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date for
April 19
week**Features Department**

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To: Ms. Julie Mason**From:** Diane Goldsmith
Philadelphia Inquirer**Date:** 4/5/992 pages

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E-MAIL

To: Julie Mason, Mrs. Clinton's press staff
From: Diane Goldsmith, home & design writer, The Philadelphia Inquirer
Subject: Tour of the White House china collection with Betty Monkman

Dear Ms. Mason:

Robyn Liverent, a publicist with the Abrams publishing house, advised me to fax you my request to tour the White House china collection with Betty Monkman. It's in connection with a story I will write about the new book Abrams is publishing on this topic.

Anytime you could set this up from the week of April 19 on would be great.

Also, is there a possibility of bringing a photographer with me?

My fax numbers are: 215-854-2531 and 215-854-4795. My phone number is 215-854-2474. My I please hear from you at your earliest convenience. Thank you very much.

Diane Goldsmith

Diane Goldsmith

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*Book Out in May
Reprint to a Smithsonian
Piece on a crime*

*- talk on the phone
- Book is out so she has
- abrams has photo to give the organization*



Date April 9, 1999

Re OFFICIAL WHITE HOUSE CHINA

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From Robyn Liverant

Dear Julie,

Diane Goldsmith, reporter for the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, left a message for me yesterday to say that she had not yet received a response to her faxed request to you regarding the scheduling of a tour of the White House china collection and interview with Betty Monkman. While I don't mean to be a nuisance to you, she has been patiently waiting for several weeks to try to schedule this trip so her coverage can appear in May to coincide with the book's month of publication. Anything you can do to expedite a response to her would be greatly appreciated.

Also, if you could respond to my questions which I faxed to you earlier this week, I would be grateful.

Best wishes,

Robyn Liverant
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Betty Monkman
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April 29, Thursday
call in morning



Date April 5, 1999

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Dear Julie,

Thank you for speaking with me this morning regarding the procedure for facilitating press requests to tour the White House china collection. Diane Goldsmith of the *Philadelphia Inquirer* will be contacting you shortly to formally request her tour.

I am attaching some general information about our book OFFICIAL WHITE HOUSE CHINA: *1789 to the Present, Second Edition*, which you may find useful. You may also notice an increase in interest in the collection, as you may or may not be aware that an exhibition of White House china from the Mo mjian collection will be opening at the Woodrow Wilson House on May 6.

To follow our conversation, a few more questions from my end: When press contact you regarding access to the collection, what will they be able to see and/or photograph? Are there restrictions? Please advise.

I expect that we'll be speaking more in the coming weeks; please feel free to contact me with any further questions that you may have. I can be reached at 212/229-8826 (phone), 212/366-0809 (fax) or liverant@interport.net (e-mail).

Best wishes,

Robyn Liverant
Manager, Publicity


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OFFICIAL WHITE HOUSE CHINA 1789 TO THE PRESENT SECOND EDITION

By Margaret Brown Klapthor

Additions and revisions by
Betty C. Monkman, William G. Allman,
and Susan Gray Detweiler

Photographs by Will Brown

Evoking distinguished gatherings of royalty, diplomats, politicians, and celebrities at the White House, this elegant volume presents more than 200 years of china and porcelains purchased for presidential entertaining. From George Washington's personally selected French and Chinese porcelains to the gold-encrusted American china used for more recent state dinners, this book reveals trends in taste and culture that reflect both personal and national aspirations.

This Second Edition includes essays by White House curators that enrich the original text and offer new information on porcelain acquired for the White House since 1975. New photographs of china in the White House collection, a view of the White House China Room, and an up-to-date table setting in the State Dining Room are featured along with additional historical photographs and engravings.

The late **Margaret Brown Klapthor** was curator of the Division of Political History of the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History. During her 40-year career she was chiefly responsible for presidential memorabilia, including the First Ladies' gowns and White House china.

Betty C. Monkman is curator of the White House.

William G. Allman is assistant curator of the White House.

Susan Gray Detweiler lectures and writes about the history of ceramics in America.

Will Brown is a well-known photographer of art and interiors.

211 illustrations, 111 in full color, 304 pages, 8 1/4 x 11"

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May

JURA CONCIUS, WASHINGTON POST re CHINA

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NATO – Friday dinner: Truman base plates, Truman china
Saturday dinner: Eisenhower base plate, (rental) cream china with gold band

Most common to use: Eisenhower base plates, FDR or Reagan service. Truman we like but only around 80.

(139 more)
In '94 they augmented Wilson (dark blue) base plates and FDR (narrow blue) service pieces (part) to increase set from 120 to 220. Note: (once china made, molds are destroyed). Lenox makes it.

