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# Social Studies: 'Art' of etiquette takes center stage



Last night, French luxury company Christofle taught a handful of Hub socials a thing or two about manners. The Art of the Table dinner, held at Liquid Art House in Boston, brought together local art, media, design and culture experts for a four-course meal by LAH chef **Rachel Klein**.

Christofle brand ambassador and Miami store manager **Justin Trabert** presented lessons on entertaining and dining etiquette, ranging from the correct usage of flatware to the preferred method for setting a table.

"This event is all about why it's important to know how entertain in your home," Trabert said.

Dining divas included glam octogenarian **Doris Yaffe**, architect **Dartagnan Brown**, "This Old House" designer **Christine Tuttle**, James Beard Foundation "Taste" columnist **Saba Wahid**, hospitality consultant **Bill Emery**, event producer and former pageant impresaria **AJ Williams** and Urbanspoon food blogger **Debbie Grubstein**.

At first, the "lessons" seemed a tad condescending (I already have table manners, thank you) and perhaps a fun excuse for Christofle to market their new kiosk at the restaurant. I did, however, (despite the noisy background) learn a thing or two from Trabert:

"True etiquette was never intended to make anyone uncomfortable, it was a set of rules for the hostess so she could entertain and make everyone feel comfortable." Thanks, Monsieur Manners.

Style stars:

- Real estate consultant **Paul Miller**, in a custom-made shirt from India, madras Beacon Hill bowtie, **Jack Spade** blazer, shorts by Scotch and **Ralph Lauren** loafers.
- Event and botanical designer **Sarah Anne DiNardo**, in a metallic dress from Anthropologie's new wedding collection, sparkly pumps from Barney's, new Aldo clutch and vintage baubles.

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