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A 'Power' Dinner and an Artist Tribute

When it comes to colorful *mise en scène*, it'd be hard to beat the Garden of Early Delights gala for the Museum of Arts and Design.

Guests such as Sofia Sanchez de Betak, Lily Kwong, Indre Rockefeller, Nell Diamond and Jen Brill came to an Upper East Side town-house Thursday wearing, for the most part, patchwork-style gowns evoking both flora and fauna.



MARSHALL HEYMAN

The evening, presented by the French accessories brand Roger Vivier and honoring the Egyptian artist Ghada Amer, was inspired by Hieronymus Bosch's iconic triptych, as well as the whimsical and fantastical illustrations of Cicely Mary Barker.

Tables were decorated with moss, deep red peonies as well as mushrooms, pomegranates and cherries. Each dinner place setting was set with a vial of absinthe.

Other parties on Thursday evening included a dinner at Barneys downtown, hosted by Carmen Dell'Orefice and Zani Gugelmann, for the handbag line Delvaux, and an HSN-sponsored meal at the Crosby Street Hotel, sans absinthe, for the company's collaborations with the Disney sequel "Alice Through the Looking Glass."

But when it comes to colorful conversation, it'd be



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Omari Hardwick and Bevy Smith, above, at a dinner for 'Power,' which returns for a third season this summer. Lela Loren, left.

hard to beat a party, also on Thursday night, hosted by television and radio personality Bevy Smith at Omar's on West Ninth Street, for the Starz series "Power." The show, about New York City nightlife and the drug trade, returns for a third season this summer.

Ms. Smith said that she discovered the series one Saturday night when she was meant to be out on a date.

"I'm a gal about town, so I'm never home on a Saturday night," she said.

But she found some of her favorite people talking about "Power" on Twitter and, "I switched the good old channel and got my entire life."

Omari Hardwick, Lela Loren, Naturi Naughton and Joseph Sikora, who all appear on "Power," which shoots in New York, ate dinner alongside their executive producer and showrunner Courtney Kemp Agboh.

Ms. Smith told them: "Lover did not come through, but you guys came through for me."

