

# FROM A TO ZEEF



Designer Mark Zeff, founder  
of the Black Barn lifestyle brand,  
fires up the Alabama Joe for friends  
and family in the Northwest Woods

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Designer Mark Zeff takes five before friends arrive at his "Black Barn" home for a summer feast (THIS PAGE). He is also a partner, with his wife, Kristen, and head chef, John Doherty, in Manhattan's Black Barn Restaurant. See Resources.



The kitchen table (opposite) served as a prep station. Fresh clams, endive, and potatoes *confit* await their close-up (this page), along with a pre-set table and place cards, hand-drawn by Zeff's daughters, Wyeth and Saffron.

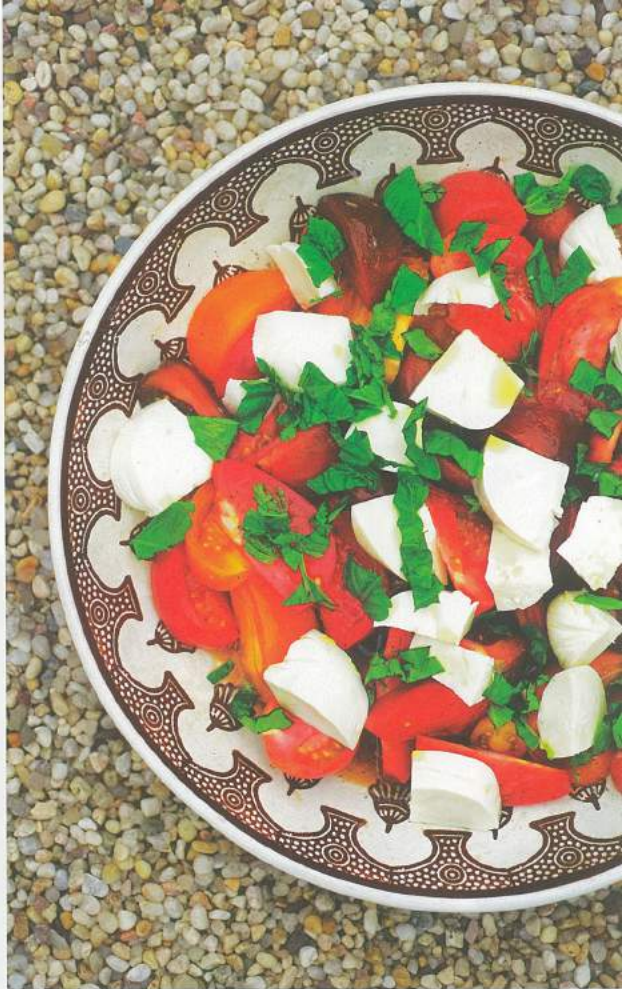








Garlic cloves get loosened up for the grill with a little olive oil and thyme (see page). Chef John Doherty (OPPOSITE BOTTOM LEFT) manned the hulking Alabama Joe, accommodating grilled veggies, rotisserie chicken, freshly caught striped bass, and dry-aged rib-eye steaks. Saffron Zeff (OPPOSITE TOP RIGHT) served as sous chef for dessert. Kristen Zeff's place card (OPPOSITE BOTTOM RIGHT) bears a giraffe drawing, part of the safari-themed evening.





Saffron and Wyeth set the table and play by the pool in advance of dinner (OPPOSITE TOP AND BOTTOM LEFT), while guests Lindsay and Jason Schlossberg, Jimmy Elliott, Frances Katzen, and Bob Fahrbach share a glass in the pea-gravel courtyard (OPPOSITE BOTTOM RIGHT). Guests also included Jenna Elliott (THIS PAGE TOP LEFT) and Jennifer Doherty (THIS IMAGE, in blue and white). After saying a toast, the group started with a fresh Caprese salad (OPPOSITE TOP RIGHT) and finished with berry shortcake (THIS PAGE TOP RIGHT).