

THE
ENTERTAINING TALES
OF TABBY, PRissy & PEACHES®

You are cordially invited to the
Green Valley Quilting
Society
Charter Meeting
Wednesday, September 10
at one o'clock in the afternoon
at the residence of
Samantha Squirrel
105 Oak Tree Lane
Green Valley

A PEACHES & TABBY
TALE FOR SEPTEMBER

The ladies of Green Valley were excited to start the Quilting Society they had talked about at the Strawberry Tea Peaches had given in May. Samantha volunteered to host it at her home so she could put her three-month-old twins down to sleep rather than taking them to someone's house. Peaches volunteered to bring the refreshments for the meeting as she

knew Samantha probably would not have time.

The day of the meeting came and Samantha made a pretty autumn centerpiece for her table that was a big brown & cream china bowl filled with acorns and chestnuts. Around the base of the bowl she put a wreath of oak leaves. She then filled her punch bowl with some of the first apple cider of the season. Peaches arrived early and brought fruits with dips and applesauce bread. Together they arranged the table so everyone could serve themselves. The ladies all arrived and everyone started talking very excitedly about what they were all going to do for their first project. Someone suggested that they should start each year making a quilt to raise money for a charitable cause and when that was finished they could work on their own projects. Many

ideas were discussed, but it was finally decided that they would make a quilt for the Plant-A-Tree Society to raffle off (everyone in Green Valley believed that when a tree was cut down that two should be planted to take its place). Everyone would sew appliquéd blocks that represented their favorite tree. Samantha Squirrel said she would make oak tree blocks since she lived on Oak Tree Lane. Peaches said she would, naturally, make peach tree blocks. Grandmother Tabby picked the maple tree and Roberta Robin picked her favorite, the cherry tree. There was a little squabble when both Petula Pig and Nanny Goat wanted to pick the apple tree, but Grandmother Tabby suggested that since so much of the valley's employment was due to apple growing that it would be nice to have the apple represented twice, and that they could each make a different apple tree.

It was also decided that when the blocks were done the quilt would be put on a frame at Grandmother Tabby's since she had a quilt frame in a large room in a barn on their property. Since many of the meetings would be at Tabby's, they also decided that one person would provide the place for the meeting and someone else would provide the refreshments, so that it would not be too much for one person to do. Everyone said they would select and bring their fabrics and patterns to the next meeting so they could be sure everything would combine well.



GRANDMOTHER TABBY'S ETIQUETTE TIP #9

If a little squabble breaks out at a social gathering it is best to never take sides but to try to either find a peaceful solution or to move on to another topic.

A PRISSY TALE

FOR SEPTEMBER

*You are invited to a dinner party
in honor of
King Rex Ram
& Queen Isabella
of the
Isle of Argyle
Thursday, the eleventh of September
Seven o'clock in the evening
The Van Meow Brownstone
Park Avenue
New Oak City
R.s.v.p. Black tie*

Prissy was very excited. The museum her husband was director of was going to host an exhibit of the history of yarn and the woolen industry from the Isle of Argyle (they produce the finest wool in the world). The King and Queen of the Isle of Argyle were coming for the opening and Thomas and Prissy would give a dinner in their honor the night before the opening. Also in attendance would be Prissy's parents, Winston & Winnie Whis-

kers as Winston is the ambassador to the Isle of Argyle. And all the members of the museum board and their spouses would be invited.

Knowing that this would have to be a very proper and fancy dinner Prissy was on the phone often with her mother Winnie and Grandmother Tabby. She asked her mother what she should serve – or not serve – at her dinner. Her mother told her that she should avoid soups, red wines and anything with a gooey chocolate as the Rams protect their exquisite wool coats from anything that might stain it. She told her that the King and Queen love large salads with just a vinaigrette dressing and anything made with corn.

Prissy set her table with her finest Spode china, sterling silver flatware, her finest crystal and linen tablecloth and napkins. For the center of the table miniature ivy topiaries were lined up down the center of the table (sheep are very fond of ivy). For the menu Prissy decided on serving large salads made with a large variety of salad greens. Herbed biscuits would accompany the salad course. For the main course she would have roasted vegetables served with corn bread which would be cut into the shape of ivy leaves which is the national symbol of the Isle of Argyle. Dessert would be a mint sorbet served

with oatmeal cake. Thomas chose a Chardonnay wine to go with the main course and a Riesling as a wine to accompany the dessert.

The day of the dinner arrived and all the guests came dressed in formal evening wear. Everyone was enchanted with the King & Queen and how friendly, gracious and knowledgeable they were. The dinner conversation was lively and interesting as they discussed everything from the financial markets for wool and knitted goods to the growing of oats and ivy to how cute all the little lambs look running around in the meadows in the Spring. The King & Queen told everyone present that they must all visit the Isle of Argyle and be their guests for dinner. The King & the Queen presented Thomas & Prissy with a gift of a knitted felted basket – a fine product from the Isle of Argyle – and expressed their appreciation for the lovely dinner they were given.



GRANDMOTHER TABBY'S ETIQUETTE TIP #10

When giving a dinner party in someone's honor always make sure that the guest(s) of honor will enjoy the food you have chosen.



*Coming up in the October issue of **Entertaining Tales:***

Peaches and Rufus host a Pumpkin Festival and Prissy organizes the Masquerade Ball for the Museum.