THE LITTLE NELL

EVENTS TEAM BIOS

MARCY KNEIPER
Director of Events

Marcy Kneiper's career in event planning began more than 20 years ago. Originally from Vermont, Marcy worked in the events business for several years at Stratton Mountain before moving to the Roaring Fork Valley for a post at the Hotel Jerome, which led to founding her own event planning company, Creative Weddings & Celebrations. In 2014, Marcy was ready for a change and joined The Little Nell's Events Team. As an Event Manager for the hotel, she has embraced the opportunity to work on a team of amazing, talented individuals who efficiently and professionally manage the expectations of incredible clients. Throughout her career, Marcy has been instrumental in helping hundreds of couples plan their perfect mountain wedding. Always striving to learn more, Marcy earned her Level 1 Sommelier certification from the Court of Master Sommeliers in 2015. Described by her peers and clientele as creative, upbeat and always calm, Marcy is a wonderful addition to The Little Nell. Her favorite venue is the wedding deck atop Aspen Mountain, her favorite type of event is weddings and her favorite color is wedgewood blue. When she's not hard at work, she enjoys spending time with her husband, their son and her horses.

MELINA GLAVAS
Senior Event Sales Manager

Melina Glavas grew up in Southern California, and studied Corporate Communications & Public Affairs at Southern Methodist University in Texas. A self-described "Greek Goddess of hospitality" on her Instagram bio, Melina was destined to be a mover and shaker in the industry. While studying abroad in Paris for a year in college and taken by the historic hotels, acclaimed restaurants and graceful service for which France and Europe are known, she found her calling to work in hospitality. After graduating from college, she moved to Aspen, working as a Sales & Marketing Assistant for the Ritz-Carlton, then as a Catering Manager for The Sky Hotel. In 2006, Melina joined The Little Nell as Director of Events. In 2013, her position evolved into Senior Event Sales Manager with a move back home to Laguna Beach to focus on new business for The Little Nell with leading wedding planners and high-profile clients. Melina has been recognized by the Colorado Hotel & Lodging Association with the "Star of the Industry" as Employee of the Year and also earned her Level 1 Sommelier certification from the Court of Master Sommeliers. She volunteers her time with the Nancy Davis Foundation, The SMU Southern California Alumni Chapter, and mentoring students at Laguna Beach High School. Melina loves to travel, spend time with her family and friends, entertain at home, ski, swim, play tennis and practice yoga.

CASARAE CLARK
Senior Event Manager

Casarae Clark has always been intrigued by events and the various aspects that go into organizing them - from the florals and invitations, to the color schemes and designs, to the music and entertainment, to maintaining an orderly timeline. She launched her career by contacting an event planner asking for an internship, and got the job right on the spot simply based on her confidence. After graduating from Montana State University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Marketing, Casarae worked as an Event Coordinator at Emerson College in Boston, Mass., for two years. She then went on to be an Event Manager at the Environmental Business Council of New England. In 2012, she moved to Aspen to join The Little Nell as an Event Manager. Ultimately, love brought Casarae to Colorado and the hometown of her beau though Aspen captured her heart for its cosmopolitan flair, natural beauty and healthy lifestyle. She cites the commitment to excellence by all of her peers as a favorite aspect of working at The Little Nell. Committed to learning more herself, she enhanced her knowledge of wine and service in 2015 by earning her Level 1 Sommelier certification from the Court of Master Sommeliers. Casarae lives the Aspen lifestyle to the fullest by taking in all of the experiences she can in terms of live music, fabulous restaurants, year-round festivals, incredible hiking, road biking, camping adventures, skiing and more.