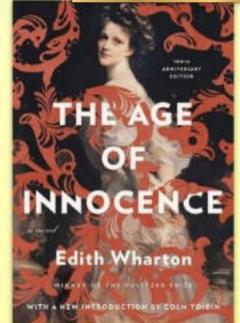
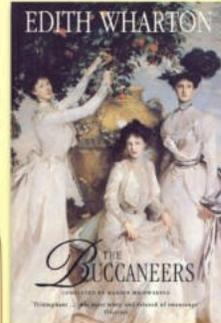
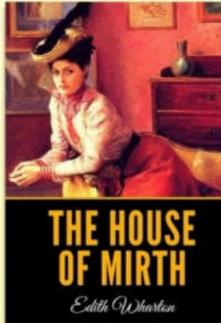
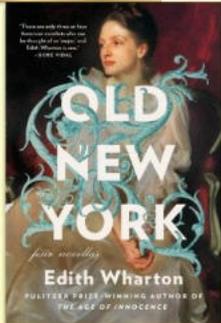


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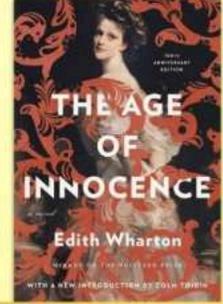
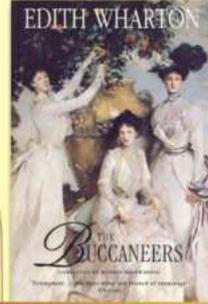
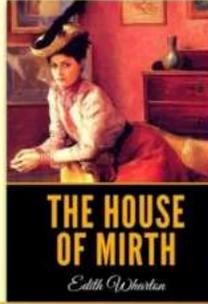
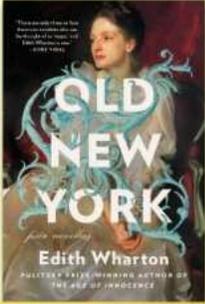
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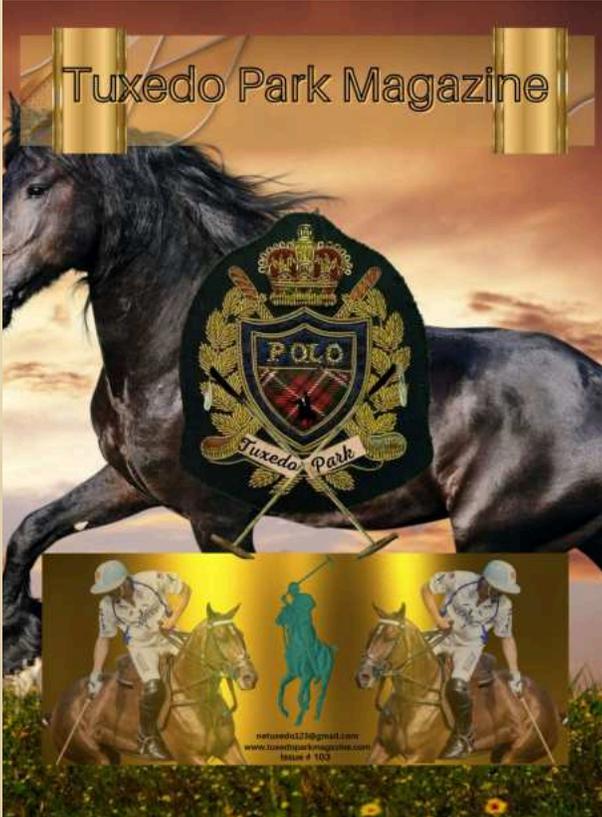
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Edith keenly observed the social changes happening around her, both in the city and Tuxedo Park, which she used later in her writing. She officially came out as a debutante to society in 1879. She was allowed to bare her shoulders and wear her hair up for the first time at a December dance given by a Society matron, Anna Morton. In Tuxedo Park, Edith was admired and popular, and was known to say to several, that she felt more comfortable in Tuxedo Park than anywhere else.

