Haricot Verts wrapped in Prosciutto:

3 pounds haricots verts (slender fresh French green beans trimmed OR regular fresh thin green beans, trimmed)
1 gallon water, lightly salted
1 pound thinly sliced prosciutto (13 slices
¼ cup vinegar
¼ cup finely chopped shallots
½ tsp freshly ground black pepper

Bring gallon water & vinegar to boil in large pan; add beans to pan; cook 3 minutes or until crisp-tender; drain and plunge beans into ice-water and drain.

Divide beans into 12 bundles of about one dozen beans each; wrap each bundle in prosciutto secured with toothpick(s). Place one bundle beside each hen on platter(s) and heat bundles until prosciutto cooks (and looks like underdone bacon.)

Saffron Rice

Use prepared Mahatma dried packaged rice with real saffron according to instructions on the package- one 5oz. package of rice mix makes about 2 ½ cups cooked; for 12 servings about 5 packages will be required.