

# **Creative Colorado TableSetting/Scaping 2021 General Information**

## **Goals and Aims: *Creativity, Inspiration, and Fun***

The TableSetting/Scapings competition is a fundraiser for the Museum organized by the Museum Friends, and supports museum programs, events and publications.

Moreover, it is also a way of showcasing the ingenuity and talents inherent in our local community and having a good time doing it.

This year, we hope you will find inspiration and delight for your table design and menu in the theme: *Amazing Women Then and Now!*

## **Our Venue**

The Dunraven at Estes Park Resort has generously volunteered to host this year's table setting competition. Assistance will be provided Friday to help you transport your boxes into the resort for setup. The resort will furnish tables and **tablecloths. Each table will be 8' long and 29 inches wide, and each entrant will have the use of one half of it (48 inches by 29 inches). All table settings/scapings must fit within your allotted space.**

**Major sponsors will have the choice of a cocktail table to advertise their business.**

## **Use of the Theme:**

All table design and menu choices must be **relevant to this year's contest theme, and creativity is encouraged.** Select a setting for two people, and then choose the dinnerware, flatware and glassware appropriate for serving the meal. Centerpieces and framed stories can also be used to amplify the impact of your design and serve as another way to link your setting to the contest theme.

## **Menu Display:**

Please provide a framed menu that lists all courses and food items to be served in this hypothetical setting. Try to describe as specifically as possible the preparation of foods included, i.e., "roast turkey" rather than "turkey;" "scalloped potatoes" instead of "potatoes," etc.

### **Table-top issues:**

The resort will provide a tablecloth for each table, but you may want to cover this with one your own as well. Your dinnerware (china, pottery, plates, bowls, cups and saucers, etc.), flatware (silver, wood, stainless, iron, etc. knives, forks and spoons) and glassware (water goblets, wine glasses, etc.) should be consistent with the food items being served. (Please identify china, flatware, and crystal patterns if known.)

Consult the specific requirements for the category you are selecting: Formal in Tablesetting, Informal in Tablesetting or Freestyle in Tablescaping. All Tablescaping will be freestyle. This allows the participant(s) to express their own ideas on how to carry out the theme in their presentation.

Actual food items and lighted candles are **prohibited**. Battery operated candles etc. are permitted. Fresh flowers for centerpieces are **preferred** to artificial ones, though many other items (pine cones, flags, etc.) can be used to enhance the theme.

Additional information and sample displays will be offered on **Sunday, September 12, 2021 at 2:00 PM at the Museum**. Everyone is invited to this meeting, affectionately known as **Tablesetting 101**. This meeting will also offer an opportunity for potential participants to register for the November event.