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A crop of cookbook signings: Martha Stewart, Lidia Bastianich coming to town

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Martha Stewart will sign copies of her new book Nov. 10 in Chicago.

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With the fall cookbook season comes a flurry of book signings. Now's your chance to get within iPhone photo-snapping distance of your

culinary idols. Here's who is coming through Chicago this month and what they're signing:

Martha Stewart

Martha's Entertaining: A Year of Celebrations (Clarkson Potter, \$75)

The grande dame visits the Hilton Orrington, 1710 Orrington Ave., Evanston, Nov. 10 for a noon lunch and Q&A sponsored by the American Cancer Society. Tickets are \$150; \$225 VIP tickets get you a meet-and-greet with Stewart. (312) 279-7262.

Then, at 6 p.m. Nov. 10, she'll be at the Standard Club, 320 S. Plymouth, for hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and more dish; \$100. (312) 427-9100.

Lidia
Bastianich

Lidia's Italy in America (Knopf, \$35)

The affable Italian mama stops at Mariano's Fresh Market, 1720 N. Milwaukee, Vernon Hills, Nov. 17 for a 6 p.m. signing; free. (847) 816-0994.

Patricia Wells

Simply Truffles: Recipes and Stories That Capture the Essence of the Black Diamond (William Morrow, \$27.99)

Wells rolls up her sleeves for a pair of signings/demos on Nov. 21: noon at Corner Cooks, 507 Chestnut, Winnetka (\$60 includes lunch), and 7 p.m. At Now We're Cookin', 1601 Payne, Evanston (\$60). Call (847) 441-0134 and (847) 570-4140, respectively.

At 5:30 p.m. Nov. 22, Wells will be at the University Club of Chicago, 76 E. Monroe; \$26 includes appetizers and cocktails. (847) 446-8880.

Christopher Kimball

The Cook's Illustrated Cookbook: 2,000 Recipes from 20 Years of America's Most Trusted Cooking Magazine (Cook's Illustrated, \$40)

Kimball, founder of Cook's Illustrated, will sign books at 7 p.m. Nov. 17 at Unity Temple, 875 Lake, Oak Park. Admission is \$10, which will be taken off the price of the book. Call (708) 386-9800 or go to booktable.net/event.

Pat and Gina Neely

The Neelys' Celebration Cookbook: Down-Home Meals for Every Occasion (Knopf, \$28.95)

The dynamic Food Network duo will sign books and sample a few recipes from their book from 4 to 6 p.m. Nov. 9 at Meijer, 1301 Meijer Drive, Rolling Meadows; free. (847) 690-1500.

Robin Miller

Robin Takes 5: 500 Recipes, 5 Ingredients or Less, 500 Calories or Less, for 5 Nights a Week at 5:00 P.M. (Andrews McMeel, \$29.99)

The Book Stall, 811 Elm, Winnetka, welcomes the "Quick Fix Meals" host for a 2 p.m. signing Nov. 5 of her number-crunching book; free. (847) 446-8880.

Stephanie Izard

Girl in the Kitchen: How a Top Chef Cooks, Thinks, Shops, Eats and Drinks (Chronicle, \$29.95)

Chicago's tireless "Top Chef" pauses at Foodease in Water Tower Place, 835 N. Michigan, for a noon signing Nov. 10; free. (312) 335-3663.

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