Reagan ordered 220.

Fullset – FDR and Reagan, Eisenhower – have over 220 base plates

Cleveland etc for desserts for 20.

Note: Use Johnson china or their own.



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LINDA HALE, WASHINGTON POST

Kaki is a member of the Committee for the Preservation of the White House, a Presidentially appointed committee which advises the President and First Lady of what can be done and should be done to maintain the museum character of the White House's public rooms.

Blue Room

SDR

Cross Hall, Entrance Hall, and staircase

No truth to the rumor that HRC, Clinton, Kaki are looking for property in NYC.

Style

constant
No specific style – I think one of the First Lady's primary objectives is to maintain the historic integrity of the White House's public rooms. At the same time, the First Lady has made a point to recognize that we are approaching a new millennium and it is important to highlight modern art and techniques in her decorating style. Ex: Tanner and O'Keefe

- Tanner ('95 1st African American work to be part of the WH collection),
- O'Keefe ('97, first major American artist, a woman) to be exhibited on the State Floor.
- Blue Room, other State Floor rooms – maintain the historic integrity of the WH
- Sculpture Garden – contemporary artists from museums in various regions of the United States - - Rodin-inspired, Native American, Washington DC

O'Keefe photo in Green Room.

browns + whites + grays

ROOMS REFURBISHED - 1993-present

1993

Treaty Room 222
Lincoln Sitting Room 224

Sitting Room 220
Bedroom 219
Study 218
Kitchen 217
Sitting Room 214
Bedroom 213
Solarium 325

Oval Office W108
President's Study and Dining Room W109-W110

1995

Blue Room
East Room - marbleizing removed from mantels and baseboards
new rugs installed

Bedroom 326
Bedroom 327
Bedroom 328
Music Room 330

1996

President's Elevator restored

1997

President's Dining Room 216
Yellow Oval Room 221 - repainted, moldings glazed,
ceiling medallion balls gilded
Truman Balcony - new furniture

1998

Entrance Hall, Cross Hall, Grand Staircase
State Dining Room

Bedroom 301
Bedroom 302
Bedroom 303

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- Christopher Binyon Sarofim '86 Professor in
American Art, Princeton University
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Saturday
April 24

**DINNER IN COMMEMORATION OF THE
50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF
THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY
AND IN RECOGNITION OF
THE MEMBERS OF THE
EURO-ATLANTIC PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL**

Menu

*Chicken Breast with Fire Roasted Onions
Cumin Scented Sweet Potato, Corn and Pepper Chili
Orange and Mango Salad*

*Grilled Filet of Bison
Baby Vegetables and Spring Potatoes
Crimini Mushroom and Cabernet Sauce*

*Marinated Tomatoes and Mozzarella
Field Greens, Endive and Sprouts
Shallot Chive Dressing*

Dessert

NATO 50th Anniversary Cake

Wine

*Chalone Chardonnay 1997
Pride Mountain Merlot 1996
Schramsberg Cremant 1985*

Other Information:

China:

Eisenhower Base Plate / EAPC Members Table
Gold Base Plate
Cream China with Gold Band

Table cloths:

Cream table cloths with a cobalt blue diamond pattern.

Flowers / Centerpieces:

Containers from the Vermeil Collection are filled with blue hydrangea, multiple shades of cream, yellow and gold roses, blue delphinium and purple lisianthus.

DINNER IN COMMEMORATION
OF THE
50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF
THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY
FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 1999
THE WHITE HOUSE

Menu

*Crispy Soft Shell Crab with Blue Crab and Lobster Cakes
Fennel and Corn Slaw
Cucumber Mint Coulis*

*Spring Lamb with Lemon - Lavender
Confit of Portobello and Sweet Peppers
Fava Bean Puree
Maui Onion Sauce*

*Salad of Lolo Roso, Red Mustard and Upland Cress
Baked Goat Cheese
Aged Balsamic Vinaigrette*

Dessert

*"A Salute to NATO"
Strawberry Nougat Glace
Champagne Sabyon
Chocolate Globe, Passion Fruit Tuile*

Wines

*Ancien Chardonnay 1997
Flowers Pinot Noir "Camp Meeting Ridge" 1996
Paumanok Late Harvest Sauvignon Blanc 1997*



Other Information:

China: Truman Base Plate
Truman China

Flatware: Vermeil Collection

Crystal: Kennedy Morgantown

Table cloths: Celadon green damask

Flowers / Centerpieces: Containers from the Vermeil Collection are filled with lush green grapes and limes, white roses and white dandrobium orchids. White gardenias are sprinkled along the table and throughout the centerpieces.