

Taste

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On November 8, pastry chef and wizard of chocolates **Norman Love** and his wife, **Mary**, chair the sold-out 3 Wishes charity event benefiting area children's charities. The fundraiser includes a Moroccan-themed dinner by Southwest Florida chefs, along with Keegan Gerhard, Food Network Challenge TV series host, and Johnny Iuzzini, head judge on Bravo's Top Chef Just Desserts. Here, Love shares some of his favorite things.



NORMAN LOVE WITH
MARY ELLEN SALAMONE

BEST KITCHEN TOOL: *In pastry, a favorite tool is one you use most often; mine is the offset spatula.*

FAVORITE FLAVOR AT HIS SHOP, ARTISAN GELATO: *The mocha almond fudge.*

UNUSUAL FLAVOR HE CRAVES: *A fresh banana gelato with salted caramel and candied walnuts. That sounds good; we should make that!*

IN HIS FRIDGE: *Bottles of Perrier. I like water with bubbles—and fresh fruit. We don't cook at home much. My wife, Mary, is a vegetarian so we often make a simple pasta and salad.*

FAVORITE LOCAL RESTAURANTS: *In Naples, favorites would be Sea Salt, Barbatella and The Ritz-Carlton, Naples Grill Room. In Fort Myers, we like Yabo, Cru and Blue Coyote.*

WHAT HE DID THIS SUMMER: *I was at the American Culinary Federation convention in Las Vegas for a demo in July. I was also asked to serve as head judge for the 2013 World Chocolate Masters competition in Paris. —Kat Smith*