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A PERFECTLY PLANNED PARTY STARTS WITH A SPECTACULAR EAST END VENUE. BY ROBIN ROSS

c/o The Maidstone

General manager Sophie Boner Hindmarsh assists in creating sophisticated seated dinners, and the menu offers dishes such as gravlax, Toast Skagen, and meatballs. The house specialty drink is the "Stockmopolitan." 207 Main St., East Hampton,

Christopher Fischer Cashmere

324-5006; themaidstone.com

Create a private evening of shopping with an intimate event at Christopher Fischer Cashmere. The East Hampton store, a long-standing shopping venue for cozy cashmeres, also serves as a unique and "very Hamptons" event

space for many charities, says CEO Christopher Fischer. 67 Main St., East Hampton, 907-0900; christopher fischer.com

East Hampton Grill

This classic American eatery is perfect for hosting a private luncheon or wine tasting. Its extensive wine list includes bottles from local vineyards such as Bedell, Lieb, and Peconic Bay. 99 N. Main St., East Hampton, 329-6666; easthamptongrill.com

East Hampton Studio

This state-of-the-art Wainscott studio is large enough to suit the needs of special productions such as art and



fashion shows. "East Hampton Studio is like no other space on the East End," says Sean Dalton of Ocean Sound and Light, which produces events with the venue. "Its size and adaptability make it unique unto itself." 75 Industrial Road, Wainscott, 965-0050; easthamptonstudio.com

Navy Beach

Situated on a private beach with the

best sunsets in the Hamptons, Navy Beach is Montauk's prized gem when it comes to weddings. "Couples can enjoy a beach wedding with all the amenities of a restaurant at their fingertips," says general manager Franklin Ferguson. The family-style dining format allows guests to try all of the award-winning fare. 16 Navy Road, Montauk, 668-6868; navybeach.com





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The Palm at the Huntting Inn

Steak and lobster lovers choose this clubby steak house for private dinners. With its impossible reservation wait list and lovely open porch, it is an alluring spot for intimate parties. 94 Main St., East Hampton, 324-0411; thepalm.com

Hamptons Players Club

"The Hamptons has been screaming for a place like the Hamptons Players Club to finally open," says Frank Cilione, managing partner of the new haunt, which features the East End's first patio beer garden, a lounge for private events, and a polo-themed dining room. The space "offers three completely different areas, offering a truly special and unique event venue."

103 Montauk Hwy.,

East Hampton, 324-1663;

Serafina

This yellow and white Italian oasis plays host to Northern Italian cocktail parties for up to 100 guests. Serafina's signature dishes include pizza with decadent ingredients like caviar and black truffle, as well as hors d'oeuvres such as calamari and Carpaccio.

104 N. Main St.,

East Hampton, 267-3500; serafinarestaurant.com

hamptonsplayersclub.com

SL East

With a new audio system and outdoor bar, SL East, from EMM Group, is ready to host any number of welcome-back-to-the-Hamptons soirées. The celebrated lounge "is an extension of our Manhattan spot, SL, [and] caters to the same caliber of celebrities, VIPs, and rotating DJs," says EMM Group's Pavan Pardasani.

44 Three Mile Harbor Road, East Hampton, 212-627-1235; emmgroupinc.com

Tutto Il Giorno

Tutto II Giorno delivers an enchanted dining experience. A dozen guests can dine intimately under a beautiful crystal chandelier that is the entire length of the table in this Tuscan courtyard.

6 Bay St., Sag Harbor, 725-7009;
56 Nugent St., Southampton,
377-3611 H

STORIED WALLS

Stone Creek Inn's appeal is in the building's past.

Originally built as a private home in 1910, the quaint structure-now home to the Stone Creek Inn-at one time served as a speakeasy and later as an inn before settling on its current niche as a celebrated restaurant and party venue. The space exudes a modern. French flair and is well suited for elegant, private dinners. The inn's restaurant, run by husband-and-wife team Elaine DiGiacomo and chef Christian Mir. serves reliable French Mediterranean fare presented gracefully, such as foie gras terrine, rabbit fricassée, and scallops Provençale. "After 16 years, we are known for consistency," says DiGiacomo. 405 Montauk Hwy., East Quogue, 653-6770: stonecreekinn.com

