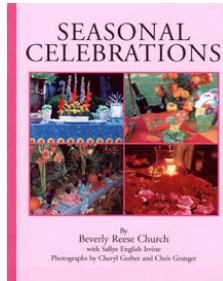


About Bev Church



New Orleans author, designer, and magazine editor, Bev Church is as comfortable creating an evening gala for a major corporation as she is appearing on national and local television programs as an expert on entertaining. Bev is the co-author of "The Joys of Entertaining" and author of "Weddings Southern Style" both produced by Abbeville Press in New York. Recently, "Entertaining Celebrations: Celebrate Each Month With Pizzazz" and "Seasonal Celebrations" were both produced by her company.

Mrs. Church travels throughout the United States lecturing on all facets of entertaining and has educated and delighted regional and national television audiences on hundreds of programs in cities all over the United States from Good Morning America to Home and Garden Television (HGTV).

She is the Executive Editor of *St. Charles Avenue Magazine* in New Orleans and produces a stunning entertaining column. Bev recently hosted a segment on WWL-TV in New Orleans every Monday morning called, "You're Invited."

After graduating from Tulane University's Newcomb College and teaching in the public schools, Mrs. Church began raising a family and quickly was involved in civic and charitable activities. It was through these ventures that she developed her decorating skills and her love for entertaining.

"It really is a gift you give to your friends and entertaining is supposed to be fun," says Bev.

Mrs. Church was co-owner of a flower and party decoration shop and is currently the owner of Entertaining Celebrations, LLC, which produced her last two books. She designs show-stopping centerpieces in collaboration with artists Luis Colmenares and Julia Yerkov. Her concept is to save time and money by using her centerpieces with flowers and foliage from your own garden.

Mrs. Church's imagination and personal style makes her a sought-after lecturer on successful entertaining. Her presentations, accented by slides and demonstration tables, are known to mesmerize her audiences with enthusiasm, energy and a visual feast of unique and magical ideas.

As a civic activist, Mrs. Church has played an important leadership role with improving New Orleans. She has been involved in the restoration of New Orleans City Park, the New Orleans Public Schools, teaching Sunday School for over 20 years and she volunteers every week with the Edible Schoolyard at the Samuel J. Green Charter School. She is on the executive committee of The Women of the Storm whose focus is to bring Congress to the Gulf coast area Post Katrina.

Mrs. Church is an active member of the Garden Club of America as well as a sustaining member of the Junior League. She has two grown sons, two wonderful daughter in-laws, three grandsons and lives in New Orleans with her husband, Dr. John Church, Jr., and an Italian Greyhound, Sophia Loren.