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## Dining Calendar

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## Dining Calendar Submissions

Are you organizing an upcoming event on food or drinks? You can now submit information for our weekly Dining Calendar column online.

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The artist Rachel Lee Hovnanian blurs the lines between reality, technology and fiction in her exhibition "Mud Pie," Wednesday to June 2 at Leila Heller Gallery, 568 West 25th Street. It includes an ersatz diner where the smells are genuine but the coffee and barbecue are from a chemistry lab.

Gallery hours are Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## Derby Day Celebrations

A Kentucky Derby celebration will start at 1 p.m. Saturday at Bell House, 149 Seventh Street (Third Avenue), Gowanus, Brooklyn, with food, [ice cream](#) and \$6 mint juleps. By 3 p.m., the square dancing will start. At 5 p.m. there will be singing and prizes for costumes. The party will continue after the race. Tickets are \$10 at the door: (718) 643-6510.

Lowcountry, a restaurant at 142 West 10th Street, will show the race. On the menu will be the Louisville-style Hot Brown sandwich (\$16), a Derby pie sundae with bourbon sauce (\$10) and pitchers of ginger juleps (\$38, to serve six). These items will be available, along with the regular menu, from 11 a.m. to midnight Saturday and Sunday. Reservations: (212) 255-2330.

## Festival on a Ramp

There will be a ramp festival Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. at Basilica Hudson, 110 South Front Street, Hudson, N.Y., with restaurants serving dishes made with the wild leeks. For tickets, \$20 for adults, \$10 ages 11 and younger: [brownpapertickets.com/event/238035](http://brownpapertickets.com/event/238035).

## Reading About Food

A food book fair will take place Friday to Sunday at the Wythe Hotel, 80 Wythe Avenue (North 12th Street), Williamsburg, Brooklyn. There will be book signings, panel discussions, and on Saturday evening, a marketplace of periodicals and 'zines, and a slide show of creative food projects. Admission to the fair, which opens at 8:45 a.m., is free. Individual panel sessions are \$16.82. All-inclusive tickets are \$69.57 daily and \$227.82 for all three days: [foodbookfair.com](http://foodbookfair.com). As part of the fair, Parish Hall, a new restaurant at 109A

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