

# A SPECIAL INVITATION TO THE SEDONA COMMUNITY

## Magical Journeys

### Fourth in a Series of Community Events

A Big Park Creative Initiative of Residents Supporting Local Businesses

## AN AFFAIR TO REMEMBER

Sunday, February 15, 2009

**Aphrodisiac Dinner at 5:30pm**

Marketplace Cafe will prepare a custom menu featuring well-known aphrodisiac foods such as asparagus, almonds, avocado, basil and chocolate



**Film (An Affair to Remember) at Canyon Moon Theater (after dinner)**



The film is considered one of the most romantic of all time, according to the American Film Institute.<sup>1</sup> Handsome playboy Nicky Ferrante (Cary Grant) and beautiful night club singer Terry McKay (Deborah Kerr) have a romance while on a cruise from Europe to New York. Despite being engaged to other people, both agree to reunite at the top of the Empire

State Building in six months. However, an unfortunate accident keeps Terry from the reunion, and Nicky fears that she has married or does not love him anymore. Will he discover the truth behind her absence and reunite with his one true love, or has fate and destiny passed them by?



**Cost: \$31 pp**

**Movie, Dinner, Tax, and Tip Included**

**Reserve Your Place at Marketplace Cafe @ 928-284-5478**



### **The Origins of Valentines Day (per Wikipedia) -- The Feast of Lubercus/ St. Valentine's Day**

The first interpretation has this celebration originating as a pagan tradition in the third century. During this time hordes of hungry wolves roamed outside of Rome where shepherds kept their flocks. The God Lupercus, was said to watch over the shepherds and their flocks and keep them from the wolves. Every February the Romans celebrated a feast called Lupercalia to honor Lupercus so that no harm would come to the shepherds and their flocks. Also during Lupercalia, but in honor of the goddess Juno Februata, the names of young women were put into a box and names were drawn by lot. The boys and girls who were matched would be considered partners for the year, which began in March. This celebration continued long after wolves were a problem to Rome.

As Christianity became prevalent, priests attempted to replace old heathen practices. To Christianize the ancient pagan celebration of the Feast of Lubercus, the church officials changed the name to St. Valentine's Day. To give the celebration further meaning and eliminate pagan traditions, priests substituted the drawing of Saints names for the names of the girls. On St. Valentine's Day the priest placed saint's names into an urn or box. The young people then drew a name from the container. In the following year, the youth was supposed to emulate the life of the saint whose name he had drawn.

THE RESTAURANTS AND OTHER PARTNERS IN OUR *MAGICAL JOURNEYS* APPRECIATE YOUR ATTENDANCE AND SUPPORT

Watch for *Magical Journeys* to other places at other businesses in the coming months.