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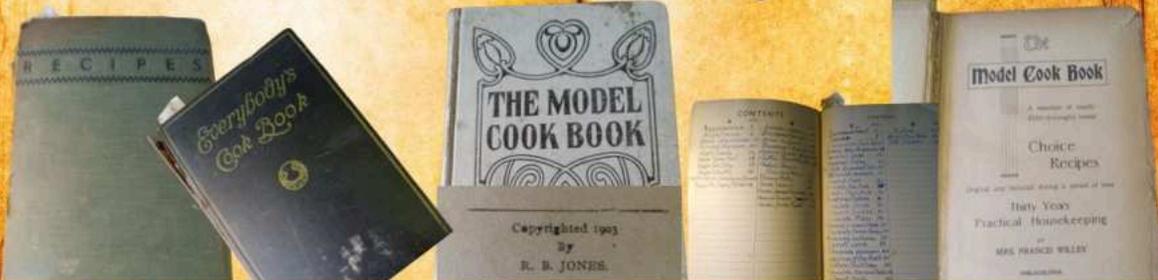
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Many wonderful stories of the grand women are also in our collection.

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Tuxedo Park's, The Attic Apron

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Deep within the mansion's attic, and beneath its eaves and rafters, boxes upon boxes of old books were discovered in a home on Tower Hill Road in Tuxedo Park. Within these boxes were several old cookbooks that dated back as far as 123 years.

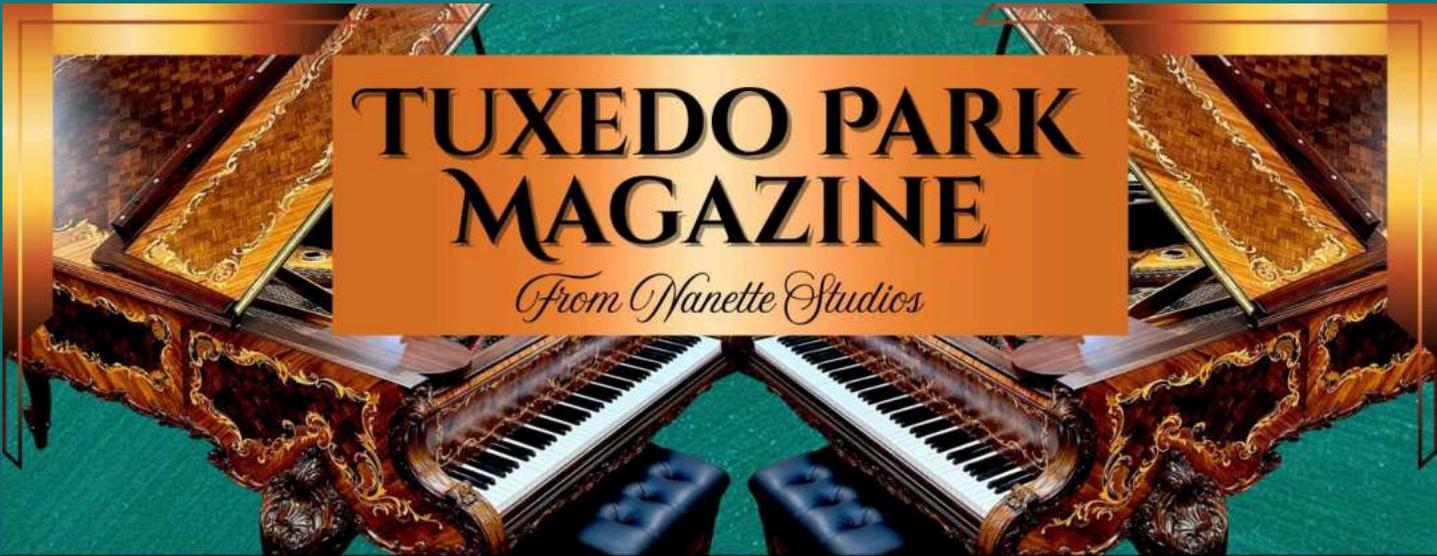
Being familiar with the house, and the kitchen not having changed much since the late eighteen hundreds when the home was built, it was easy to imagine these cookbooks in the same kitchen they were used in.

