

ChicaGourmets!

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THE RITZ-CARLTON CHICAGO

INVITE YOU TO “LUNCH WITH PATRICIA WELLS”

ON SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2007, NOON TO 1:30 P.M.

**World-Class Cooking Instructor and Cookbook Author Unveils Her New Book,
Vegetable Harvest, During Author Lunch in The Dining Room
at The Ritz-Carlton Chicago**

Meet world-class cooking instructor and cookbook author, **Patricia Wells**, as she unveils the sensory delights of the garden in her new book, *Vegetable Harvest*, during a Spring Author Lunch at The Ritz-Carlton Chicago on Saturday, May 5, 2007.

Wells has earned a place alongside Julia Child and Jacques Pepin as one of our greatest ambassadors of French cuisine.

She will appear at The Ritz-Carlton Chicago in conjunction with ChicaGourmets!, a culinary organization which hosts 70 events yearly for over 500 members. Wells will greet guests and sign copies of *Vegetable Harvest* (available for purchase), in The Dining Room during lunch on Saturday, May 5, from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. Ritz-Carlton Chicago Executive Chef has crafted a three-course lunch menu of recipes from *Vegetable Harvest* that will be served to guests that afternoon, which illustrates the limitless possibilities when the magic of French cuisine meets vegetables for all seasons.

Champagne Reception with Canapés
Rosé des Karantes or Champagne Sparnacus

Artichoke and Parmesan Soup
Blanc des Karantes

Seared Duck Breast with Espelette Pepper Jelly,
Asparagus Braised with Rosemary and Bay Leaves, Crispy Potato Galette
Domaine des Karantes

Almond Cake with Carrots, Lemon Thyme Sorbet
Loupiac or The Furst Pinot Gris, Alsace

In *Vegetable Harvest*, Patricia Wells emphasizes that fresh, seasonal produce is best secured from small, local farmers, a source that Ritz-Carlton Chicago Executive Chef Mark Payne strongly relies on for the "upmarket" menu he offers in The Cafe.

Wells' bestselling books include *Simply French*, *The Paris Cookbook* and *The Food Lover's Guide to Paris*. She has lived in France since 1980 and her legendary seminars in Provence and Paris are sold out through 2008.

Price for the Spring Author Lunch to be held at in The Dining Room of The Ritz-Carlton Chicago on Saturday, May 5, at 12 noon is \$65 per person and includes three-course lunch, beverages, author discussion and tax and gratuity. Books will be sold separately.

Kindly phone The Ritz-Carlton Chicago (312) 573-5083 to make your reservation.

For more information on ChicaGourmets!, please phone founder, Don Newcomb, at (708) 383-7543, or email to DonaldNewcomb@comcast.net, or visit www.chicagourmets.org.