

## tea with the bees

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it's summer,  
baby and  
time for some  
serious r & r.

what better way for us to kick back and relax than attending **garden inspiration's** sustainable dinner party in waxahachie, tx.

inspiration, owned and operated by mother and daughter duo marilyn and donelle simmons, promotes local, sustainable farming, offers gardening classes and even concocts its own batches of compost tea, a liquid substance brewed and aerated from compost that helps bring life to soil.

and the dinner party itself? well, let us just say an evening in a private garden with local farmers, homegrown vegetables and the opportunity to taste what we like to call one hell of a professional



home cooked meal equals nothing short of r & r heaven.

our favorite parts? the long, white dinner table, the gurgling water pitchers and the mason jars for our water and tea.

let us also not forget the sensationally, sassy ladies that sat across from us at the table. (we loved your joke about leaving your husband at home to babysit all your chickens. having several dozen of them, it must be tough to leave them at home without any supervision. kids these days!)

we do wish we woulda remembered the bug spray, though. it's tough to munch on squash and tomatoes when a wasp the size of your thumb feels the need to invite itself to chill out not just around your food but in your hair too.

so here's to some serious rest and relaxation this summer.

whip out those retro shades, lather on some sunscreen and pour yourself an ice, cold glass of tea. oh, and don't forget about those plump, juicy tomatoes you picked off the vine.

you might even want to try visiting a local produce stand or farmer's market. we guarantee that homegrown peach will help you out with your r & r.

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