

SANDY SPRING FRIENDS SCHOOL



COMMUNITY

DINNERS

WHAT ARE THE COMMUNITY DINNERS?

In 2016, the Celebrating SPICES Auction included intimate themed dinners offered by members of the community. Designed to be community-building events as much as auction items, the dinners were centered around themes chosen by the hosts who coordinated dates, opened their homes, and covered the costs of their gatherings. Guests bid on individual spots at each dinner—sometimes in coordination with other guests, and sometimes independently of each other. We are excited to bring these gatherings back to Celebrating SPICES 2018!

HOW DO THE COMMUNITY DINNERS WORK?

Hosts select a theme (e.g., Italian, desserts, Tartine, picnic lunch, Indian, wine pairings, vegan, etc.) and three possible dates for the gathering, then complete and submit the [SPICES Community Dinner Donation Form](#). Community Dinners are included in the online auction, where interested guests can purchase individual spaces for \$30 per seat. Once all the seats at a gathering have been purchased the gathering is closed. After the online auction closes on May 16 the hosts will reach out to the winning guests to select which of the three offered dates the gathering will be held.

MORE INFORMATION

How many spaces should be available for a Community Dinner? This is up to the hosts, although 8-10 guests is a common number.

Do the Community Dinners have to be dinners? No—they can be any meal! The theme and food are entirely up to the hosts.

How is the date of a Community Dinner decided? Hosts offer three possible dates in the event description on the understanding that the gathering could happen on any one of those dates. After the online auction has closed, the host coordinates with winning bidders to select one of the three offered dates.

QUESTIONS?

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