is in charge and how cute are these place setting cards? Cut a leaf or any shape you like from colored construction paper and hand letter each of your guest's names. Laura then used tiny clothes pins from a craft store to attach them to fresh pears.

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# Laura's Local Finds

Take it outside with some sensational finds from some of our best shops in town.

*Our homemade centerpiece is simply two wooden boxes filled with unscented candle pillars, moss and bittersweet - a woody vine with delicate berries that turn a vibrant orange in fall. Bittersweet has a wild organic feel and an easy standout centerpiece or, as we did, tucked in for a perfect pop of color. **Jerry Rose Floral**, 176 Maplewood Ave, Maplewood, 973-762-1085, [jerryrose.com](http://jerryrose.com).*



Alexander Valley Vineyards, cabernet sauvignon, \$18.99, **Maplewood Wine & Liquor**, 3 Highland Place, Maplewood, 973-763-6377, [maplewoodwineliquor.com](http://maplewoodwineliquor.com).



Black filigree hanging candle holders, \$22 each, **Bee & Thistle**, 89 Baker Street, Maplewood, 973-763-3166, [beeandthistlegifts.com](http://beeandthistlegifts.com).

Vintage door knob wine cork, \$42, **Perch Home**, 9 Highland Place, Maplewood, 973-821-4852, [perchhome.com](http://perchhome.com).



Cantaloupe dishwasher safe indoor/outdoor placemats, \$5.99 each, **Kitchen a la Mode**, 19 South Orange Avenue, South Orange, 973-821-5145, [kitchenalamode.net](http://kitchenalamode.net).

Cassis Le Creuset 12" dinner plates, \$21.95 each, **Kitchen a la Mode**, 19 South Orange Avenue, South Orange, 973-821-5145, [kitchenalamode.net](http://kitchenalamode.net).

Linden pattern stainless steel flatware, \$2.99 each, **Kitchen a la Mode**, 19 South Orange Avenue, South Orange, 973-821-5145, [kitchenalamode.net](http://kitchenalamode.net).



Vintage copper wheel cut wine glasses, \$115 for a set of six, **Bee & Thistle**, 89 Baker Street, Maplewood, 973-763-3166, [beeandthistlegifts.com](http://beeandthistlegifts.com).



Wooden pewter handled salad serving set, \$42, **Perch Home**, 9 Highland Place, Maplewood, 973-821-4852, [perchhome.com](http://perchhome.com).



Welcome your guests, and treat yourself, with this delightful and comfy Eat Your Veggies pillow, \$88, **No. 165**, 165 Maplewood Avenue, Maplewood, 973-275-1658, [no165.com](http://no165.com).

This copper "Moscow Mule" mug with brass handles is just \$19.95, **Kitchen a la Mode**, 19 South Orange Avenue, South Orange, 973-821-5145, [kitchenalamode.net](http://kitchenalamode.net). (recipe next page)



*Filtered twinkling light is easy with a few of these fun pieces. String ribbon or rope through the rings and simply tie to tree branches. Add inexpensive unscented candles. Mix and match for an eclectic feel. The more you hang, the better the effect.*

Black chandelier with glass prisms, \$75, **Bee & Thistle**, 89 Baker Street, Maplewood, 973-763-3166, [beeandthistlegifts.com](http://beeandthistlegifts.com).

Grey rustic glass lanterns, \$18 each, **Bee & Thistle**, 89 Baker Street, Maplewood, 973-763-3166, [beeandthistlegifts.com](http://beeandthistlegifts.com)



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