

THE  
ENTERTAINING TALES  
OF TABBY, PRISSY & PEACHES<sup>®</sup>

*When winter comes can spring  
be far behind.....*

*You are invited for  
an afternoon of  
Sweets & Savories  
and  
Good Conversation  
Sunday, March 6  
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.  
Whiskers Manor  
Sleepy Hollow Road  
Green Valley*

*Tabby & Tobias Whiskers*

*A TABBY TALE  
FOR MARCH*

It had been a long hard winter. Every one had pretty much kept to themselves as it was very cold out and the roads were often impassable. Tabby knew that as wife of the mayor it was up to her to start the entertaining for the year. She thought everyone would enjoy seeing one another again and catching up on the latest news.

Tabby decided that a relaxing yet stimulating Sunday afternoon filled with conversation would be perfect. She de-

ecided to decorate her house with a “beginning of spring” look. For her color scheme, she chose spring green, yellow and white. She shopped the local nursery and selected potted blooming bulbs of crocus, hyacinths, tulips and daffodils. They would be placed on the fireplace hearth and mantle. She would also put a few potted bulbs in the powder room and the kitchen (she knew guests enjoy congregating in the kitchen). From the local florist, she ordered a big bouquet of white tulips for the table in the entry hall, and she ordered daffodils for vases to line the center of the table and the sideboard for a buffet.

For the front door she selected a forsythia wreath and planned for big crocks of pussy willow and blooming forsythia branches for either side of the front door.

She was serving “Sweets & Savories.” For the sweets, she chose mini cupcakes in various flavors, decorated on top with a single icing flower; mini apple, berry and peach fruit tarts; mini cream puffs; small cookies and iced brownies. All would be artfully arranged on serving platters and tiered stands. She also prepared a fruit compote for those who wanted a more nutritious option. For the savories, she prepared vegetables with dips, cheese balls & crackers and slices of French bread with bruschetta. Beverages were coffee, tea and punch.

Because she was inviting so many people, she opted to use paper plates and napkins. She chose solid paper plates in a spring green and a yellow, and paired them with spring floral design napkins. She attractively arranged the beverage napkins by the beverages, and the luncheon/dessert size napkins on the buffet table.

Tabby’s granddaughter Peaches and her good friend Callie Calico helped prepare the food. Tabby hired a few high schools students to take coats as guests arrived, keep the food replenished, and clear away plates, napkins and cups.

Everyone was very excited when the invitations arrived. There was much chatter over the phone lines about what everyone would wear and how they were looking forward to seeing everyone and wondering what delicious things Tabby would serve and how she would decorate her house.

The day of the party arrived and Tabby, Peaches and Callie had things pretty well in hand and only had to do last minute touches. Tabby had put out all the spring floral accents on Saturday and had set her table and buffet as much as possible so that all they would have to do is put the food on the table. Tobias decided that the best thing he could do to help was to just stay out of the way so he went out and swept off the porch and walkway. Peaches all of a sudden remembered that she had left the sugar and cinnamon out of the recipe when she was making the apple tarts so she decided to sprinkle the top of the tarts with a sugar cinnamon mixture to see if that would work. Her husband

Rufus was the taste tester to decide if this would work and he pronounced it a very successful and delicious save.

Guests started arriving right at 2 p.m. Roberta Robin and her husband Rob were the first to arrive as she felt it her duty as robins were always the first to arrive to signal that spring was coming. Everyone was greeted, coats were taken, guests migrated to the dining room to partake in the delicious offerings. Everyone exclaimed how beautiful and welcoming the spring flowers were. People settled in conversation groups and talked of the long winter and what was ahead for spring and the rest of the year. News was shared, plans were made. Guests kept arriving throughout the afternoon. Almost no one left early. And, as is normally the case, the men gravitated to Tobias's den to talk sports and town business while the women moved into the living room and kitchen, chatting about their plans for the year. Henrietta Hen who owned The Flour Mill Bakery in town announced that she had just become engaged and there was much excitement and discussion about her upcoming wedding plans. Tabby was asked for her recipes for several of the items she had served.

Five o'clock came and the sun was setting. Guests reluctantly started to leave with goodbyes and thank yous being said to Tabby & Tobias. Samantha Squirrel had left her purse and had to come scurrying back for it but one of the high school students had already discovered it and was on the way to the door with it. Finally the last guest was gone. The high school students finished clearing all the plates and cups and left. Then Tabby, Peaches and Callie were left to clean up the remainder of the food and put the rooms back in order. Of course there wasn't much food left and the ladies split what was left between them. Peaches knew that when she got home her twins would want to be able to sample some of the food that was served that afternoon. Finally Tabby was able to sit down and put her feet up. She was pleased with how well everything went. Tobias came into the room and kissed Tabby on the cheek and said "My dear, I don't know how I could do my job as mayor without your wonderful entertaining skills". Tabby was so tired all she could do was sit there and purr.