

THE  
ENTERTAINING TALES  
OF TABBY, PRISSEY & PEACHES®

*After the Music  
you are invited for  
Viennese Dessert  
& Coffee  
Saturday, December 6th  
10 pm. until midnight  
The VanAlleon's  
Brownstone  
Park Avenue  
New Oak City*

*Kindly respond*

A PRISSEY TALE  
FOR DECEMBER

Everyone in Prissy's & Thomas' circle of friends was going to the New Oak Pops Christmas concert. Prissy always gave a small party afterwards and tried to vary what she did each year. This year she settled on Viennese desserts. There would be miniature éclairs, miniature cream puffs, napoleons, petit fours and fruit tarts and chocolate tarts, all from the best bakery in the city. There would also be a variety of

coffees, and hot chocolate for those who did not like coffee.

Her house would be all decorated for Christmas and in the dining room she would use a Christmas music theme for the table and the buffets. A small tree decorated with miniature musical instruments would be the centerpiece on her table where the desserts would be set up buffet style. She would display her nutcracker collection on one of the sideboards in the room. The other sideboard would be used for the variety of coffee and hot chocolate she would be serving. She had white china with holly on it and would use the cups & saucers and dessert plates from that.

The concert was a wonderful experience that really put everyone in the holiday mood. Prissy's housekeeper had set up the food and made the coffee so it would be ready when they arrived from the concert. Prissy's beautifully decorated home added to the Christmas spirit of the evening. The lighting was low and candles were burning everywhere. Guests were shown to the dining room so they could fill their plates with miniature dessert selections. Everyone raved over the delicious desserts and set about deciding which ones they would select. Prissy urged everyone not to be afraid to go back for seconds. Polly Poodle, who was very concerned that she not gain an ounce, had to discuss with everyone passing by her the calorie count of each dessert item. Most of the guests just ignored her because everything looked too delicious to worry about the calories for one night. Polly finally decided on a fruit tart. Antoinette Angora (who liked to describe herself as a kitty with very "fluffy" fur to explain her larger size) was just swooning all over the room. All those wonderful desserts with so much cream. She of course chose one of everything as she reasoned they were all so small to begin with. And then she chose hot chocolate for her beverage and added just a dollop of cream to it from the cream for the coffees.

Everyone took their desserts into the living room and proceeded to enjoy them. Many went back for seconds and thirds as they declared everything was so good. The men especially enjoyed trying the different flavored coffees that were offered. Polly Poodle of course made her fruit tart last for a long time by taking very tiny bits. A delightful evening filled with holiday joy was had by all.



## GRANDMOTHER TABBY'S ETIQUETTE TIP #14

When planning a party, especially a late evening party, it is always a good idea to put an ending time on the invitation. Otherwise you might be finding yourself entertaining guests into the wee hours of the morning.

*Annual*  
**St Nicholas Day  
Cookie Exchange**

Saturday, December 6

11:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Cherry Hill Farm House

Green Valley

*Please bring eight dozen  
of your favorite*

*home baked holiday cookie.*

*A light lunch will be served.*

*RSVP*

*Peaches McPurr PH: Purr-555*

*A PEACHES TALE*  
**FOR DECEMBER**

Every year Peaches and seven of her friends get together to exchange holiday cookies. This way, they each had to bake only one type of cookie but they ended up with eight different kinds of cookies. They each packaged their cookies in bags of one dozen. They kept a dozen for themselves at home. But they always brought

the eighth dozen because everyone would give a dozen cookies that Peaches would take out to the local nursing home for everyone there to enjoy.

Peaches had everyone call to confirm they were coming and to tell her which cookie they were bringing so that everybody brought a different cookie. Some people would always bring the same cookie since that was their specialty, while others would like to change what they baked from year to year. Peaches always did gingerbread and the cookie exchange was always held at her house because she always made a different gingerbread house every year that she used for a centerpiece on her dining room table. This year she was creating a reindeer barn and it would be set in a forest of gingerbread trees with gingerbread reindeer. And reindeer gingerbread cookies would be her cookie for the exchange.

The ladies arrived with all their wonderful cookies. Along with Peaches' gingerbread, there were candy cane cookies, Linz made with raspberry jam and a cutout of a star on the top cookie of the cookie sandwich, shortbread cookies using Christmas theme molds, Snickerdoodles, pecan tarts, chocolate cherry cookies, and frosted sugar cookies cut out in the shapes of trees. Peaches served a lunch of homemade vegetable soup and homemade bread. The ladies were glad for a chance to rest and talk about the upcoming Christmas

festivities before they all became too busy to see each other until after the New Year. And they all went home with seven dozen cookies that would be added to their dozen at home. Later that afternoon Peaches delivered eight dozen cookies to the nursing home and everyone was always overjoyed to see her and the wonderful cookies. A delightful St. Nicholas Day gift.



## GRANDMOTHER TABBY'S ETIQUETTE TIP #15

When baking something for the holidays, always make some extra to give to someone else who might not be able to bake for the holidays.



*Coming up in the January issue of **Entertaining Tales:**  
Peaches and Rufus hold their annual company party for Green Valley Orchards & Kitchen,  
and Prissy hosts a meeting to create a cookbook as a fundraiser for the museum.*