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Dear Marion,

A lot of the women directly connected to the food and wine industry around Boston -- the professional cooks, the caterers, the merchants, the teachers, the journalists, the historians, the writers, and the restaurateurs -- only know of each other, but have never met. And yet we are all in the same business: we earn our living promoting good food and we realize the importance of educating ourselves and the public about it. We have a great deal to teach each other and to share and we have all benefited, from time to time, from trading ideas with other people in our profession. So we have decided to form THE WOMEN'S CULINARY GUILD to make our exchanges that much easier. We don't think of it as a social group, but rather as an association of professionals who would meet to discuss problems and learn together and help each other in an area to which we are all strongly tied.

When several of us sat down recently to decide whom we would ask to join us, your name became part of a list of women we considered important in the food world around Boston. The women on

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that list are all being asked to join The Women's Culinary Guild as charter members and we'll hope you'll become part of that.

We certainly don't mean to slight anyone, and after our first meeting, we will open to regular membership. Perhaps when you join us for coffee on Monday 21 May at 7 pm at Soupcon (1 Beacon Street, Boston), you can bring us a list of the people you think could also make us a valuable contribution.

We look forward to making The Women's Culinary Guild a viable and enthusiastic group, capable of expanding into something important for all of us.

Sincerely,

The Incorporators

Lora Brody, Chef/Bay Bank Boston,  
Chairwoman

Sheryl Julian, Boston Phoenix Food Editor,  
Vice Chairwoman

Dorothy Crandall, Food Editor

Ruth Lockwood, Julia Child & Company/WGBH

Marian Morash, Chef/Straight Wharf, Nantucket

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