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STAMFORD MUSEUM & NATURE CENTER / An Evening with Geoffrey Zakarian

Good Taste

The Stamford Museum & Nature Center recently honored Geoffrey Zakarian and his wife, Margaret, at a fundraiser in the Knobloch Family Farmhouse. A chef, restaurateur and Food Network personality—the Emmy-nominated Iron Chef is a judge on *Chopped*, cohost of *The Kitchen* and host of the new primetime show *Big Restaurant Bet*. More than 120 guests enjoyed cocktails and hors d'oeuvres on the Overlook Terrace with the Zakarians, followed by a four-course dinner prepared by Chef Robin Selden of Marcia Selden Catering. The event included wine pairings thanks to Glenville Wine & Spirits. Leigh Diffey served as MC. The event, “An Evening with Geoffrey & Margaret Zakarian,” owes its success to cochairs Lynn Villency Cohen and Carol Fedele and the generosity of corporate sponsors and individual donors. It will support SM&NC's educational programming, both on-site and in classrooms. See more at the center at 39 Scofieldtown Road and online at stamfordmuseum.org.

1 Geoffrey Zakarian, Harry Day, Melissa Mulrooney, Margaret Zakarian 2 Geoffrey Zakarian addresses guests, with Margaret at his side 3 Karen M. Kelly with Kathleen Bordelon 4 Geoffrey Zakarian, Madeline Zakarian, Melissa Mulrooney, Robin Selden, Anna Zakarian and Margaret Zakarian 5 Selkowitz Family Great Room at Knobloch Family Farmhouse 6 (front) Jennifer Lapine, Marsha Shendell and Mark Lapine; Melissa Mulrooney and Harry Day 7 Event Cochairs Lynn Villency Cohen and Carol Fedele 8 Leigh Diffey

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170+ Categories!

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We asked our readers to vote for their favorite places throughout Fairfield County. The more than 170 categories are grouped in three sections: **FOOD + DRINK** (such as, new restaurant and local pub), **SHOP + STYLE** (such as swimwear and shoes), and **SERVICES + TO-DO'S** (such as car washes and pet care). These are the **PLACES THAT MAKE LIVING HERE BETTER THAN ANYWHERE ELSE.** Of course, we think our readers are the best!

BEST

To check out **ALL OF OUR WINNERS** digitally, scan here →



**FOOD
+
DRINK**
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**SHOP
+
STYLE**
PG. 74

**SERVICES
+
TO-DO'S**
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above: A Strawberry Lemon Pavlova **below,**
left: A party at the Seldens's NYC venue, Above Twelve **below,**
right: Pink Lady

MARCIA SELDEN CATERING & EVENTS //
Winner of BEST Caterer + Gourmet to Go

Everyone is going to RSVP yes to your next party. We know this because it's going to be catered by Marcia Selden, and no one throws a festive feast like this outstanding local business. While the food, drinks and tablescape are all done to perfection, there is also the X factor. Things just seem to flow without you having to worry, and that is because Marcia Selden and team have been at the top of their game for years. They know exactly what you're expecting, and do more. All that's left to do is enjoy every bite and sip and the beautiful moment.



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