

**Celebrated Chefs and Amazing Winemakers Support
St. Croix Food & Wine Experience**

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support food and wine event in US Virgin Islands April 10-16, 2011*

St. Croix, US Virgin Islands – September 2011 - Celebrated chefs, winemakers and culinary enthusiasts are signing up to support The St. Croix Food & Wine Experience, an annual series of events that support the community programs of the St. Croix Foundation. The fundraising fete will take place April 10-16, 2011 on St. Croix, US Virgin Islands. Program details are available at www.stcroixfoodandwine.com.

Participating guest chefs for the 2011 St. Croix Food & Wine Experience include Anita Lo (New York), Tim Love (Texas), Ana Sortun (Boston), Kevin Rathbun (Atlanta), Roberto Treviño (Puerto Rico) and a select few more to be announced in the coming weeks. Guest chefs judge the culinary competition, hold cooking demonstrations, compete in a fun event against local chefs and prepare intimate dinners at spectacular homes. Dannielle Kyrillos, Editor-at-Large of DailyCandy.com and judge on Bravo TV's Top Chef *Just Desserts*, will be a guest judge for the culinary competition and hold a cooking class for kids. A detailed schedule of events will posted on www.stcroixfoodandwine.com as times and dates are confirmed.

The sample of the gastronomical happenings of the week include:

- o Wine Seminars taught by leading wine makers
- o Culinary demonstrations by visiting and local chefs and special guests
- o A Taste of St. Croix, the island wide culinary competition and fete
- o Cork & Fork dinners which are intimate dinners created by celebrity chefs
- o Wine & Dine walks around the island's two historic towns
- o Celebrity Chef vs. Island Chef, a friendly and often hilarious competition
- o Wine in the Warehouse, a blend of wine tastings, music, and food

Past guest chefs have included Rocco DiSpirito, Antonia Lofaso, Kevin Rathbun, Robbin Haas, Gerry Klaskala, Wayne Nish, Richard Reddington and Johnny Vincencz. Past participating vintners have included Bo Barrett of Chateau Montelena, Chris Benziger of Benziger Wineries, Bill Blais of Kendall Jackson Estates, Bob Foley from Foley Wines, Paul Hoffman of Medusa Wines, Julianna Martinelli of Martinelli Vineyards, Joel Peterson from Ravenswood, Maria Ponzi of Ponzi Vineyards, Carroll Kemp of Red Car Wines, and Kent Rosenblum from Rosenblum Cellars.

Tickets to the St. Croix Food & Wine Experience go on sale in March 2011 and will be available at www.StCroixFoodandWine.com. Hotel packages will go on sale December 2010. Patrons wanting guaranteed access to all events can become sponsors. For more information on sponsorship opportunities or Patron packages, please contact Roger Dewey at 340-773-9898.

About The St. Croix Foundation

Proceeds from The St. Croix Food & Wine Experience are donated to The St. Croix Foundation, a non-profit organization focused on community revitalization, economic development, youth programs, education and additional needs in the community. The culinary event has raised more than \$750,000 for The St. Croix Foundation over the past nine years. For more information visit www.stxfoundation.org.

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