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## **International Award-Winning Local Photographer to Participate in Charity Art Show May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

*Galloway Township Resident Linda Taylor to Support Steve & Cookie's Annual Charity Art Show in Margate*



**GALLOWAY TWP, NJ** - Local resident Linda Taylor of Galloway Township, NJ recently returned from London, England with one of the most prestigious international food photography awards in hand. Taylor competed in The Pink Lady® Food Photographer of the Year Competition for 2018 and was awarded top honors within the Marks and Spencer Food Portraiture category for her photo, entitled "Pears and Pastries" (photo included).

The annual international competition is held to bring photographers together, both professional and amateur, old and young to celebrate the very best in food photography and film from all over the globe. This year, over 8,000 images were submitted from 60 different countries and were judged by a distinguished panel of creative directors, food critics, restaurateurs, photography gallery owners and chefs while being chaired by UK based food photographer David Loftus. Finalists received worldwide acclaim and news coverage of their photography and were also invited to a special champagne reception at the world-renowned Mall Galleries in London, followed by a 5-day exhibition of their work. The winning pieces will then proceed to a subsequent traveling exhibition across the UK and Europe through a variety of venues, culminating in a final appearance at Les Rencontres d'Arles in France for their illustrious summer photography festival.

Now that Mrs. Taylor is back stateside, she is keeping the momentum going by participating in Steve and Cookie's Annual Art Show, to be held on May 3rd from 5:00-8:30 pm at 9700 Amherst Ave. in Margate. This art show, held at one of the region's most beloved restaurants, is free to the public and a portion of the art sale proceeds will benefit the Atlantic County Special Services School District. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend to see world famous art, in person!

About her winning submission, Linda Taylor stated the following on the photograph's creative origin:

"My style of food photography is modeled after the Dutch Masters paintings of the 17th century, and for this competition, and more specifically the Marks & Spencer Food Portraiture category, my choice in style was a perfect match.

"My winning photo for the category, 'Pears and Pastries', is really about the art of creative collaboration and giving and receiving. I harvested and gave a basket of pears from my tree to my favorite baking couple, Paul and Lauren Erbacher - the creative baking geniuses behind the bakery Hammerbacher in Egg Harbor City - and in return they returned to me the most beautiful brioche and ricotta pastries with those pears. The rest, as they say, is history.

"I'm just so excited to now share my art with the broader community and for the benefit of our county's youth this Thursday at Steve and Cookie's. The marriage of fantastic food and world class art will yield an event you won't want to miss!" concluded Taylor.

### **More about Linda Taylor:**

With a long career as a Creative Director and Designer in textile manufacturing, photography has always been at the heart of Linda Taylor's creative passion. As a long time foodie, it was just a natural progression that food started showing up in much of her photography. Linda has spent many trips taking cooking classes, food photography and travel photography workshops, both at home and abroad.

Linda's website, [www.lindataylor.gallery](http://www.lindataylor.gallery), features her still life and editorial work. She is currently setting up Campe Studio, a gallery and workshop space in Egg Harbor City, to create more fine art and editorial work and also to share much of what she has learned and experienced throughout her international travels. You can follow Linda Taylor, her work, and the forthcoming studio via Instagram: @campestudio

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