The home was still within the same family and memories of "Kat", the head cook, were in several journals and diaries shared with us from the same home. She was hired during the Gilded Age of Tuxedo Park, and was remembered for her fine food and gentle disposition. These books once graced this kitchen, and the butler's pantry. Chapters on etiquette, laying of the table, flower arranging, domestic tips, and of course, food.

Pages yellowed and frayed with notes in pencil, barely decipherable, had been untouched for over 100 years. These books came to life as the first pages were turned. Recipes for soup introduced most of the books. Soup prepared with every vegetable imaginable.

A sweet musty scent emanating from the pages, captured a time of historical magic. A time when food was not only for taste, but was used for medicinal value as well. With the preparation of good, wholesome food, dining was a festive event every day, every meal. Within this kitchen, looking through these cookbooks, a sensation of euphoric time-travel lends to the mood. Being where Kat spent so many hours of her life, cooking, baking, and ear marking the very pages of the books we hold, brings us one step closer to a world, someone else left behind. A time when the world slowed down...for food.

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Private Varnish

In Tuxedo Park, during the Gilded Age, many men had private railroad cars custom built to their specifications. Several from the Tuxedo Club and Tuxedo Park, even had their private railroad stations. Mr. Harriman, JP Morgan, Mr. Gould, George Baker and Pierre Lorillard, just to name a few who owned private rail cars.

There were various configurations, but the cars generally had an observation platform, a full kitchen, dining room, state rooms, secretary's room, and often servant's quarters. The Chicago-based Pullman Company produced a range of railroad car types, from dining cars and parlor cars. Pullman wanted to cater to his high-end clients with luxurious, hotel-like accommodations. The Pullman Company became known as a purveyor of private rail cars, an accommodation of choice for the very wealthy who wanted privacy and comfort. These private cars, which were attached to commercial passenger trains, were rolling mini mansions. The layout followed a general pattern. The back of the car had an observation deck followed by a parlor, and the parlor connected to a cluster of staterooms.

The cars would also be staffed by a team of people, including a steward, chef, and a personal assistant. Private cars would generally sleep eight to twelve people. The staterooms had queen-sized beds, and they often opened to bathrooms with marble showers and highly polished metal sinks. Most featured Cuban mahogany, along with brass light fixtures, zinc sinks, and rich upholstery.

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When one's private estate, was one's world

