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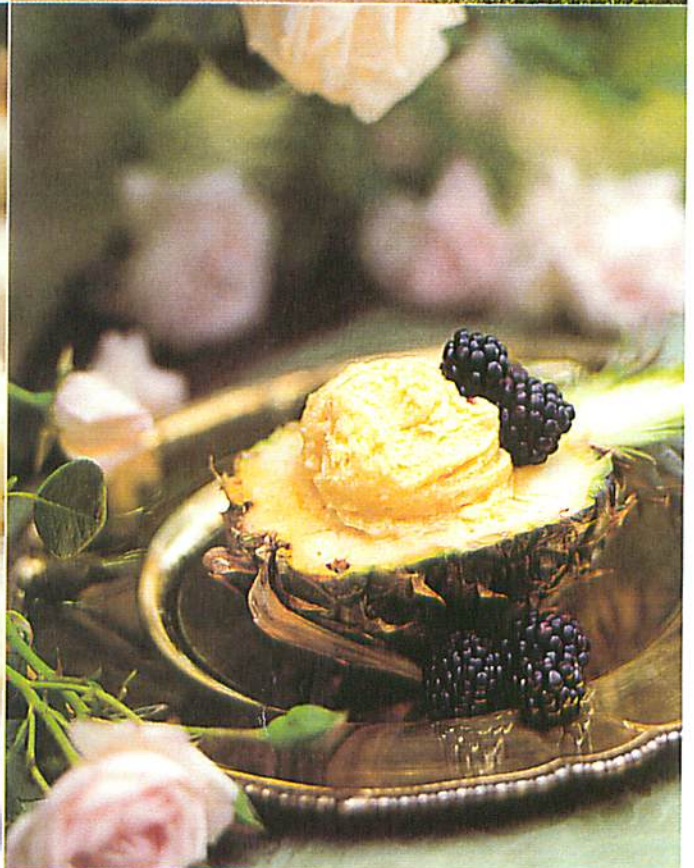
By Cricket Burns



*F*ashion designer Josephine Sasso and caterer Peter Callahan have a marriage made in style heaven. Their combined client list reads like a Who's Who of socialites, artists, writers, and high-powered captains of industry. They are each, in their respective arts, renowned for their ability to attend to the personalized needs of their well-heeled clients.

Sasso, who was taught to sew in her childhood by her nanny, unveiled her first creation at the age of 10. Today, her continuously updated "Silhouette System," which is based on 50 styles of tops, pants, skirts, dresses and jackets, allows for effortless mixing and matching. Her classic silhouettes range from sexy sculpted tops to cigarette or palazzo pants, from ankle-grazing skirts to easy shift dresses.

