



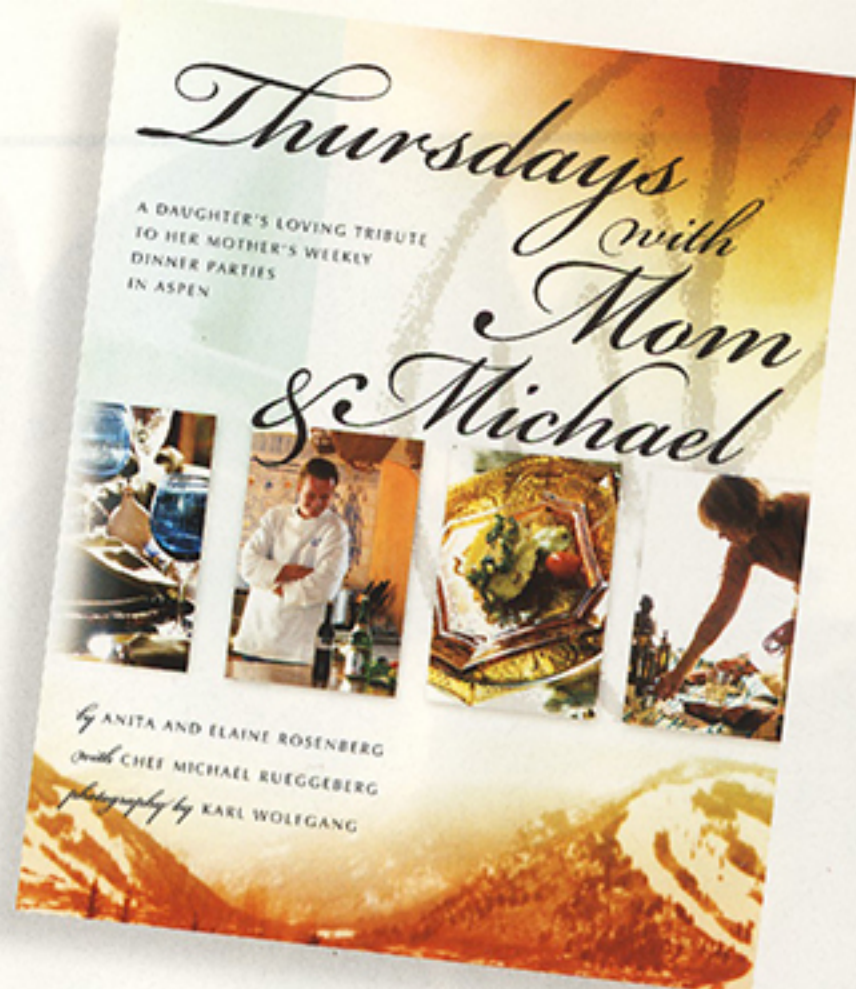
## Come Together

The social calendar for the holiday season is full of gatherings, meals, and other opportunities to eat and celebrate with friends and loved ones. Elaine Rosenberg's weekly dinner parties up on Red Mountain have become part of Aspen lore and have been commemorated by her daughter Anita in the new book *Thursdays with Mom and Michael* (see page 118).



*Elaine and Anita Rosenberg share a slice of Aspen's social and culinary life with the collaboration of one of Aspen's favorite cooking masters, chef Michael Rueggeberg.*

*We especially love this new book on entertaining because all author royalties are donated to Evelyn Lauder's Breast Cancer Research Foundation.*



# TOASTING A WEEKLY TRADITION

Peek behind closed doors on Red Mountain.

*“Our home has always been a magical place for our large family to gather and celebrate.”*

—ANITA ROSENBERG

A TRIBUTE TO ELAINE ROSENBERG’S celebrated Thursday night dinner-parties in Aspen, *Thursdays with Mom & Michael* is written by her daughter, Anita. By now a well-known and wildly popular Aspen tradition, these dinners bring together guests who enjoy Elaine’s beautifully themed tables and Michael Rueggeberg’s regionally inspired cuisine. *Thursdays with Mom & Michael* offers not only a private peek behind closed doors, but also an inspiration for aspiring hosts and hostesses who want to establish a weekly dinner-party tradition of their own.

Elaine Rosenberg with chef Michael Rueggeberg.

*Thursdays were the only night Michael had available, and that is how Thursdays with Mom and Michael became the hottest ticket in a very hot town!*







Michael's wife, Christine, sets the scene.



During the holidays, Rosenberg says, "I always take the opportunity to set the stage with my most dramatic tabletops of the season."

*"[Winter] is the time of year I cherish most, because my children, grandchildren, and friends are all in town, so it's a very social occasion."*

—ELAINE ROSENBERG

## Be Inspired by the Rosenbergs

Three entertaining tips from the pages of *Thursdays with Mom & Michael*:

**THINK BIG** | "Keep in mind that you don't need a party planner or a large budget, all you need is a resourceful imagination and some willing assistance."

**BREAK THE RULES** | "My mother's design philosophy is MORE is MORE. Patterns, prints, and colors are her playground. If you get excited and have fun creating your tablescape, your guests will enjoy it too!"

**FILL THE ROOM** | "My mom likes to arrange decorative nameplates to mix up the men and the women, because a little flirtation never hurt anyone's spirits at a dinner party."

Inspired to invent a weekly ritual of your own? Then pick up *Thursdays with Mom & Michael* at Chequers 520 E. Cooper Ave., 970-925-7572, Town Center Booksellers 211 Midland Ave., Basalt, 970-927-2665, or at [www.AmitaRosenberg.com](http://www.AmitaRosenberg.com). Local book signings take place December 18 at Explore Booksellers 221 East Main St., 970-925-5336, December 19 at The Aspen Mountain Club on the top of Aspen Mountain, and December 23 at Amen Wardy 210 S. Galena St., 970-920-7700. 