

Dinner

First Course

Wild Mushroom Ravioli
with Porcini Broth

Second Course

Seared Duck Breast with Maple Glaze
on Parmesan Polenta

Third Course

Seared Japanese Scallops
on a puree of Leeks with
Leek Tumbleweeds

Fourth Course

Veal Medallions with Truffled Mashed
Potato, Truffle Au Jus and
Steamed Asparagus

Fifth Course

Lamb Rack with Garlic Corn Custard
and Steamed Broccoli Florets

Sixth Course

Cucumber-Wrapped Baby Greens with
Blood Orange Vinaigrette

Seventh Course

Goat Cheese Ice Cream with Pistachio,
Chamomile Praline with Truffles, Petit
Fours and Berries



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hot holidays

Each year, JDK Catering produces a "Christmas in September" open house to showcase holiday design and menus to its clients. Well before the event, David Everett, event planner and designer, spends time researching fashion and retail industries to uncover what is hot for the new season and put them into action at the event. Speaking with Everett in July, the *CommuniCater* got a sneak peek at what JDK will unveil this year.



It seems no matter where people are, they want to be home for the holidays. In that regard, lounge areas continue to be a huge trend all across the country.



This holiday design mixes cool blue with the warmth of natural elements such as birch.



Metals are back. Sleek lines, silver and chrome mirror society's acceptance of and fascination with technology while gold continues to be a symbol of opulence.

the colors

"Blue is still very popular," Everett says, "This year we will show it two ways. One way will be very sleek; adding silver, steel and chrome. And the other is more natural, adding birch 'trees' set along buffets at different heights. The addition of slate and a minimal amount of moss can take the look in other directions. The great thing about either look is it can extend into January and even summer so we make the design as cost-effective as possible."

the senses

Everett's best ideas come from looking into the windows of the country's top retail stores and through the magazines that write about them.

"This coming season," Everett says, "the top retailers are using scents to engage the customers. Verizon is going to smell like chocolate. The Hard Rock like waffle cones and Bloomingdale's like baby power. Scent machines are a great way to take holiday events to the next level by adding the smell of a crackling fire, baking cookies and fresh cut trees."



David Everett

David Everett won the Spotlight Award for Best New Rising Star at the at the Idea Factory this August.

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