

ROXANNE BROWNING'S BIO



Life's many paths are never without a twist. I had all intentions as a child to save the world - from what, I didn't know. Earned a BFA at the School of Visual Arts in New York City that led to a career in the ad world on Mad Ave, far from the ideology of joining the Peace Corp. I woke up in 1990, in my small town of Northport, NY where I wanted to bring positive changes to my community. As a two-term elected official allowed me to serve the people, which was both rewarding and a humbling experience.

As the Mayor, concerned about our environment and infrastructure, laws and policies were enacted that have stood the test of time. After two high energy careers, I retired the gavel in search of a sweeter life. That brought me back to the question I had as a child, "How can I help others?"

As an entrepreneur, I merged two passions - chocolate and wine. Ultimately, a trip to the Ecuadorian Amazon rainforest, where I harvested cacao and witnessed first hand how the noble cacao pod transforms into a chocolate bar. By empowering cacao farmers to lift themselves out of poverty, they reinvest back into their land, communities, feed and educate their children.

Founded in 2010, Exotic Chocolate Tasting, Inc. is a Certified New York State Women-owned business. This original idea of terroir-driven chocolate paired with wine, showcases my knowledge and experience with guests while they enjoy their two favorite pleasures. These unique entertaining and educational events are held at restaurants, conference rooms and family rooms for public, private and professional functions, and fundraisers.

My "Green" mission and higher purpose is to bring awareness of the indigenous people that create sustainable chocolate from bean-to-bar, how cacao harvesting helps the rainforest, the health benefits, and to demonstrate how to mindfully savor every morsel for your well-being.

A few successful chocolate and wine pairing events for:

American Bar Association
Ameriprise Financial
Atria Assisted Living
BDO
Broadridge
Bachem-Swiss chemical & biotechnology co
Citibank
Dewitt Stern
EisnerAmper LLP
Morgan Stanley
Manhattan Chamber of Commerce
Nixon Peabody, LLP
Price Waterhouse Coopers
National Retailers Federation
Portnoy, Messinger, Pearl & Associates - HR
Pepperidge Farm - Headquarters, Norwalk, CT
Hyatt Regency Jersey City on the Hudson
Chef Tom Schaudel - Restaurateur
Nicosia Winery - Sicily, Italy
Empire & Montcalm Wine Importers
Sawgrass TPC PGA - Florida

Not-for-Profits:
North Shore LIJ Hospital -
Katz Institute on Women's Health
Breast Cancer Society
American Heart Association
Lustgarten Foundation
Island Harvest
Old Westbury Gardens



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