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At his parents' early-20th-century home in Bellport, interior designer Phillip Thomas salutes his South American heritage with friends and family, serving two different paellas, gazpacho, and Chile's famous cocktail, the pisco sour

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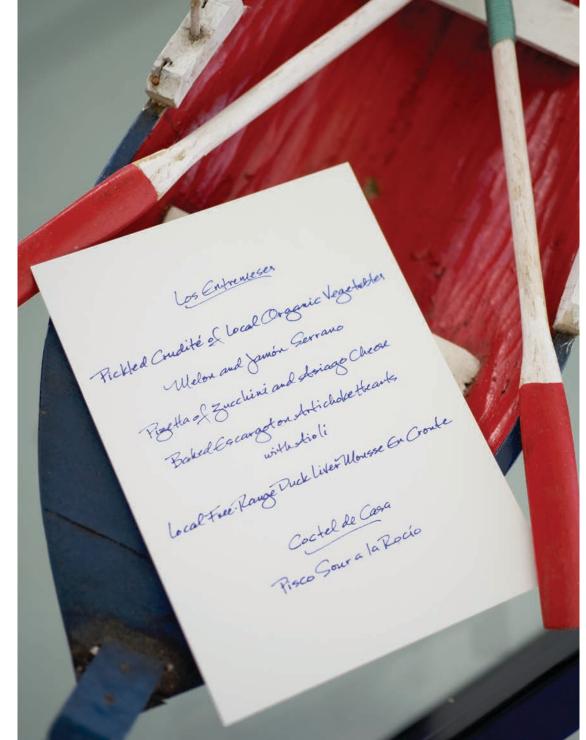






Summer's In The Air (OPPOSITE) Lunch was served on the screened-in porch overlooking Bellport Bay. (THIS PAGE CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT) PAGE CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT)
Guests sipped on pisco sours
while mingling in the garden.
Radley, a chocolate Labrador
Retriever, joined in on the
fun. Sava and Roger Thomas,
Phillip's parents, pose in front
of their prized roses. Homefurnishings dealer Dennis Miller and Studium president David Meitus flank Thomas's childhood friend Jaime Foster Lee. Thomas (FAR LEFT) commissioned calligrapher Rory Kotin to create splatter-paint invitations (NEAR LEFT). "I love the spontaneity of the pattern and how you can see the artist's hand," he says. See Resources.













Fresh Start (OPPOSITE) A colorful crudité platter from Hamlet Organic Garden in Brookhaven. (THIS PAGE TOP LEFT) Kotin also created menu cards for the appetizers, which included jamón serrano-wrapped melon (тор віднт), baked escargots on artichoke hearts (FAR LEFT), and zucchini pizzetta with Asiago cheese (NEAR LEFT). Guests then moved to the table for the first course, gazpacho (ABOVE). "What's better than a nice chilled soup in the summer?" says Thomas. "It's the perfect way to kick off a meal." See Resources.









Nice And Breezy (TOP LEFT) Phillip Thomas, Jaime Foster Lee, Roger Thomas, Milan Hughston, and Michael Foster converse at one end of the table. After serving the paellas, including one made with chicken and chorizo (FAR LEFT), the chef presented a salad course with a variety of New York State cheeses (ABOVE). For dessert, guests devoured mango flan topped with chocolate and caramel (NEAR LEFT).
Thomas sourced the stoneware plates, bowls, platters, and cups from Can Saló, a small shop he recently discovered in Cadaqués, Spain. "I purchased a variety of dishware that are all different, but complement one another," he says. "It's my new favorite store!" (OPPOSITE) The lunch was a worldly affair, but the location was all-American. See Resources.

