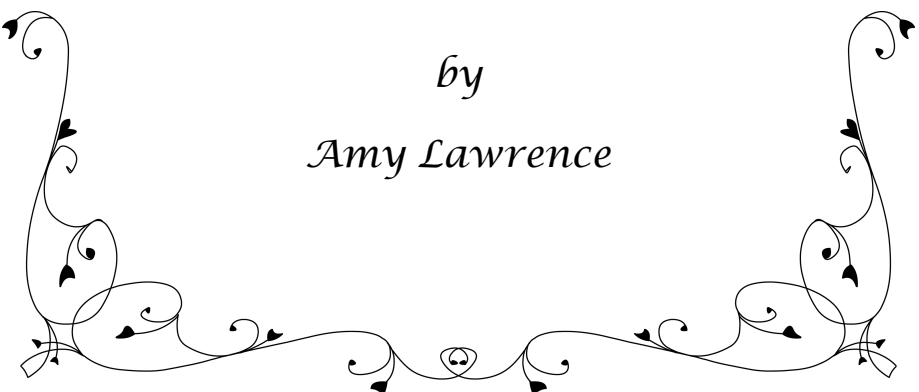
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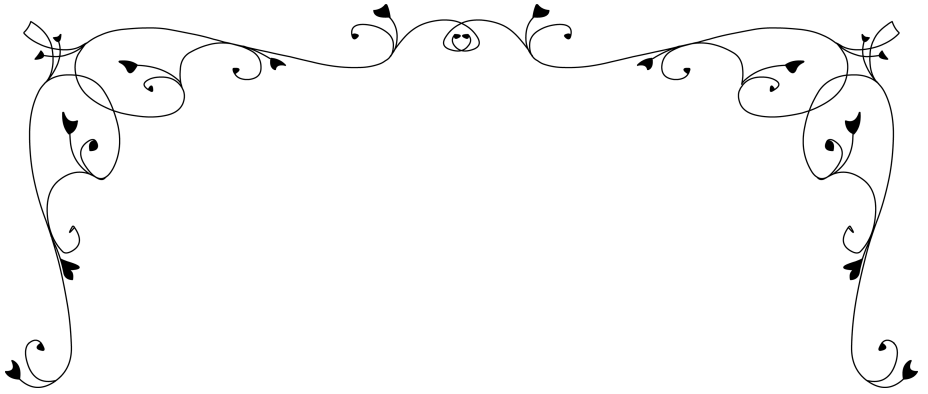
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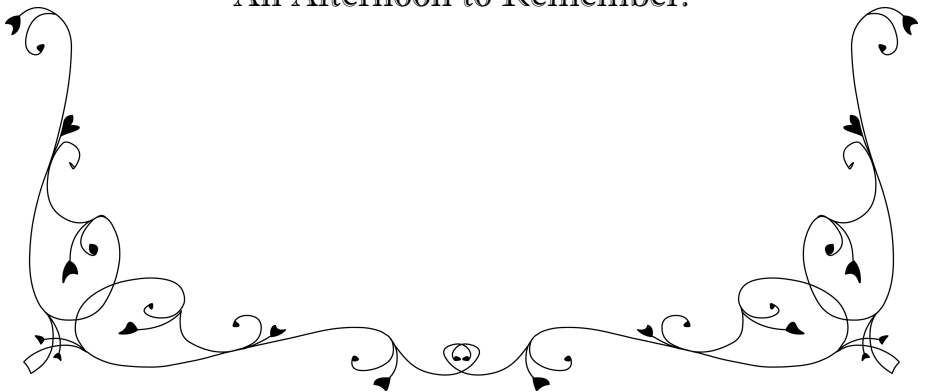
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An Afternoon to Remember is dedicated to educating others in the art of taking tea. Our mission is to provide a unique upscale experience where customers are pampered and can relax, socialize and celebrate special occasions while enjoying excellent teas and delectable treats. Tea rooms entice you to sit leisurely, and this is the main goal and purpose of our tea room making your experience here truly...

