

## **EAT YOUR ART OUT:** Fine Dining with Fine Artists Fundraising dinner parties in support of the San Diego Visual Arts Network

Bohemia bonds with Blue Bloods Creativity capitalizes with Consumers Innovation indulges with Industrialists

The San Diego Visual Arts Network promotes an intimate series of soirees in an ongoing awareness campaign to inform the public about the value of the visual arts to our community. This series of small dinner parties starts by inviting a selected number of artists to host a fundraising dinner for patrons of the visual arts. Each party should have an interactive visual arts element ranging from specially designed sculptural serving pieces to collaborative table clothes. Each event is unique and very special with limited seating. (We suggest 12 but leave the total and type of meal to each group) A donation to SDVAN of \$50 minimum assures a place at the table for the patrons. Artists/host is responsible for food and drink.

## We are hoping to:

- Recognize and celebrate existing visual art accomplishments by spotlighting local artists.
- Expand the infrastructure of spokespeople/art patrons who can bring awareness of SDVAN to a wider audience
- Educate the public about the efforts of the San Diego Visual Arts Network
- Encourage Art Collecting and Connoisseurship
- Promote a vision of the future of the role the visual arts can play in the San Diego community lively, thriving, positive, empowered and fun
- Raise funds for the ongoing expenses of the SDVAN projects.

Some tips to make your dinner successful from NPR Memorable Dinners: We can send info about your dinner to <a href="mailto:memorydinner@npr.org">memorydinner@npr.org</a>

- Make each course noticeably different, change locations or have guest move seats
- Make each of those course vivid, engage all of the senses.
- Put it all together in a narrative and/or a theme
- Have an interactive component.





Brainstorming has produced some of these themes for future show:

- <u>School of Life</u>: Mini food seminars on chocolate or cheese, mini 10 minute lectures on motivations for art or how to make a difference, A Psychotherapy booth
- Elimination party— on the night, artists voting on best patron, patron votes for best artist
- **Mixacology:** for drinks, Mountains of glasses to break, Pile of ice, to sculpt, Mexican wedding cookies buried in powder sugar to be searched for, Chocolate shapes to break with hammers, Fruit to pick out of the trees. Pinata to make and break
- Leftovers collage party with cookbook to of what to make with leftovers.
- **Project Runway:** Take pictures of objects or details that inspire you. Learn how to creatively manipulate these images to form a design for textile. Your design will then be printed out to go on fabric.(tea towels, t-shirt, pillow cover)
- SD Art Prize Mystery Murder dinner party the suspects are all players in the marketing art world so we do create an education about how the high end of the art world operates.

The following information should be considered for your Eat Your Art Out Dinner.

	Event 1
Date	
Theme	
Title	
Engage element	
Host/contact details	
Chef if applicable	
Artists/contact details	
Menu	
Price list for art of applicable	
Guests/contact details	
Description	
Menu artist – art work should	
include menu items and be 8 by 6	
inches or 640 by 480 pixels.	
Ideally it should have the title of	
the event and date	

More info: http://www.sdvisualarts.net/sdvan\_new/eat.php patricia@sdvisualarts.net 760.943.0148

