

THE CULINARY CLASSROOM *With* LINDA & MIKE BELL



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Chef Linda Bell invited some of the Wyomissing Neighbors creative team to her home in Reading where she teaches couples, groups and special parties about some of the finer points and techniques of gourmet cooking that anyone can use in their everyday life.

In their large and well-equipped kitchen, Linda and Mike create a welcoming and fun environment to cook, learn, eat and laugh together. Her classes feature instruction on how to prepare wonderful dishes predominantly of the Mediterranean and French cuisines. Classes vary from specific topics such as making your own pizza in an outdoor brick wood fire over that Mike built himself, to themed classes focusing on a particular geography and regional cuisine such as "An Evening in Tuscany, or French Bistro." Linda Bell said, "In all our classes, you will learn that great cooking is not just about following recipes but about technique, quality and freshness of the food. But most importantly, we want people to take something away from the class that will improve what they cook at home. We also want them to have a good time and relax with us."



Linda and Mike Bell.



Wyomissing Neighbors team photo.



Chef Linda Bell.



Eggs benedict, crepes with fruit and whipped cream and poached salmon.



For our Wyomissing Neighbors team, Linda led us in preparing a Mother's Day Spring Brunch. We all learned the fine points of poaching eggs for eggs benedict, we all made crepe batter and swirled it in Linda's perfectly sized crepe pans, and we poached salmon for the main dish. Carla Guss said, "I had a wonderful time. I agree with Linda's philosophy of using good quality, healthy foods. There is always something to learn and Mike and Linda are such an adorable couple to be with."

Mike Bell said, "It's amazing the amount of time Linda puts into developing and preparing for one of the classes. We have to practice and time the class so all the preparation and cooking all comes together at the right time at the end for everyone to eat and enjoy what they just created. I am always impressed with Linda's attention to detail." Linda and Mike are both retired educators and their enthusiasm to teach and share has a special level of passion – a passion for great food! To sign up for Linda's classes, visit her website www.theculinaryclassroom.com or call 610-374-2674.