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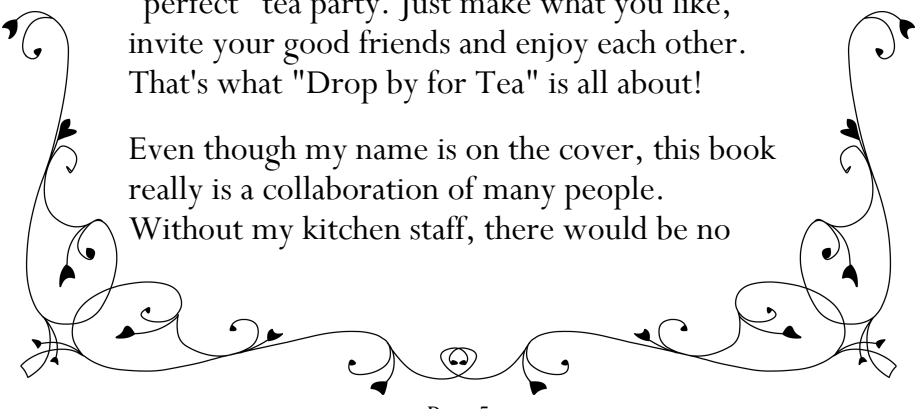


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Having tea doesn't have to be a well-thought out affair. Sitting down with a nice cup of Darjeeling and nibbling on some cookies qualifies as afternoon tea. We often do not take time out in our busy lives to really enjoy the simple things. We rush around trying to get as much done as possible in a day and for what purpose really? So this year I'm really trying to focus on enjoying the moment and letting go of all the craziness at least for a little while to enjoy life and a cup of tea. Tea at my house can range from the planned event to more often than not, sitting down on the floor at least once a week with my two boys at the coffee table (should be "tea table"-huh?) and drinking from my little Chinese cups-a present from two of my wonderful staff, Ya and Yi. That's enjoying life.

So don't be overly concerned about planning the "perfect" tea party. Just make what you like, invite your good friends and enjoy each other. That's what "Drop by for Tea" is all about!

Even though my name is on the cover, this book really is a collaboration of many people. Without my kitchen staff, there would be no

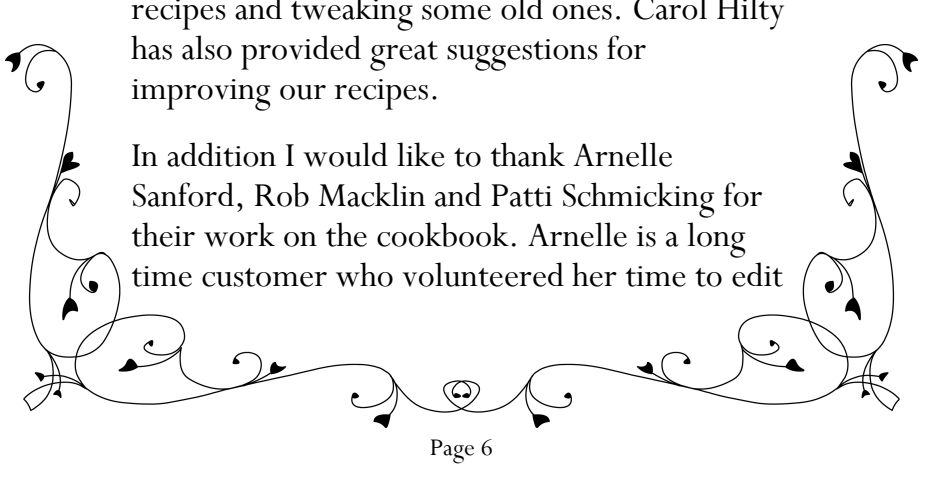




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recipes. We sit down weekly and plan the menu and every week they come up with new and exciting recipes to share. Often times it is a twist on something they have tried but more often than not, it is something they have thought about for a while and have wanted to try and create. Carla Sherman and Dena Macklin are our chief creators. They think about every detail - the taste, the appearance, the ease of the recipe and the quality. I can't thank them enough for everything they have done for me. It's truly a miracle that they can come up with so many great ideas – especially Carla. Tea sandwich ideas are not always easy. She comes up with some very interesting and delicious recipes. This past year, Chris Jennings has taken on the salads, soups and scones. I would like to thank her especially for a great job in creating new scone recipes and tweaking some old ones. Carol Hilty has also provided great suggestions for improving our recipes.

