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## And the Nominees Are...

Cuisine enthusiasts will be inducted into Culinary Hall of Fame April 16

**Who:** Epicureans and business professionals who have helped establish the hospitality industry in Arizona as one of the best in the nation. Presented by the nonprofit Scottsdale League for the Arts (SLA)

**What:** The 2009 Scottsdale Culinary Festival presents the Oscars of the culinary world: the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Arizona Culinary Hall of Fame Awards Dinner.

Paparazzi, a red carpet entrance, prestigious culinary aficionados along with glitz and glam will prevail at the Wrigley Mansion as this highly esteemed event inducts influential chefs, food writers, industry promoters and culinary icons into the Arizona Culinary Hall of Fame. This occasion is amongst the most prestigious events in Arizona. The nominees are selected by their peers and the winners will be announced at the dinner.

### Nominees:

**Culinary Media Master:** A food critic or involved in culinary programs that receive media exposure

**Karen Fernau** – *Arizona Republic*

**Paula Wolfert** – Author of *Couscous and Other Good Food From Morocco, Mediterranean Cooking*, and *Paula Wolfert's World of Food*.

**Gwen Ashley Waters** – *Arizona Republic, Edible Phoenix, Phoenix Magazine*

**Carey Sweet** – *Arizona Republic, Phoenix Magazine*

**Culinary Chef Extraordinaire:** Outstanding chef that has contributed substantial hours to charity

**Chef Lee Hillson** – T. Cooks

**Chef Nobua Fukoda** – Sea Saw

**Chef Matt Carter** – Zinc Bistro

**Chef Michael Rusconi** – Lon's at the Hermosa

**Culinary Ambassador:** Promotes tourism, hotels and resorts and locations within Arizona  
**Sam Fox** – Owner of Blanco, Bloom, Chloe's Corner, The Greene House, NoRTH, Olive and Ivy, and True Food Kitchen

**Jeff Barba** – Director of Food & Beverage, Westin Kierland Resort

**Guy Villavaso** – Owner of Wildfish, Eddie V's, and Roaring Fork

**Peter Kasperski** – Owner of Sea Saw, Digestif, Kazmierz, Mexican Standoff, Shell Shock and Cowboy Ciao.

**Life Achievement Award:** Dennis Mastro, founder of Mastro's Restaurants

Tickets for the dinner are \$125 before March 6<sup>th</sup> and \$150 after March 6<sup>th</sup>. They can be purchased at [www.ScottsdaleCulinaryFestival.org](http://www.ScottsdaleCulinaryFestival.org). For more information call the Scottsdale League office at 480.945.7193.

**When:** Thursday, April 16  
6:30 p.m.

**Where:** Wrigley Mansion  
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Phoenix, AZ 85016  
602-955-4079  
[www.wrigleymansionclub.com](http://www.wrigleymansionclub.com)

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