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Our Mission

The Samara Foundation of Vermont is a charitable foundation whose mission is to support and strengthen Vermont's gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered communities today and build an endowment for tomorrow.

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You Picked the Date. We'll Help Pick Everything Else

You've spent what seems like a lifetime waiting for this day. And when it comes time to register, help your family and friends choose the gifts that will enhance every room in your home for years to come. The Store in Waitsfield offers Vermont's premier selection of gifts that indulge bed, bath, kitchen, body, and soul. Cookware from All-Clad, Calphalon, and La Creuset. Cutlery from Wüsthof. Kitchen accessories from Cuisinart. And a wide range of linens, serving pieces, antiques, and pottery. We can even help you choose the perfect gift for your attendants.

But we can do more than help your guests select the perfect gifts, we can help you as well, with a wedding consultant who can assist you in choosing everything from invitations and flowers to a caterer and photographer. Best of all, in addition to accepting all major credit cards, we're also happy to accept all unions endorsed by the State of Vermont.

All the personal attention you deserve is just a phone call away. Why not contact the professionals at our Wedding Registry today? Start putting finishing touches on the day you started dreaming about years ago.

The World Comes to Waitsfield

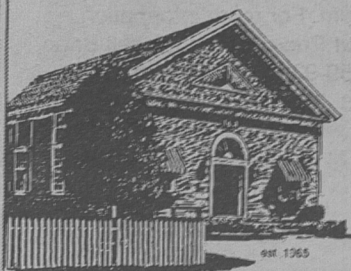
The Store has everything you could imagine, yet it's like nothing you've ever seen. It's shopping for the truly adventurous, offering a wellspring of delights for the kitchen, bathroom, palate, and imagination.

The Setting

The Store is located in a carefully restored, two-story 1834 Methodist Meeting House. In fact, the only thing more exquisite than our eclectic mix of products is the fascinating ways they're displayed.

No matter if you are in the area or out of town, we are only a phone call away on

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Mr. Les B. Frank: Your Guidance Counselor for Life "I'm afraid I would be awkward and screw things up."

Hey, Mr. Frank,

I am dating, again, after being in a relationship for a long time and I am rusty. After dinner at a restaurant, I would like to invite my date back to my house for dessert or a drink but I'm afraid that I would be awkward and screw things up. I also don't want her to think all I want is sex. Should I have a homemade dessert or is store bought ok and what about liquor? How many different kinds of booze should I have in the house without looking like I'm a drunk? You may think these are stupid questions but any thoughts you have would be appreciated.

Rusty in Massachusetts

Dear Rusty,

There are no stupid questions, only stupid people who don't listen to the answers. Seriously, though, your concerns show that you are a caring individual who wants to make sure your dates have a good time and are left with a good impression of you. There's nothing stupid about that.

I'd suggest having a few basic things that can be mixed or matched according to your guest's preferences. Bear in mind that some people have sensitivities or allergies to certain foods. You don't want to serve ice cream to a woman who's lactose intolerant or the sounds you hear will be the rumblings of her intestines rather than the beating of your hearts.

Have whatever beverages you like to drink and a couple other options, as well. There's no need to stock a full bar or fill up your fridge with things that might be sampled but more likely will be left to gather dust and take up space.

And, while you may not want your dates to think that you're all about sex, it's good to be prepared in the event that carnal chemistry kicks in.

Welcome back to the dating pool. You'll shake off that rusty feeling in no time.

Hey, Mr. Frank,

My last boyfriend had a fetish that I kinda caught from him. He was a total exhibitionist. He lived in a house with three roommates and he always left the door open when we were having sex and a lot of times we did it in the living room while his roommates were in the kitchen and they could watch us without even having to try hard to see. We did it all kinda places in public, too.

At first, I was sorta shy but I definitely got hooked. We broke up (not from the sex) and now I have a new boyfriend. I want to turn him into an exhibitionist but he is pretty well known where we live and he says he can't risk that kind of exposure. If it wasn't for that, he says he would try it at least once. Any ideas?

Hooked

Dear Hooked,

Get out of town.

If your new boyfriend is willing to wave his willy as long as no local exposure is involved, the two of you should visit a gay resort somewhere away from home. Many offer clothing optional activities like swimming and sunning so you could see and be seen. Some resorts are designed for plenty of peek-a-booty viewing in other ways, too. Leave your drapes open and give the other guests a show they can describe in postcards to their friends.

I think your best bet is to opt for some place where your exhibitionism can happen in a safe setting. You want your performance to be arresting without you and your boyfriend getting arrested.

Mr. Les B. Frank offers guidance counseling to people of all ages. Some letters are edited for length, spelling or grammar and all become the property of Les B. Frank. Some letters are edited for length, spelling or grammar. Send your questions and requests for guidance to HeyMrFrank@aol.com.