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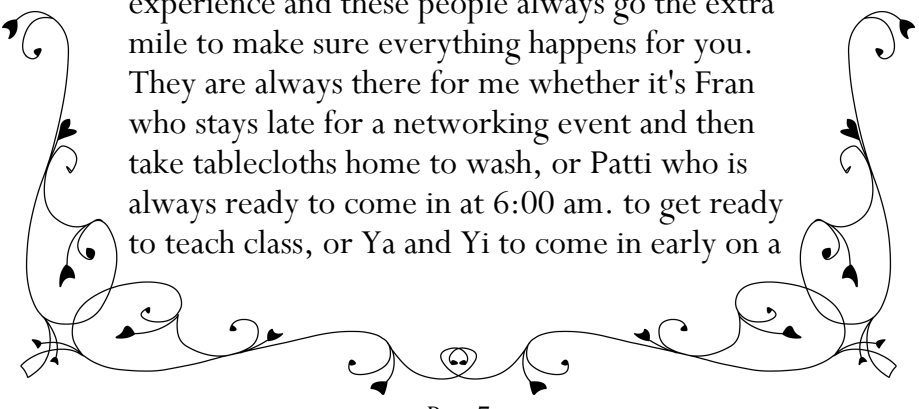




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all of our cookbooks and is probably cringing at this moment as she didn't get to see this page when editing. She is such a dear and I am so grateful for her help. Rob is Dena's husband and our photographer. He has taken many photos for customers over the past year and has done two of our cookbook covers. He really has done a great job! Patti is my gift shop manager and chief cheerleader. When I feel like I have no creative bone left in my body and can't come up with a title that conveys what I want, Patti pipes up and says, "What about, 'Drop by for Tea', for a title for the cookbook?" She always seems to know what I'm thinking and what I want and more importantly she can put it into words for me.

I can't thank my staff enough for all the hard work they do. The tea room is really a labor of love. It's not just about the food, it's about the experience and these people always go the extra mile to make sure everything happens for you. They are always there for me whether it's Fran who stays late for a networking event and then take tablecloths home to wash, or Patti who is always ready to come in at 6:00 am. to get ready to teach class, or Ya and Yi to come in early on a





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Saturday to make extra scones, or Micki to take laundry home and then go to the grocery store after a long day or Ploy who will do just about anything for you at a last minute's notice.

Everyone contributes in their own way. I can never tell them how much I truly appreciate and love them for all that they do. I would like to thank each and every one of them from the bottom of my heart.

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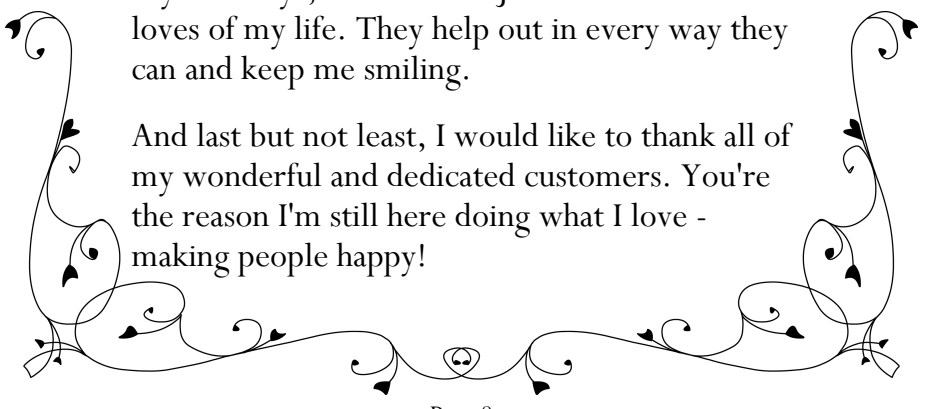




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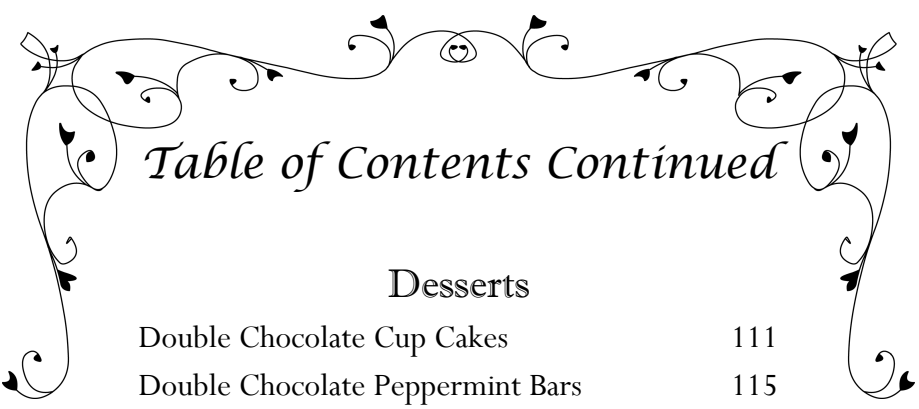


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