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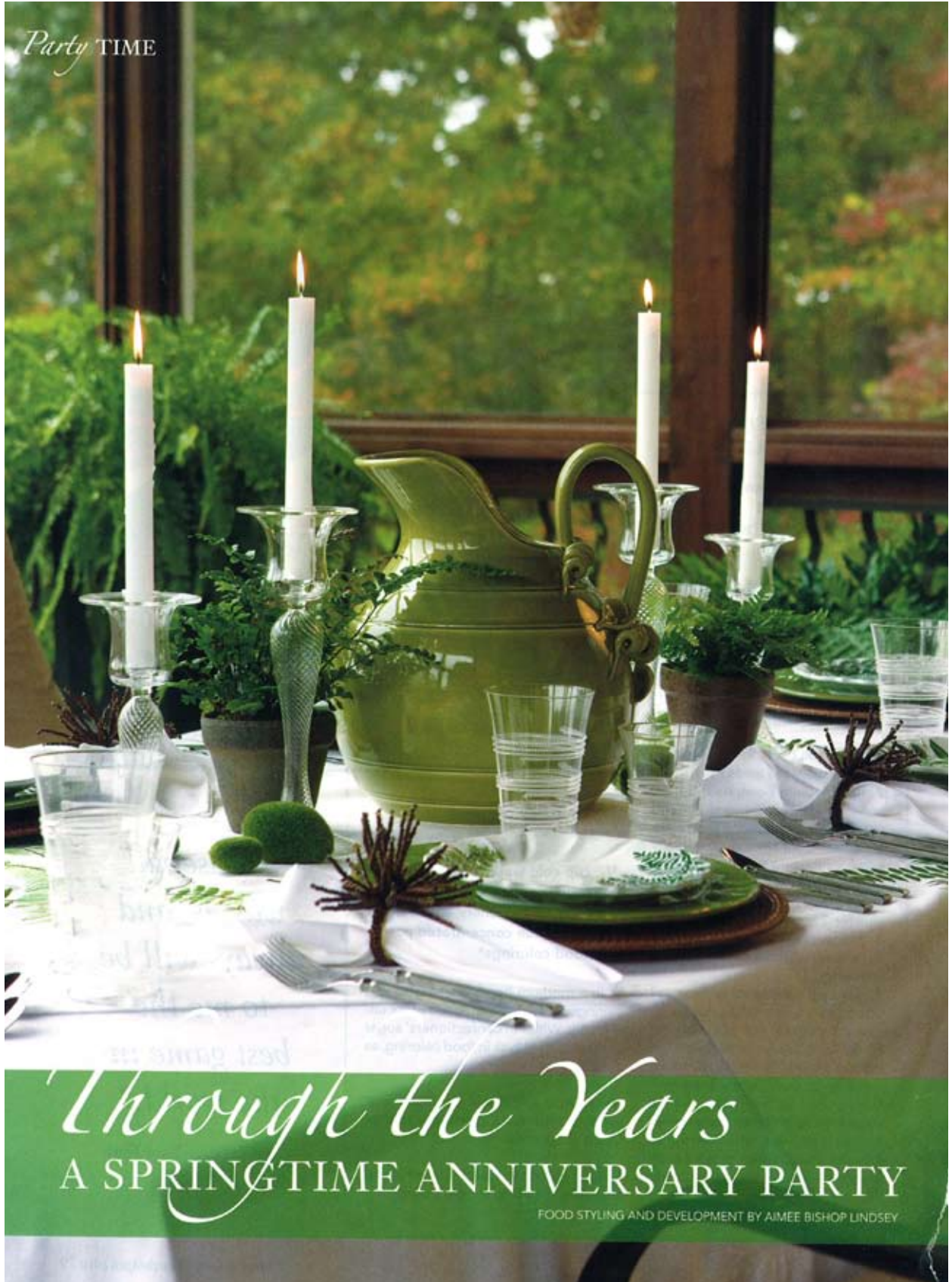
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Party TIME



Through the Years

A SPRINGTIME ANNIVERSARY PARTY

FOOD STYLING AND DEVELOPMENT BY AIMEE BISHOP LINDSEY

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Tropical Tea Punch

Makes about 4½ quarts

- 2 quarts cold water
- 6 family-size tea bags
- 1 cup sugar
- 8 cups pineapple-orange juice
- 1½ cups pineapple-flavored rum
- ½ cup orange-flavored liqueur
- ¼ cup vodka
- Garnish: pineapple wedges, orange spirals

1. In a medium saucepan, bring water to a boil. Remove from heat, and add tea bags; cover, and steep for 5 minutes.
2. Strain tea into a large container, and stir in sugar until dissolved. Add pineapple-orange juice, pineapple rum, orange liqueur, and vodka; stir to mix well. Cover, and chill. Serve chilled or over ice. Garnish with pineapple wedges and orange spirals, if desired.

Art in Action

Create presentations that delight guests and leave lasting impressions by focusing on details. If you serve a special beverage like our Tropical Tea Punch, consider adding a garnish to the glass. We added a wedge of pineapple and an orange spiral, easily made with a channel knife or zester and a little bit of gumption. Approach the tablescape in the same way—with some clever arranging and layering, you can craft an artful setting that reflects your personal style and enhances the party's visual impact.



“Our wedding was many years ago. The celebration continues to this day.” —Gene Perret

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The Look of Love

For a milestone anniversary, the celebration should be both meaningful and memorable. Display photographs to create a visual timeline of the couple's happiest moments. Commission a cake that reflects the green theme, and ask the baker to mimic a design from the fern frond salad plates; this makes the confection an extra party decoration as well as an edible work of art. The table accessories, a lovely pitcher and candlesticks, can be presented to the couple post-party to commemorate the special night.



Lasting love is wonderful indeed. When a couple reaches a milestone anniversary, it presents the opportunity for a truly special celebration. Drawing from the timeless beauty found in the great outdoors, host a dinner to honor the man and wife who have stayed true to the commitment they made so many years ago.

Nature's lush and picturesque landscape provides the perfect backdrop for such a party, so stage the scene on a screened porch or patio. Rely on white linens for the right measure of ease and elegance, and look to shades of green to signify the couple's growth through the years. Leaf-motif accents, such as an embroidered tablecloth and artful salad plates, act as subtle reminders that the relationship is healthy and thriving. Add to the ambiance by placing ferns throughout the entertaining space, and rely on the glow of candlelight to bring in a hint of romance. With amorous strains of Nat King Cole filling the air, the hand-in-hand lovebirds gazing into each other's eyes, and incredibly delicious crab cakes (see page 82 for recipe) starting the dining experience, the night promises to be one that is unforgettable in every way.



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