



How to Host a CGNE Event

CGNE has several types of events that our members can host: Let's Dish, The Salon Series, and Cooking Demos/Classes/Winetastings. From time to time, the Programming Committee finds itself with a fabulous culinary evening, but no host. If you are interested in opening up your home as a host (members only or members and their guests if you'd like), here's what you can expect. A Program Committee Member will handle publicity and RSVP's.

1. Let's Dish Hosts

Basically a themed pot-luck dinner held in one of our members homes, CGNE members and their guests will decide on a dish to make and put it on a spreadsheet so you can see the mix of food/beverage, etc. CGNE gives you a small budget to cover drinks/wine/extras. You don't have to prepare a dish, just get your kitchen organized so when members bring their dish, you can direct it to the refrigerator, the oven, etc. People should bring the recipe or the name of the dish so they can answer questions about ingredients, allergies. You can determine the flow of food throughout the evening. Be prepared to pack up leftovers!

If you agree to host a Let's Dish, you can decide the theme or we can suggest a few. You also decide how many people you can host and if non-member guests will be included. We will put the event and the theme in our newsletter and handle the RSVP's. Only those people who RSVP will get the details with host name and address. Periodically, someone from CGNE will check the RSVP list to make sure attendees have indicated their dish. Since everyone will have access to this list, duplications can be avoided. As the host, you can make sure the mix of food that people are offering will work for you. (e.g. if someone's dish requires a lot of cooking time while in your kitchen, that will complicate things!) We will give you a headcount and list of attendees a few days before the event.

2. Salon Series Hosts

The Salon Series is a culinary event held in one of our members homes. The event could be a speaker, a documentary to watch, a discussion about a topic, a fireside chat. CGNE will give you a small budget for drinks/appetizers. Members don't have to bring appetizers, but many like to, and it's become more of a mini Let's Dish!

If you decide to host a Salon event, you can suggest a topic, or we can find one for you. You decide the # of people you can accommodate. We will handle the publicity and the RSVP's. We will put the event in our newsletter. Only those people who RSVP will get the details with host name and address. If the event requires a TV, DVD player, etc. we will make sure you have compatible systems. You will be responsible for buying drinks and snacks with the budget we give you. We will get you a final headcount a few days before the event.

3. Cooking classes , Demonstrations, Winetastings

CGNE has member/chefs or we find chefs who are interested in doing a cooking demo or an actual cooking class. This also applies to winetastings. If that person does not have their own kitchen, CGNE attempts to find a venue that includes asking members if they would open up their kitchen/home for us.

If you would like to host an event like this, we will talk directly with you about the specifics of the event, and what you will need to do. As with our other events, we will take care of the publicity and the RSVP's and get you a final headcount a few days before the event. A small budget is available to help with any incidentals.