



DINNER AND A MOVIE

KELLEY MOORE PUTS THE SPOTLIGHT ON AN EVENING OF FILM AND FOOD

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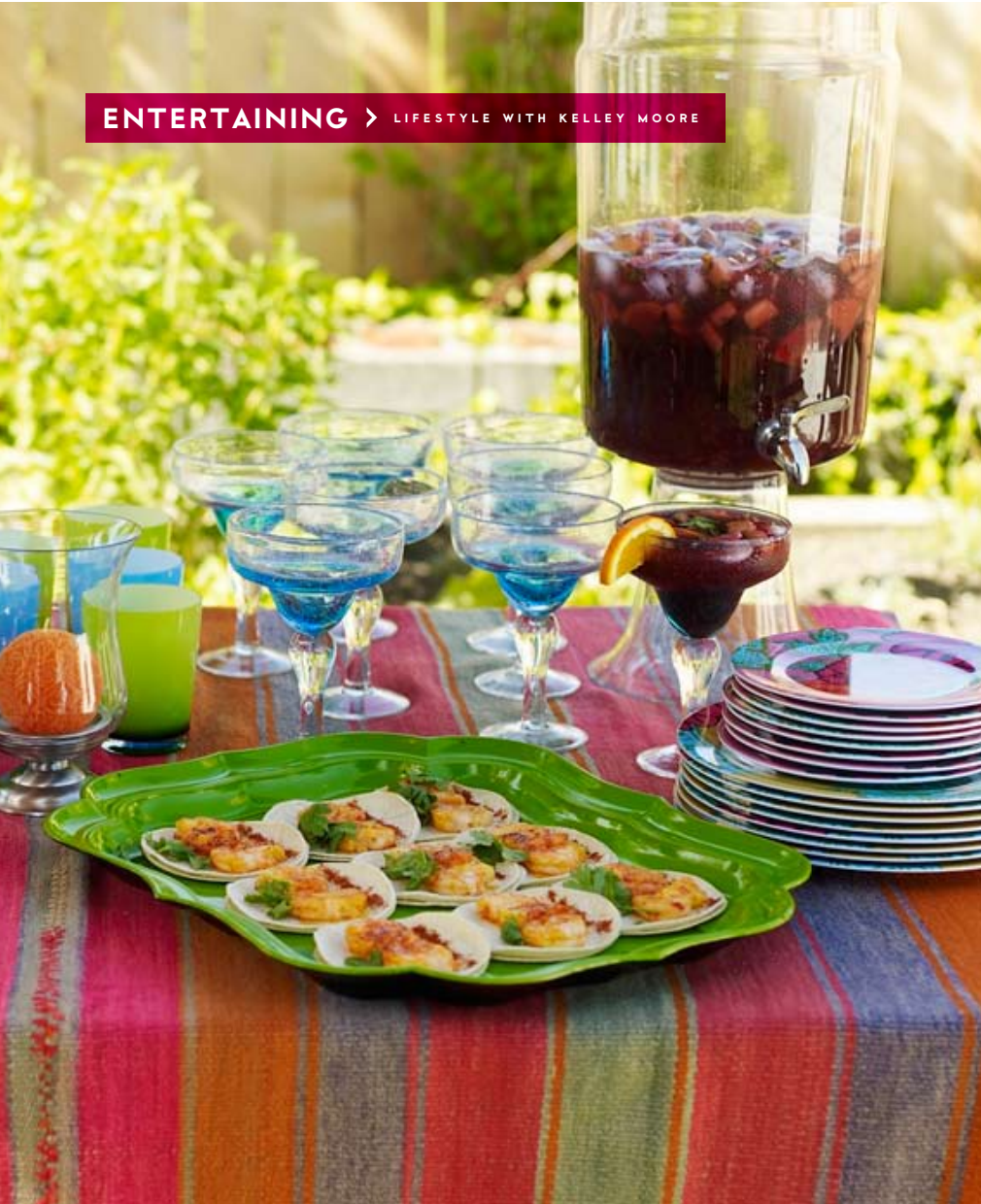
EACH SUMMER, August delivers the year's most beautiful weather. Knowing there are only a few weeks left to enjoy the sunshine inspires me to find creative ways to entertain friends and family outdoors. An outdoor movie night is a fun way to share your favorite movie while enjoying the gorgeous summer nights. On a recent evening, I joined my friend Eric Olson at his Magnolia home, along

with movie buffs Marcie Sillman, Paula Nechak, Robert Horton and Robb Kirby, executive chef of soon-to-be-opened Capitol Hill tapas spot Barrio, for great conversation, great tacos, sangria, chili-spiced popcorn and *West Side Story*. I drew from the vibrant colors on the big screen to create a backyard theater where my guests could kick back, relax and sing along to the classic soundtrack.

