Silver Society of Canada' Participation at the yearly "1920 Garden Party " at Spadina House



This is a picture of Philip and I—silence before the storm— i. e. official opening of the "1920 Garden Party" at Spadina House. Next to unusual pieces of flatware, we showed also vinaigrettes. Philip had prepared a vase featuring the herbal ingredients for the fragrant vinegar with which the vinaigrette sponges were soaked. People were delighted to hear how these pieces were used and smell the faint odour of old sponges.

The selection of flatware included cherry pitters, fish slices, grape scissors, unusual sugar tongs, asparagus servers, nut-and bonbons spoons, egg scissors, cucumber slices, marrow scoops, punch ladles—many of the guests had not the slightest idea what these items were used for but were interested in stories of traditional table culture and a more complicated form of entertaining.