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Look, Then Eat

You can buy your art and eat it, too, through Nov. 20 at Freemans, Freeman Alley (off Rivington Street near the Bowery). The chef, Jean Adamson, will prepare a spice cake with bourbon caramel cream in the shape of a teddy bear designed by Serkan Ozkaya, a Turkish artist, for \$10. The dish will be sold as a work of art meant to be consumed, with the whole thing an exercise in performance art as part of a citywide series of events sponsored by Performa 07, a nonprofit group. Reservations: (212) 420-0012.

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Day of the Dead

Bring on the skulls! Celebrate the skeletons! The Mexican Day of the Dead festivities on the grounds of St. Mark's Church in-the-Bowery, 131 East 10th Street, have been organized by Mano a Mano, a group that supports Mexican culture, with workshops at the church from 6 to 8 p.m. today in making sugar skulls and baking pan de muertos, the special bread. Mexican food will be sold. Information: (212) 580-3070 or manoamano.us.

A cooking demonstration for Day of the Dead specialties will be given Saturday at 10 a.m., followed by lunch at Rosa Mexicano at [Lincoln Center](#), 61 Columbus Avenue (62nd Street). Reservations, \$55: (212) 397-0666, ext. 27.

Chocolate and More

As if three days of chocolate at next week's Chocolate Show will not be enough, the Institute of Culinary Education, 50 West 23rd Street, is offering several courses. On Monday an array of chocolate recipes will be taught. On Tuesday the course will cover old-fashioned chocolate desserts. Each course, from 6 to 10:30 p.m., is \$95. And on Nov. 9, to benefit City Harvest, a class in chocolate truffle making will be held from 6 to 10 p.m., \$100, with \$80 to the charity (a check payable to City Harvest will cover that portion of the fee). Information and registration: (888) 582-2433, or [iceculinary.com](#).

The annual chocolate show will start Nov. 8, from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m., at Metropolitan Pavilion, 125 West 18th Street, with a tasting and fashion show to benefit City Harvest. Tickets are \$200. On Nov. 9 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Nov. 10 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and

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Nov. 11 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., the chocolate show, with scores of exhibitors, tastings, chocolate products for sale, cooking demonstrations and children's activities, will be held for the 10th year. Tickets for general admission Nov. 9 to 11 are \$28 for adults; free for children under 5; and free for up to two children 5 to 12, then \$8 for each additional child. Tickets are available from ticketmaster.com. General admission tickets will be sold at the door.

From Nov. 4 to 11 restaurants and shops throughout the city will feature chocolate specialties and tastings.

Tasting chocolate may be a joy unto itself, with no instruction needed, but there is technique involved. Gilles Marchal, the new creative director of La Maison du Chocolat, will give a demonstration of what it entails, free, tomorrow from 3 to 6 p.m. at 30 Rockefeller Plaza (49th Street).

Austria and the Maremma

You'll have to wrap your tongue around names like blaifränkisch and grüner veltliner at a four-course Austrian wine menu on Monday with seatings starting at 5:30 p.m. at August, 359 Bleecker Street (Charles Street), \$75 plus tax and a 20 percent tip, (212) 929-8727.

The chefs from five top restaurants in the Maremma, the coastal region of Tuscany, will be in New York from Nov. 5 to 9, preparing dinners at Osteria del Circo, Le Cirque, Del Posto, Ristorante Maremma and San Domenico, with wines from 10 wineries; maremmawineandfood.com. **Benefits**

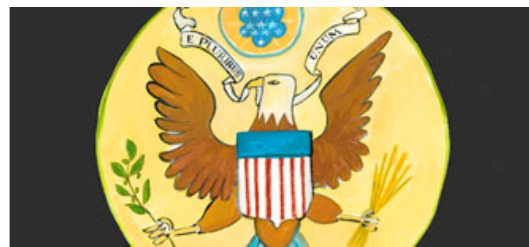
Downing slabs of steak and other red meat from several New York restaurants on Tuesday from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Strata, 915 Broadway (21st Street), may not benefit the cholesterol count, despite unlimited red wine, but the walk-around tasting will raise money for the American Institute of Wine and Food's Days of Taste, an educational program for fourth- and fifth-grade students. Tickets, \$100 for members, \$115 for nonmembers, from (866) 562-7263 or kobrandevents.com.

Instead of sitting down to dinner, from 7 to 10 p.m. on several nights in coming weeks you can cook it at the French Culinary Institute, 462 Broadway (Grand Street), and participate in fund-raisers for Help USA, which works with the homeless. Classes in holiday dinner menus will be given Nov. 7 and 14, and Dec. 7. Holiday desserts will be taught Nov. 12 and 15, and Dec. 6. Each evening will be \$450, with \$200 going to the charity; (800) 280-0073 or helpusa.org.

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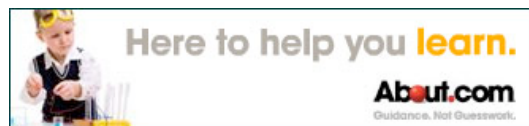
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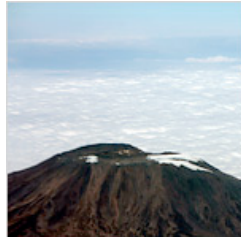


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