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Chicago Gourmets: Your Invitation to Dining Out with a Difference While Supporting the Industry

Interested in hot new restaurants, pop up spaces, cutting edge venues and long standing Chicago favorites, at added value and all-inclusive pricing that you cannot find elsewhere? Chicago Gourmets offers unique culinary experiences of this caliber—70 each year. This not for profit food and wine group is one of Chicago's oldest and largest, celebrating 16 years of creating memorable events that highlight the cuisine, along with cook book authors, celebrity chefs and upcoming talent that make these dining events so memorable. Founder Don Newcomb started this organization based on his passion for the industry as well as the diversity of cuisines and potential experiences in Chicagoland, and still serves on this volunteer board of 25. He notes, "To date, we have supported over 600 establishments in our Chicago area; it is our continued pleasure to offer these value for money with value for the experience events."

"Conviviality of the table" aptly describes the events that Chicago Gourmets creates. Membership at \$45 per family each year pays

for itself easily in discounted event costs, while overall, the events support the industry. They expose varied dining spaces and styles to a wider audience, and very often, with significant media attention due to the creativity of the concepts. For example, last year featured a pop up five-course dinner at Kamp Gallery with dishes inspired by their latest paintings. This spring, Table 52 chef/owner Art Smith hosted a Southern style dinner with Norman Van Aken. Last month, chef duo David Posey and Heather Christo staged a dinner based on her new book in Blackbird's private dining room. The experiences are varied and the calendar is chock full of events. From making truffles with Katherine Anne in her own professional kitchen to a hands on cooking class at Marcel's Culinary Experience, the "wine" is as important as the "dine"—and the group highlights some element of a unique, informative and entertaining culinary experience in each event. For information on upcoming events and to become a member, visit www.chicagourgourmets.org.

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