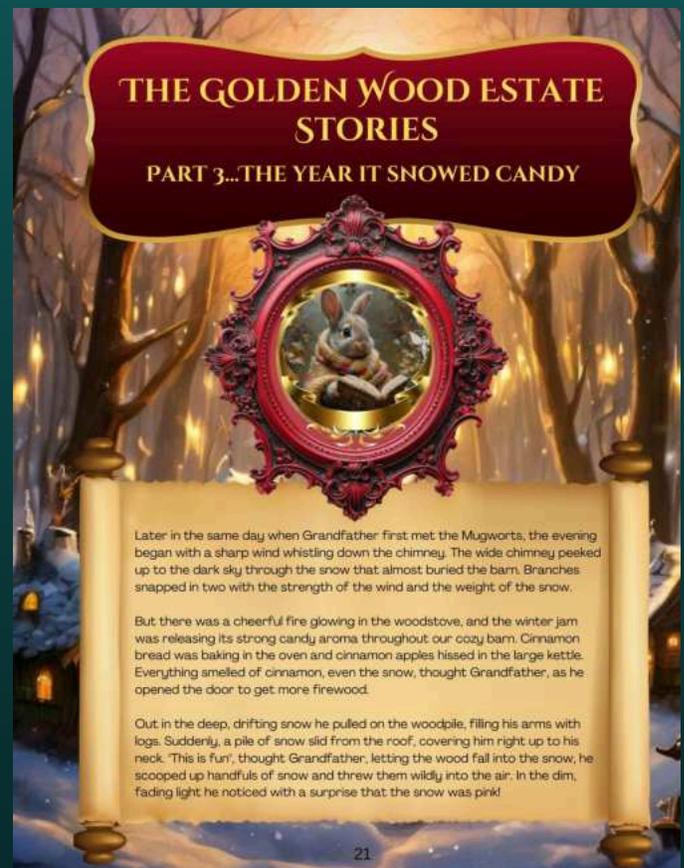
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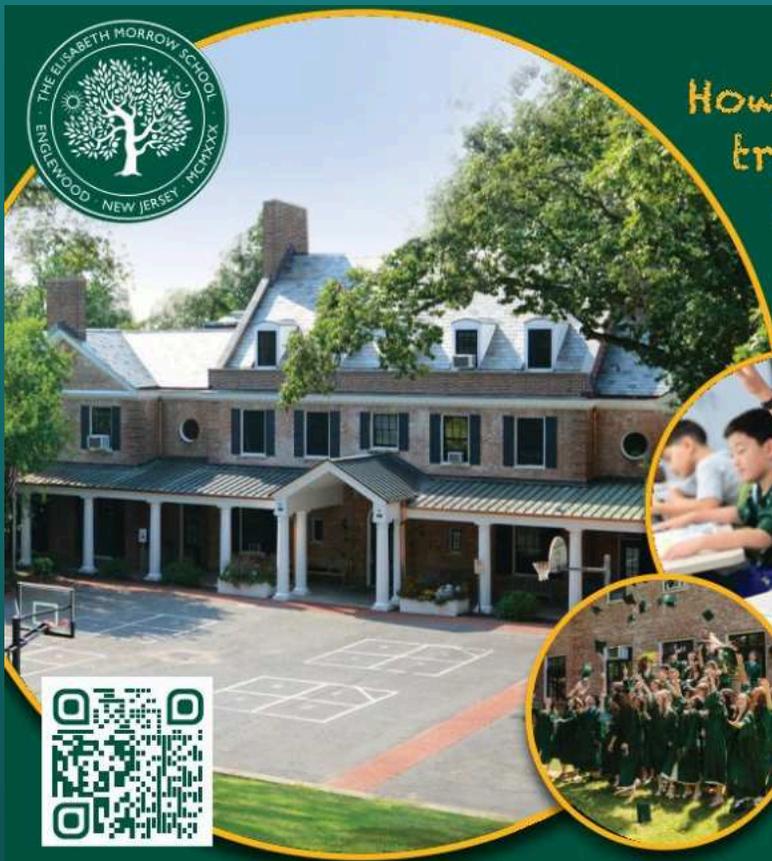
We take you back in time when private estates encompassed many glorious acres with numerous out-buildings within a fairytale environment.

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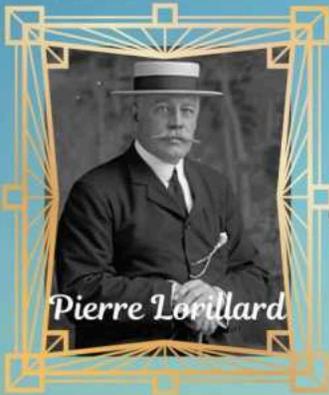


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Pierre Lorillard

Hiring The "Social Architect" To Build Tuxedo Park...1885

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Bruce Price

On a gray September day in 1885, Pierre Lorillard and his architect, Bruce Price were on a train bound for Buffalo. Pierre Lorillard opted for departure in Tuxedo to explore his ancestral acreage. Although a soaking rain was coming down, they hired a farmer's wagon and proceeded to go beyond the outer limits of steep hills and winding paths that wound around Tuxedo Lake. "We will go up the old lumber trail to the lake," ordered Mr. Lorillard. The driver of the wagon protested that the road was too rough. Shrugging, Mr. Lorillard took the reins himself. An hour later, after three miles of boulders and thickets through which the wagon barely squeezed, they reached the top of the winding ascent and halted on a ridge overlooking a lake. This would have been at the top of what is now Tower Hill Road. At the north end were some cleared fields and a hut. Pointing there, Mr. Lorillard said to Bruce Price: "That is a good site for the clubhouse. Don't you think so? And we can have a row of cottages between there and here."

