

## Local food brokerage goes Green

A Miami Valley company, Green Nature Marketing, is at the forefront of the burgeoning Green Movement by creating the Midwest's only foodservice brokerage model that exclusively represents manufacturers of organic food items and a complete line of foodservice compostable packaging.

Established about three years ago, Green Nature Marketing has seen its revenues double every year. Green Nature President and Oakwood resident Mario Parisi notes that colleges/universities, hospitals, convention centers, casinos and other foodservice organizations are sourcing and using the products through their normal distribution supply chains.

"We are more than a broker as we work hard and consult with end users to be a thorough sustainability resource for their foodservice operations," Parisi said. This includes working with them to help

transition from being a "throw-away" operation to a "zero-waste" operation.

Parisi points out that this often is not an easy transition and is an educational process. "However, people are embracing the new sustainability growth that our society is experiencing," he said.

Of representing the manufacturer, Green Nature Marketing does not deliver the product or take ownership in it. They contact potential manufacturers as well as communicate with suppliers who contact them first to represent their lines. He and his staff have several decades of distribution sales and management experience.

"This is an explosive industry that is far more than a trend," Parisi elaborated. "It is now mainstream, and will continue to be much more prevalent in the next three to five years." For example, he predicts there will be more organic food options on everyone's menu - from

fine dining to schools. Essentially, as manufacturers expand their product lines, greater variety will result in more sales.

Food items include national farm co-ops such as Organic Valley, Organic Prairie, and others that supply everything from organic eggs, cheese, meat, vegetables, butter, and milk. Green Nature also represents a meat alternative line by the name of Pure Vegetarian, which offers a great selection of soy-based products that taste and feel so close to the meat protein that consumers usually don't notice they are enjoying a soy-based product.

"This work is gratifying not just because of the potential for growth," Parisi concluded. "Every day we get to see tangible results that benefit our society, environment, and economy, and create new jobs, just when they are needed most!" For further information about Green Nature Marketing please call 937-534-0611.

## We Care Arts Cookie Walk Dec. 5

We Care Arts, 3035 Wilmington Pike in Kettering will be hosting its annual "Cookie Walk" Saturday, Dec. 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is the third year the organization will offer a large, varied assort-

ment of delightful and delicious cookies. Cookie lovers can buy any quantity, walking along the long display tables to make specific selections for \$5 a pound.

The Dayton community, corporate as well as individual,

school and church groups has contributed dozens and dozens of homemade goodies; all flavors, shapes and sizes.

The funds raised from the Cookie walk go to support the programs of We Care Arts.

## Oakwood women to hold holiday Open House

Oakwood residents Debbie Basnett, Dana Hookassian, Robin McMacken and Jean Winham will host a holiday Open House at their business, Vintage Scout Interiors, Dec. 10-12. The interior-design studio and retail boutique is located at 60 N. Main Street (48) in Centerville.


The women will serve refreshments each day from 10 to 6 p.m.

In addition, they will share decorating ideas for the holiday season. Everything in the store also will be 20-percent off for the three days.

"We want to give our customers a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere in which to do their holiday shopping," said McMacken. "They can enjoy a glass of spiced cider, some holiday treats and stroll through the studio, which

is full of fabulous ways to make a home simply smashing for the holidays and all the parties. We have some great hostess gifts as well."

For more information, contact Vintage Scout Interiors at (937) 312-9461. Regular store hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The website is [www.vintagescout.com](http://www.vintagescout.com).



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## Holiday Calendar of Events 2009

**Sun. Dec. 6th Holiday Cocktail Party & Bazaar 3:30 P.M.- 6:30 P.M.**  
Brian, Josef and Staff would like to invite you to come toast the Holidays and do a little holiday shopping in the process. We will have incredible wines and liqueurs at incredible value including: multiple vintages of the 5 first growths, a library list from Jean Louis Chave, Italian, vintage California, large format bottles, crystal decanters, assorted bobbles and fun gifts for the connoisseur in your life. Live Music and Hors D'oeuvres are complimentary.  
**Reservations are required so call Brian or Josef at 299-5536**

**Holiday Brunch at L'Auberge**  
Sunday December 13th 11:30A.M. - 3 P.M.  
& Sunday December 20th 11:30A.M. - 3P.M.  
Santa Claus for the Kids along with Leeann Kinner and her choir singers

**Brunch Buffet Menu**  
Eggs Benedict with Hollandaise, Quiches, A Seasonal Selection of Fresh Fruits and Cheeses, Smoked Salmon with Traditional Garnish, Shrimp Cocktail with Cocktail Sauce, Bacon and Smoked Sausage, Crispy Belgium Waffles with Maple-Truffle Syrup, Bakery Basket with assorted Breads and Breakfast Pastries, Black Angus Prime Rib Carving Station with Horseradish Aioli or Natural Jus.  
**Adults \$29.95 Kids 10 and under \$9.95**  
Brunch does not include soft drinks, coffee, tea or carryout. Reservations required

**Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Dinner 12 P.M.-6:30 P.M.**  
Please call for menu and reservations

**Dec. 31st New Years Eve Events at L'Auberge**  
Please call for seating times and menus for the Bistro and Main Dining Room  
For all information visit our web site at [www.laubergedayton.com](http://www.laubergedayton.com)

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