

ENCHANTED EVENING

Four Arts hosts anniversary gala with menu to match the theme

Brian Burns has to be the most sought-after dinner guest ever. Some people bring a bottle of wine; he brings *all* the wine. Like, a vineyard full.

Ask any of the 500 guests who attended The Society of the Four Arts' biennial dinner dance *One Enchanted Evening: In The Garden, Under The Stars, By The Sea* on Friday night.

Mary Davidson and Peggy Moore were chairwomen for the event, which celebrated the 75th anniversary of the Four Arts' renowned gardens — and, in case anybody forgot, an enormous lighted “75” turned atop a tall pole planted not far from where Franklin and Winston sit.

After cocktails in the garden, guests moved to the enormous clear tent, bathed in blue and pink and purple — or, delphinium, rose and violet in Garden-ese — light for a dinner of three courses, each named for Garden, Stars and Sea components of the theme. Ann'Z presented a Reach For the Stars first course of an organic vegetable tower, followed by a Garden of Delight (filet mignon and grilled portobello) main course, then a Sea of Sweet Enchantment baked Alaska dessert.

And the wine...dee-vine.

The 2007 Lassegue-St. Emilion Bordeaux and the 2008 Windracer chardonnay were flown in by Burns from his Jackson Family vineyards. That's right, his vineyard. Finally, a man with an endless capacity to whisper in our ear the three little words that make our heart race: “Want more wine?”

The guest list was cut down to 500 this year, and a good thing too, else the dance floor would not have been big enough for the mob of Fred and Gingers who decided to ply their terpsichorean ways to the music of Bob Hardwick and his big, big band. Why, there was more fancy footwork than every congressional session since the Taft administration.

Not that we would know.

Seen: **Bill and Jane Told, Britty Bardes and John Punnett, Kate Gubelmann, David Ober, Kit Pannill, Ann and Philip Ruppe, Deborah and Chuck Royce, Liz and John Schuler, Joyce and Bob Sterling, Adolfo Zaralegui and Jimmy Borynack, Barb and Bill Harbach, Susy and Ed Elson, Alfy and Raysa Fanjul, Helene and Stanley Karp, Ann and Charlie Johnson, Helen and Walter Ross, Pat Cook and Bob Nederlander, Michele and Howard Kessler, Frannie Scaife and Tom McCarter**, and a whole bunch more who know that an enchanted evening in Palm Beach is better than an enchanted evening anywhere else.

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