Lorillard's early home (cottage) in Tuxedo Park



By the end of that day Lorillard hired Bruce Price to build a premiere fishing and hunting club, surrounded by a private community with roads, sewer, water, and mansions (cottages). He envisioned this beautiful play ground wrapped around the pristine Tuxedo Lake. The Tuxedo Club was to be an exclusive "social club" and many acres, for a sports haven. They decided to return to the city and hold a dinner party for 150 like-minded friends who would appreciate the proposition. Such was the beginning of Tuxedo Park. Two weeks later, Bruce Price had an army of men on the spot, and eight months after that, so swift was the work, the clubhouse was ready for its opening on May 30th, 1886.

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Autumn in Tuxedo Park

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*The Autumn colors drape the woods
within Tuxedo Park;
As Jack-O-Lanterns light the way,
along the paths at dark*

*Stately homes are festive clad
the landscape paints the hills;
Wide stone walls approach the gates,
and candles light the sills*

*The full moon's face directs the way
beyond the maple trees;
A woven white of frosty mist,
like lace, hangs in the breeze*

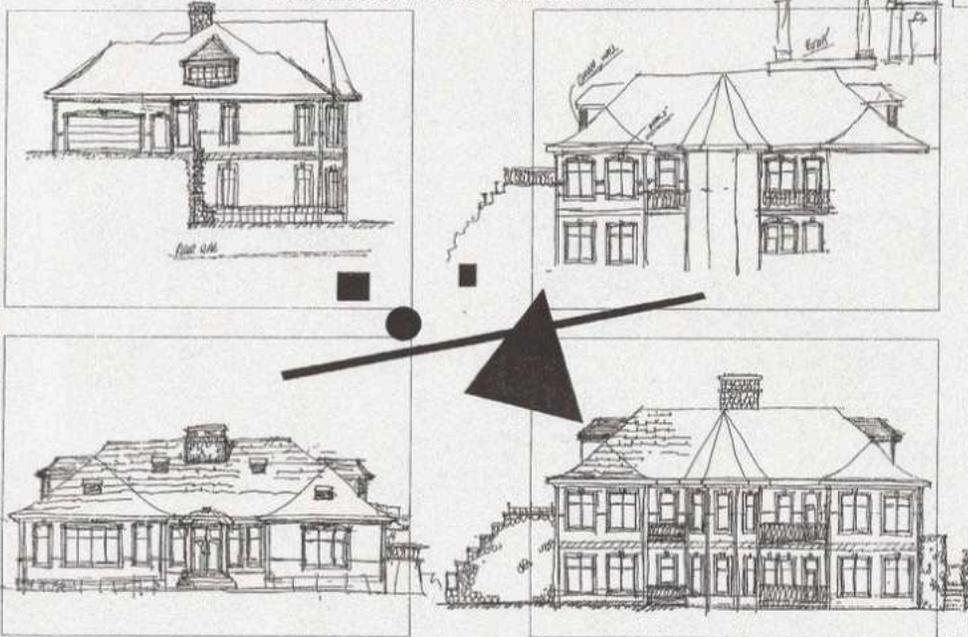
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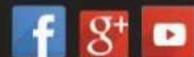
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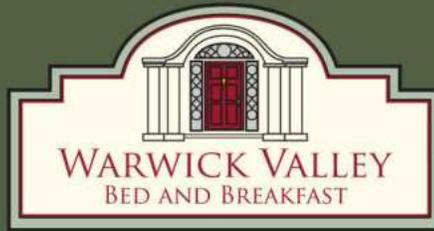
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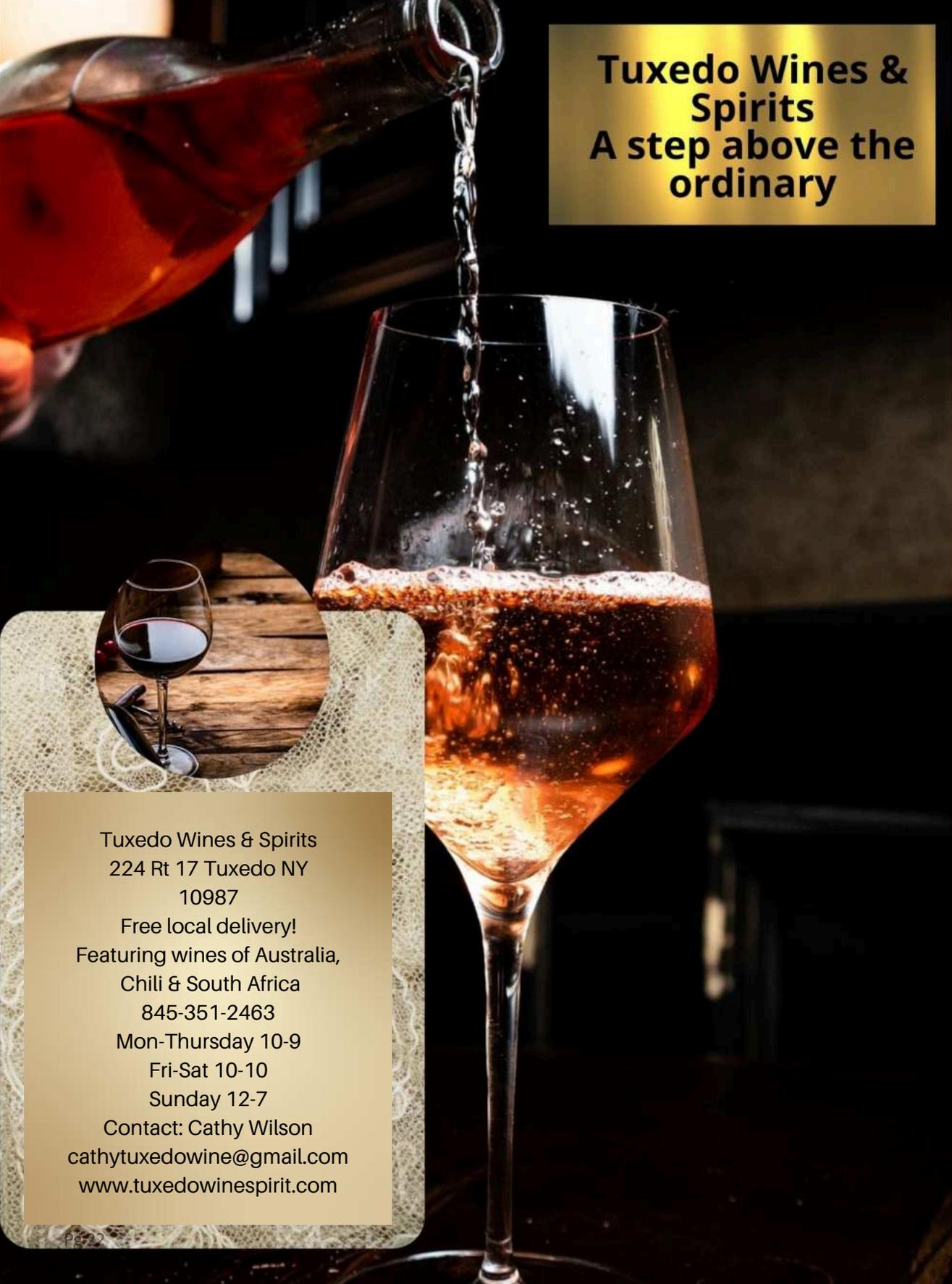
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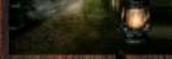
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