

French Resistance Cafe in Sloatsburg opens for an evening, giving a look at the transformed grounds

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Michael Bruno (in blue jacket) hosted a fundraiser for the Yaddo artist colony on the grounds of the French Resistance Coffee House & Cafe in Sloatsburg Saturday evening. Katie Rosman, The New York Times Style section editor and writer and former Yaddo artist, talks about the Yaddo effort and thanks Bruno for his support.

Sloatsburg experienced a taste of Tuxedo Saturday night as the two corridor communities came together at Michael Bruno’s garden party benefit for Yaddo. The event served as the first big reveal of the grounds of the Tuxedo Hudson Company’s French Resistance Coffee House & Cafe concept. Guests were not disappointed.



View of the grounds at the French Resistance Cafe in Sloatsburg — from the garden looking out toward the entrance. The evening's event was planned and catered by Heather Bullard + Tuxedo Park Events.

The expansive grounds were decorated in newly planted foliage and included three separate areas — open barn building, Rose Courtyard and sprawling gardens — which completely transport visitors into a different place, away from the buzz of Route 17 and into a welcome respite. Bruno's vision of a little Hamptons in the Ramapo Mountains of Sloatsburg is off to a good start.



A new custom fountain is a feature in the Rose Courtyard and was built by Roy Robinson of Pacific Pool & Spa.

The Rose Courtyard features a new fountain built by Roy Robinson from Pacific Pool & Spa. Tuxedo Park Events also used goods from other familiar vendors, such as Blooming Hill Farms, a mainstay of the Tuxedo Farmers' Market out of Blooming Grove, NY, for the evening's foods.

In what may have been a first, the corridor communities of Tuxedo and Sloatsburg came together in numbers and mingled under party tents in Sloatsburg. The evening festivities caught an early break from overcast skies which finally opened before dessert as a downpour rained on the colorful crowd.

Katherine Rosman, a Style editor and writer for *The New York Times* and close to Yaddo, was generous in praise for Bruno, who sponsored the evening. Yaddo President Elaina Richardson also attended the evening's event.



Inside the old Blue Barn, a new farm stand concept that will become part of the French Resistance Cafe.

