

THE
ENTERTAINING TALES
OF TABBY, PRISSY & PEACHES

The Ladies of Green Valley Village
are cordially invited to a
"Welcome to the
Merry Month of May"
Strawberry Tea
Tuesday, May 12
at two o'clock in the afternoon
Cherry Hill Farmhouse

given by
Peaches McPurr

Please reply if you plan to attend
Springtime attire

A PEACHES
TALE FOR MAY

Both Peaches and Prissy were planning parties for May to welcome the warmer spring weather and the flowers in abundant bloom.

Peaches lives in a farmhouse which is surrounded by large blooming fruit trees. She decided to give a tea to welcome Spring

-- and it would be a Strawberry Tea. Now that she had her theme, she was excited to begin planning. She would set up her large dining room farmhouse table with a quilt for a tablecloth. She would use her green pottery cups & saucers and plates with the matching green pottery tea set. The red strawberries would look wonderful against the green pottery. Strawberry tea (of course) would be served. She would have strawberry muffins and homemade strawberry jam, and bowls of fresh strawberries from the farm served with confectioner's sugar and fruit dips. She would launder and iron the napkins with the strawberries on them that Grandmother Tabby had given her. For a centerpiece she found pint-sized baskets with handles. She would

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fill these with fresh berries and make a pyramid out of them on the center of the table. Then, every guest would go home with a basket of the delicious berries.

The tea was a great success. The ladies came wearing their spring finery. Much news of the village was discussed. Everyone admired the quilt used as the table covering and it was decided that a Quilting Society should be formed. There was much excitement and anticipation about this. The strawberry muffins warm from the oven were light and delicious and the recipe was asked for by the guests and given to everyone by the gracious hostess.

*The New Oak City Museum
Ladies' Fundraising Committee
will meet
Wednesday, the seventeenth of May
at two o'clock
at the VanMeow's brownstone
Park Avenue
to plan this year's
major fund raising event
Light refreshments will be served*

A PRISSY TALE FOR MAY

Prissy so loved her cousin's idea of a strawberry theme that she asked her if she could borrow it for her May meeting of the Museum's Ladies' Fund raising Group. Being as the cousins were so fond of each other and knowing that none of the same people would go to both events, Peaches told Prissy that she thought it would be a won-

derful theme for her meeting knowing that Prissy would give it a city twist.

Prissy set about deciding what to do. She chose her lace tablecloth, white napkins with a lacy border, and white Limoges china. Instead of tea she would serve strawberry punch in her crystal punch bowl which was a gift from Grandmother Tabby. Many of her punch cups were wedding gifts

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from her family and friends. On sterling trays she would have arranged large ripe strawberries dipped in the finest dark chocolate. And she would serve a luscious pound cake topped with a strawberry sorbet and fresh tiny wild strawberries. Chocolate would be artistically drizzled on the plates before the pound cake was put on them. It would be a sensation for both the eyes and the taste buds.

The ladies came in their city afternoon go-to-a-social meeting clothes. (They all liked to show off how they were wearing the latest styles.) The refreshments were enjoyed and remarked over by one and all. Much work was accomplished on setting up the autumn fund raising event which, it was decided, would be a Halloween Masquerade Ball to take place at the museum. It was also decided that Prissy VanMeow, with her flair for gracious entertaining, would be the chairwoman for this event and she would delegate different tasks to the other ladies in the group. While Prissy loved to plan parties and events, she realized how much work this would be -- but was determined to keep a smile on her face and act as if it would be a breeze to do.



GRANDMOTHER TABBY'S ETIQUETTE TIP #1

Always be glad to share the recipe for any item you serve your guests.
They will be most appreciative and will think well of you.



GRANDMOTHER TABBY'S ETIQUETTE TIP #2

Never let it show how much effort it was to plan an event or grumble or complain about doing it. Always do something with a happy heart or don't do it at all.

*Coming up in the June issue of Entertaining Tales:
Prissy and Peaches throw a baby shower, and Prissy hosts the bride club.*

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