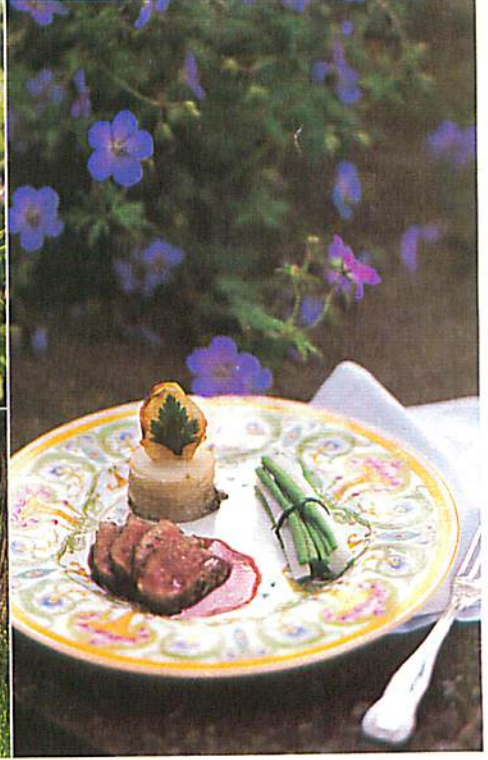
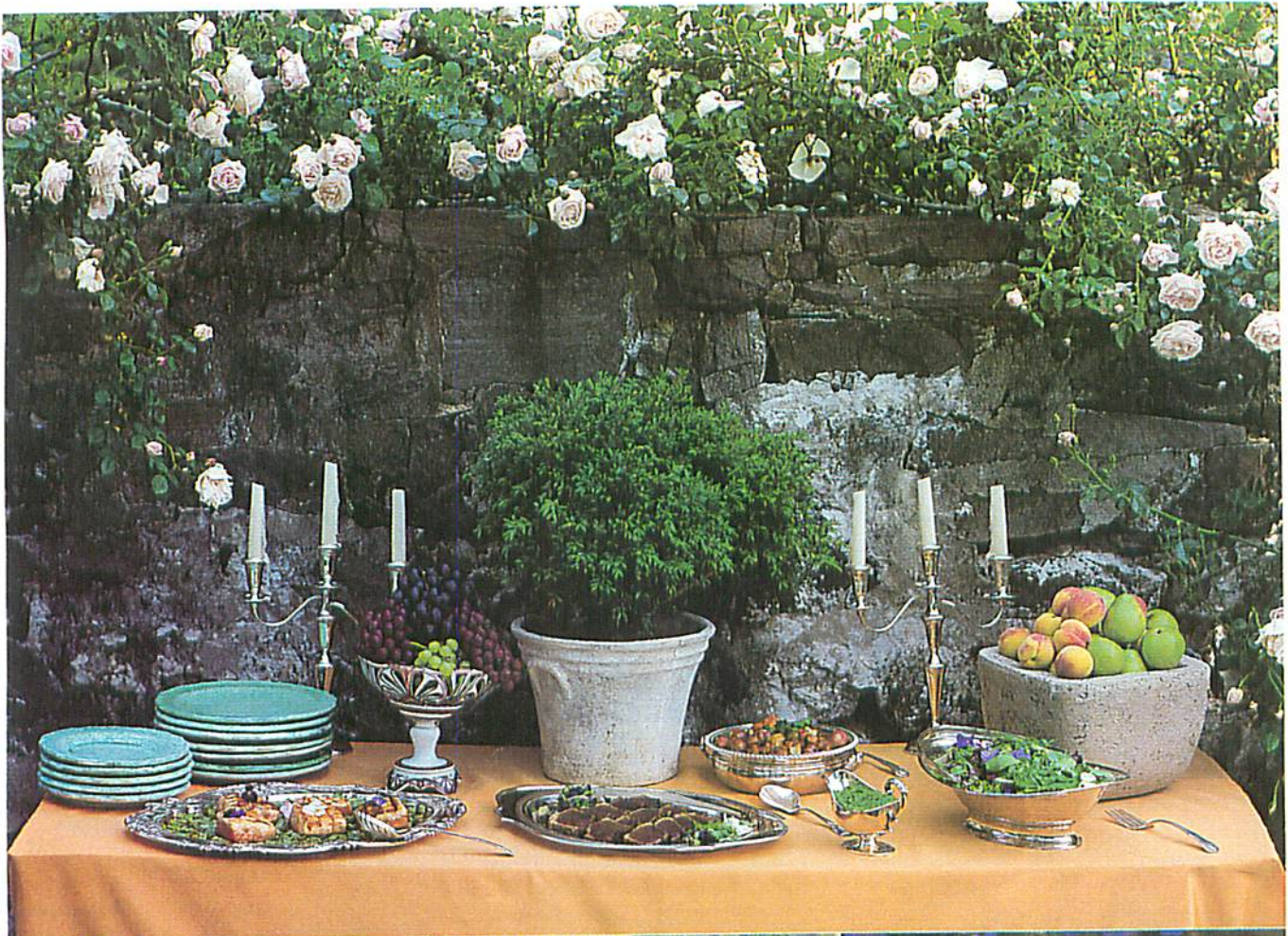
Top: Summer raspberry pudding with wild blackberries served on a sterling silver cake stand. Bottom: Iced summer fruits served on a sterling silver compote dish. Also shown, a sterling silver loving cup and ice bucket from the Sasso family collection.



launched a formal collection in 1986. Her creations are shown at private trunk shows in such tony towns as Nantucket, Southampton, Greenwich, Newport, Palm Beach, Lake Forest, and Grosse Pointe. Today, she has representatives in key cities around the country to manage growing sales. Sasso attends these shows whenever possible to provide her personal input. She also has published a

catalogue and, in 1987, opened her first retail boutique at 226 East 78th Street in Manhattan. **A**

Clockwise from top left: Herb-crusted tuna served on a Gorham sterling silver platter. Silk poppy print top and fishtail skirt. Miniature pineapple filled with mango mousse, topped with blackberries, served on a Bailey, Banks & Biddle gold charger plate. Risotto cakes topped with shaved truffles served on a Hamilton and Deisinger sterling silver platter.



Clockwise from top: A rose-framed garden buffet by Callahan Catering, with a handmade table drape in tangerine by Josephine Sasso. Loin of spring lamb with a cherry demi-glace, potato lyonnaise and bundles of haricot vert and daikon served on antique Royal Worcester china. Peter Callahan surveys the scene. Baby pink satin bustier with a four-layer ballgown skirt. Josephine Sasso in one of her creations. All food by Callahan Catering. All fashions by Josephine Sasso. Food photography by Aaron Warkov. Fashion photography by Julie Skarratt. Hair and makeup by Kristina Foreman of Mark Edward Inc.