

THE
ENTERTAINING TALES
OF TABBY, PRISSY & PEACHES®

You are cordially invited
to a
Spring Luncheon
Wednesday, April 22
at 12:30
Whiskers Manor
Sleepy Hollow Road
Green Valley
Given by *Tabby Whiskers*
Kindly reply

A TABBY, PRISSY AND
PEACHES TALE FOR APRIL

In September of last year Grandmother Tabby was invited along while visiting Prissy to High Tea at Antoinette Angora's. The very proper city ladies were charmed by the stories Tabby told of Green Valley and said they would like to visit there. Tabby told Prissy to invite the ladies to come to Green Valley's Spring Festival. The ladies all agreed that a Spring outing might be quite nice.

On an April Wednesday they all gathered in the morning to board a chartered bus to Green Valley. The ladies were not expecting much of this trip; they assumed this would be a tiny little village with not much to offer. They also talked a little behind Prissy's back about whether or not Tabby's house was large enough to hold all of them and serve them a proper lunch. The ladies chatted away as the bus drove them out of town. Soon they left behind the big buildings and were driving into the countryside. The ladies started to take notice as the rolling hills were filled with the colors of spring blooming flowers and trees. They had to admit that it was quite a pretty sight and many of the ladies had never really traveled outside of the big city. The bus then pulled into a little village and stopped in front of a

beautiful and quite large Victorian house. The yard was abloom with all sorts of spring flowers and the large porch was lined with potted tulips and daffodils. Tabby welcomed the ladies inside. They couldn't believe how large and well decorated the house was. (Many of the ladies did not have places in the city with this much room). At everyone's insistence Tabby gave them a tour of the house before lunch. Each room had a beautiful Spring floral arrangement. Many of the ladies complimented Tabby on her beautiful antiques. They were then shown into the dining room, which was quite large, and seated at the very large dining table which accommodated all of them easily. Everyone raved about the delicious luncheon they were served and the beautiful china that Tabby had.

On the way out to the bus the ladies quietly discussed that this would probably be the highlight of the trip because, after all, what could a small village have to offer? For the afternoon, the ladies were taken on a tour of the local art museum (which they found to be better than expected). Then it was on to the Sleep Hollow Inn which is owned by Tabby's sister, Abigail Paws and her husband Hudson. The ladies were very concerned about their accommodations being adequate; but once again they were surprised by how very nice the Inn was. Each lady had a large room with a fireplace and quilts on the bed and vases of lovely spring flowers. They had a light supper at the Inn before being taken to the local playhouse for a production of CATS. The ladies, having seen this on Broadway, were prepared for a very amateur production, but were shocked at how good the local talent was. It was then back to the Inn where they were offered dessert. Prissy returned to Grandmother Tabby's for the night. The ladies discussed how surprising the day had been but they just knew that tomorrow they would find nothing in the little shops in this little town as they were used to shopping in the very trendy stores in New Oak City. And then they were going to tour the gourmet food business owned by Peaches and her husband which they knew must be very small.

Morning arrived and the ladies were able to have breakfast at the Inn dining room and Abigail gave them maps of the village that showed where all the stores were located. The Inn was at the beginning of Main Street and

so the ladies would be able to walk to the shops. The Spring Festival was going on and the street was closed to vehicles so they could walk at their leisure. Prissy joined them for some shopping.

When they came out of the Inn they heard the hustle and bustle of a busy town. Music was playing. The ladies became very interested in seeing the shops. They couldn't believe their eyes. They checked their maps and they saw shops with candles and pewter, quilts, pottery, toys, soaps & lotions, needlework, gourmet foods, jewelry, clothing, books, and other various gift and home items. There was also a candy shop and a bakery (which caught Antoinette's eye right away). Polly decided she had to go into the herb shop and was astounded by all the fresh organic things in there. All of a sudden the ladies saw many things that they decided they must buy because they were so unique. They were on their own for lunch and Polly had a delicious salad at The Salad Garden restaurant (and she had to buy several bottles of their delicious house dressing to take home with her). Antoinette decided to partake of a delicious cream filled éclair at The Flour Mill Bakery. She arranged with the owner to order some pastry that she would pick up the next morning to take home with her.

By mid afternoon they had all trooped back to the Inn laden with their purchases. They then took the bus to the Green Valley Orchards & Kitchen. When they drove through the gate Peaches and her husband Rufus boarded the bus and gave them a driving tour of the orchards. Rufus described all the various orchards which were quite striking in their floral bloom. There were peach, and cherry, and apple, apricot, and plum trees. The ladies were amazed at how much land the McPurr's owned. They went to the canning facility where Rufus explained that the fruits were canned at the end of their growing season, so right now they were working on salad dressings, mustards and dessert toppings. After a tour of this building it was on to the baking mix building where the strawberry muffin mixes and lemon cake mixes were being packaged. At the end of the tour the ladies were each given a large tote bag filled with preserves and mixes from Green Valley Kitchen.

It was then on to Peaches' house for the country supper. The ladies all

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Thursday, April 23
Six o'clock
in the evening
Cherry Hill
Farm House
Green Valley
Peaches McPurr*

Kindly reply

knew that Peaches lived in a farmhouse and they had all thought that it would be very rustic and not to their taste at all. They were amazed at how inviting the house was. Peaches gave them all a tour and tour and they exclaimed over the beautiful quilts and pottery that she had displayed. Grandmother Tabby had been invited over for the supper and everyone was glad to see her. The country supper was a great success. Vegetable pot pies were served and everyone enjoyed theirs down to the last morsel (even Polly who seemed to have de-

veloped quite an appetite in the country air). Peaches used her pottery dishes and everyone enjoyed eating off of them as they were used to using mainly fine china. The ladies could not stop talking about how many wonderful things they had seen on this trip. Several of the ladies said that they were going to come back in the autumn for an early Christmas shopping trip. Everyone chatted until late into the evening and then they were taken back to the Inn.

The next morning the ladies were given enough time to do some last minute shopping in the village before they departed for New Oak City. Tabby and Peaches were there to say good-bye to them. Everyone was so glad they had come. They were all very tired as they boarded the bus, and the bus driver wondered how he was ever going to fit all the bags with their purchases on the bus.



GRANDMOTHER TABBY'S ETIQUETTE TIP #21

Whenever you are invited somewhere it is important to write a thank you note to the person for their hospitality. When the ladies arrived back in New Oak City, being proper ladies, they all wrote notes to Tabby, Peaches and Abigail thanking them for their hospitality while they were visiting in Green Valley.



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