



The New York Women’s Culinary Alliance is an organization of professional women in the food and wine industry, dedicated to encouraging cooperation, networking, and education among its members.

NYWCA History

With Julia Child’s encouragement and a strong endorsement by the Boston Women’s Culinary Guild, Sara Moulton and Maria Reuge founded the NYWCA in 1981, a time when women were struggling to gain entry and recognition in the culinary profession and related industries. The founders believed that banding together under a common cause would provide the strength and support needed to enable women to achieve their goals.

Now, three decades later and with a membership of over 200, the Alliance is a highly regarded source of professional women in the food and wine community.

Members continue to benefit from invaluable networking and job opportunities through the continuous exposure at events that are highlighted through a weekly e-newsletter. The Alliance also has comprehensive membership directories, online and in print, which include a networking index and a job placement exchange.

What We Do

The Alliance is committed to fostering and promoting the common professional interests of women in the culinary field within the New York City metro area. The membership, which includes a cross-section of food professionals, shares information through member-generated programs and seminars. Ongoing food and wine tastings, hands-on workshops and field trips provide members with continuing educational opportunities.

Who We Are

Our members are truly the movers and shakers in every area of the culinary world. Here is just a sampling of companies: The James Beard Foundation; *The Martha Stewart Show*; Banfi Vintners; Brooklyn College; *Good Housekeeping*; Cornerstone Communications; *Every Day with Rachael Ray*; The Food Network; Hearst Corporation; The Institute of Culinary Education; *Ladies’ Home Journal*; Mandarin Oriental Hotel; Murray’s Cheese; Rockefeller University; *The Today Show*; Hunter PR; *Woman’s World Magazine*; French Culinary Institute; and Whole Foods Market.

Community Service

The Alliance participates in programs and promotions to further education for its members and support women in the NYC area. Some of our past and current partners include:

- The Albert Einstein College Of Medicine at Montefiore Medical Center
- The American Institute for Cancer Research
- Children’s Health Fund
- City Harvest
- Cookies for Kids’ Cancer
- Days of Taste
- SHARE
- Share Our Strength
- Windows of Hope



The New York Women's Culinary Alliance is known for its fantastic array of programs. Alliance members are encouraged to participate and contribute to the organization by giving a program or attending at least four events a year. Here's just some of past programs members have enjoyed.

- Go Wild! Foraging in Central Park with "Wildman" Steve Brill
- The Garden of France, a Loire Valley inspired hands-on cooking class by ICE Chef Instructor Kathryn Gordon
- Summer Happy Hour at 230 Fifth
- FOOD JOBS: 150 Great Jobs for Culinary Students, Career Changers and Food Lovers hosted by author Irena Chalmers
- UMAMI: The Fifth Taste, with food prepared by private chef Mamie Nishide
- Getting Your Cookbook in Print, led by award-winning cookbook author Lorna Sass



- Spring and Fall Member Potlucks
- Little India Walking Tour with Surbhi Sahni, Executive Pastry Chef of Devi Restaurant

- NYC Women in Food with Martha Stewart
- Dive into a Sicilian Feast! Author Toni Lydecker shares recipes from her book at Cacio e Vino

- Chinatown Restaurant Walking Tour and Dim Sum Lunch at Chinatown Brasserie

- Tasting Dinner at Le Cirque, sponsored by Veuve Cliquot

- "For the Love of Chocolate" Fundraising Seminar Weekend



- Fungus Among Us: A Wine and Wild Mushroom Pairing

- Antipasto Tasting at Mangia

- Preparing the Perfect Risotto, presented by Lidia Bastianich

- Tasting Caviar, organized by Petrossian

- Various comparative tastings of: Chocolate, Vanilla, Vinegar, Olives, Olive Oil, Smoked Fish, Coffee, Tea, Sake and Wine

- "Cookwise," presented by Shirley Corriher

- A Soulful Supper at Sylvia's

- Experiencing Japan at Takashimaya's Tea Box

See more member benefits and activities at nywca.org

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