



meeting wrap

## Woman of the Year Award Meeting & Annual WCN Potluck Dinner

**April 14, 2008** WCN members last met on April 14th to honour **Naomi Duguid**, 2008 recipient of our Woman of the Year Award. **Anna La** was our host for the celebration and Annual WCN Potluck Dinner at the new FoodShare location near Bloor & Dufferin Streets. It was an ideal space for culinary women to meet and enjoy a fabulous feast of diverse cuisines while celebrating one of our many accomplished culinarians.

The WCN Woman of the Year Award was established in 1999 to celebrate and acknowledge professional achievement and community commitment within our culinary network. As stated by our Chair, **Nettie Cronish**, "It is about sharing time, talent and experiences and is a form of thanks from a group of culinary women who have taken some time away from their busy lives on a Monday night to say a collective, "Well done!" To merit this award, one must be nominated with a resume outlining culinary accomplishments and community service. Nominees are listed on [www.womensculinarynetwork.org](http://www.womensculinarynetwork.org) and the membership votes. Past winners, most of whom were with us to celebrate Naomi, include: **Arvinda Chauhan, Esther Benaim, Dorothy Duncan, Mary Lou Morgan, Marilyn Bentz-Crowley, Antoinette Passalacqua, Alison Fryer** and **Jo Marie Powers**.

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## Letter from the Chair

It was wonderful to see so many members at our Woman of the Year Potluck. Foodshare provided us with a fabulous warehouse space, and Laura Berman took some amazing pictures of the food, people and our glorious Woman of the Year, Naomi Duguid. Check out the Photo Gallery on our website. A time to laugh, network, drink and eat. Does it get any better?

Our membership survey results tell us that you, the members, consider this organization to be of "very good value."

Our \$70.00 renewal fee goes toward our website maintenance, organizing and printing of our directory, monthly Enews bulletins, our newsletter, stamps, envelopes, rentals and associated meeting fees and donations.

We need to have your membership fees in the bank in order to run the organization. Please renew NOW. Make it a priority. Our directory is an invaluable resource and it is always our plan to make a current issue available to the membership at the beginning of February each year. For the past 3 years, it has gone out in late March as a result of members forgetting to renew, as membership is a necessity in order to be part of the directory.

Each year we find ourselves contacting these members (as many as 100) to personally remind them, and most are grateful for the opportunity to be included in the directory and continue to receive the benefit of WCN membership. As a volunteer run executive, we would rather be spending these hours more productively.

Please show your support, renew your membership and update your information online now at [womensculinarynetwork.org](http://womensculinarynetwork.org). Pay by credit card or send your cheque to: 11 Dunloe Road, Toronto, ON M4V 2W4. As we enter our 19th year, I would like to welcome any new members and thank our long-standing members for their continued participation.

Looking forward to a Great Year,

*Nettie Cronish*

Nettie Cronish, WCN Chair



## Upcoming WCN Meetings

September 2008

### Guided Tour of the Evergreen Brick Works

**Date:** Monday, September 15th **Time:** 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
**Location:** The Brick Works, 550 Bayview Ave, between the Prince Edward Viaduct (Bloor/Danforth) and Pottery Rd.  
**Meeting Fee:** Members \$5.00 Non-members \$10.00  
**Host:** Elizabeth Harris, Riverdale Farm Organic Farmer's Market

Located in the middle of the Don Valley on Bayview Avenue near Pottery Road, the former Don Valley Brick Works factory and quarry is now host to farmers markets, greenhouses, plant nurseries, and a learning centre. Come enjoy delicious homemade soup and bread, while taking a tour of the market and new facilities. Our host, **Elizabeth Harris**, will guide us through the history of the Brickworks, and the current uses of this eco-community centre.

For more information, visit their website: <http://www.evergreen.ca/rethinkspace>

November 2008

### 3rd Annual Food Trends Meeting

**Date:** Monday, November 17th **Time:** 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
**Location:** Miele Limited, 161 Four Valley Drive, Vaughan  
**Meeting Fee:** Members \$5.00 Non-members \$10.00  
**Host:** Selby Kostuik, Miele National Showroom Manager

Back by popular demand is our 3rd annual Food Trends Meeting, at the beautiful and spacious Miele Canadian Headquarters and Showroom in Vaughan. Moderated by **Alison Fryer** of The Cookbook Store, our confirmed panel of experts to date include: **Bonnie Stern, Wendy Blackwood, Jennifer McLagan, Rosanna Caira, and Lori Stahlbrand**

To RSVP for these events please contact **Nettie Cronish** at [cronurq@idirect.com](mailto:cronurq@idirect.com) or 416-483-7114, Monday to Friday 9 am - 5 pm