Above: I transformed this basic Meldel daybed (\$249 from Ikea) into a festive lounging spot by spray-painting the cast iron frame with Caribbean blue spray paint (\$3.79 from Fred Meyer) and covering the mattress pad with Guatemalan Rainbow fabric (\$8.99 per yard from Pacific Fabrics and Crafts). Green Chaparral pillows (\$39.95 each from Crate & Barrel), fuchsia Hayward pillows (\$29.95 each from Crate & Barrel), large navy blue pillows (\$25 each) and blue embroidered pillows (\$18.99 each), both from Pier 1, create a cozy backdrop. Behind the daybed, I set up a gorgeous full-panel grape vine room divider screen from Simplicity Decor (\$599), adding depth and texture to the setting. The silver Indonesian offering box (\$26 from Bitters Co.) next to me is filled with chili-spiced popcorn, and the Narra wood stool from Bitters Co. (\$395) provides a place to set the orange hand-carved rose candle from Revival Home & Garden (\$4) set in a silver and glass hurricane candle holder (\$19.99 from Cost Plus World Market) or a glass of sangria, or serves as additional seating for last-minute guests. Giant decorative tissue-paper orbs were made by covering inexpensive small- and medium-sized paper lanterns from Display & Costume (\$2.35 each, small; \$4.35 each, medium) with handmade tissue-paper flowers in vibrant colors. The orbs filled the garden (CONTINUED ON PAGE 40)

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with color. Creating the movie screen is as easy as placing two bamboo poles (\$5.99 each at Half Price Pots) in the center of tall garden pots (\$94.50 each at Half Price Pots). Hang a white sheet, tying off each end, to act as the screen. Orange Glassybaby votive holders (\$40 each at Glassybaby) provide a warm glow in the base of each pot set among orange pansies. Adding two plywood side panels (\$27.99 each at Home Depot) painted in chalkboard spray paint (\$4.17 per can at Home Depot) provides a canvas to write information about the movie and cast members. If you don't own one, rent a projector from Projector 123 (projector123.com), which will ship a projector (\$99) overnight, complete with instructions for setting up and using. (You will need to provide a laptop computer to connect to the projector and play the movie.)

Left: I covered Eric's table with an antique Bolivian blanket (\$250 from Bitters Co.) and added the cobalt and melon tumblers from Simplicity Decor (\$7.50 each), French Bull Tapestry dinner plates from Burnt Sugar (\$12 each) and Aqua margarita glasses from Pier 1 (\$7 each) to keep the design fun and vibrant. A large drink dispenser from Liberty 123 (\$254) holds sangria, and Robb Kirby's grilled prawns and pineapple tacos, topped with hand-picked cilantro leaves and spiced sea salt, are mouthwatering and beautiful on this oversized green melamine serving platter from Metropolitan Market (\$29.95).

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Right: I joined my good friend, KING-TV photographer Eric Olson, at his Magnolia home, along with Seattle Channel and *Everett Herald* film critic Robert Horton, KUOW arts and culture reporter Marcie Sillman and *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* film critic Paula Nechak, for the backyard showing of *West Side Story*. I created inexpensive garden art with a bamboo ladder from Moe's Home Collection (\$39.95) and hung orange Amac boxes (\$2.39 each from The Container Store) filled with white sand from Display & Costume (\$3.95 per pound) and succulents on each rung of the ladder. The multicolored Togo outdoor chairs (\$175 from Bitters Co.) and white garden stool from Revival Home & Garden (\$395) offered additional seating.



Right: Robb Kirby, executive chef of soon-to-be-opened Capitol Hill tapas joint Barrio, and (not pictured) Barrio's culinary director Harry Mills and head chef Kristin Mills, prepared a menu of delicious Spanish tapas, including tacos of flank steak "al Carbón"



Top left: Skewered bites of watermelon topped with Cotija cheese and pickled jalapeño make a juicy, summery treat with a Spanish flair. Left: Ceviche of halibut, teardrop tomatoes and roasted lime are served in individual portions in these Picardie Bistro glasses from Cost Plus World Market (\$1.49 each).

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Above: I greeted my guests with Mexican shopping bags from Bitters Co. (\$8) filled with various tasty treats for noshing during the flick, a hand-painted blue and white Mexican tile (\$2 from Bitters Co.), a *West Side Story* soundtrack (\$10.79 at Barnes & Noble) and a songbook, so they can sing along during the movie and at home. Right: A s'mores station where guests can craft their own dessert is a classic choice. The Amy Carson Designs reclaimed-wood end table from Bitters Co. (\$400) and small pig terra grill from Cost Plus World Market (\$19.99) keep the environment casual and fun. The small rectangle Quartet dishes from Crate & Barrel (\$13.95 each) are just the right size for displaying all the yummy fixings, including a variety of Theo Chocolate bars to create exotic combinations. **S**



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