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# The “eco-fabulous” hostess

By Jill Lerner

She's planned eco-conscious parties at the homes of Ethel Kennedy, Barbra Streisand and renowned Atlanta environmentalist Laura Turner Seydel, all emphasizing organic food, floral arrangements and biodegradable serve wear.

Glamorous though such parties and patrons are, Atlanta event planner April Milliken Trigg probably happiest hosting her own soirees in her historic Grant Park home.



April Milliken Trigg, above and right with chef Alison Lueker, hosts large "eco-conscious" parties boasting special touches such as organic food and biodegradable serve ware, in her historic Grant Park home.

Perennial favorites include her New Year's Day "Pajamas & Pancakes" party and "Jambalaya Jams" for 50 guests (all cooked up with a big assist from her husband, John).

Such events allow Trigg to showcase the couple's 3,900-square-foot, 105-year-old home boasting a wrap-around porch with sweeping views of the adjacent park.

Best of all for Trigg, who's carved out a successful specialty planning "green" events, gatherings in her Grant Park home mean there's no jet fuel expended.

Trigg is founder of Eventologie, a self-styled "eco-fabulous" event company she created in 2004.

Although she got her start planning weddings, Trigg said today spends about 75 percent of her time on large national nonprofit clients, many with a "green focus."

National clients include the National Recycling Coalition, U.S. Green Building Council and Robert Kennedy Jr.'s Waterkeeper Alliance.

Locally, Trigg works extensively



#### APRIL MILLIKEN TRIGG'S FIVE TIPS FOR SETTING A SUSTAINABLE TABLE

**1. Set your "stage" with a tablecloth.** Linens are reusable and can be an easy and affordable way to begin creating your look by finding a color, pattern or texture that is different and fun. Trigg recommends the selections at Crate & Barrel and Target.

**2. To spruce up a basic tablecloth, create your own table runner.**

Head to your local craft shop and look for a wide ribbon (2-inches-by-4-inches is great). Wired ribbon is a plus and avoid satin if possible, so it won't easily slip off your table. Tartan plaid (very popular in fashion right now) is a great choice. Easily cut two runners by measuring the length of your table and cutting three-quarters from table top to floor. Placing them asymmetrically will add a bit of dimension and interest.

**3. Use the china, glass and silver you registered for and go "green!"** Reusable serving ware is the key. Change the look of your basic white china by adding a charger. Target has an array of choices, especially around the holidays. Coordinate your charger with a colorful wine or champagne glass; a gold- or silver-rimmed glass shows you planned a smart table.

**4. To create a beautiful, fragrant and sustainable centerpiece, pick up a flowering plant instead of cut flowers that won't last much past your dinner party.**

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