



Chefs Team Up for “Locavore” Feast at Toronado Pub

Chef Melissa Axelrod of Melissa Claire’s Kitchen and Chef Christian Spybrook of SF Foodshed will create a six-course meal paired with local beers at Toronado Pub on Sunday, August 9, 2009. As a celebration of the local bounty of the season, all foods and beers will be sourced from within 200 miles of San Francisco. Local breweries like Russian River, Lagunitas, and Magnolia have chosen special brews to match up with the culinary creations of chefs Axelrod and Spybrook.

San Francisco, CA Month Date, Year -- Chefs Melissa Axelrod and Christian Spybrook have teamed up to create a six-course “Locavore” feast to be paired with local beers at Toronado Pub on Sunday, August 9, 2009.

The Locavore feast is a private event beginning at 11:30 AM Sunday, August 9 at Toronado Pub in the Lower Haight. Melissa Claire Kitchen’s mantra of “local, seasonal, sustainable” inspires both the menu and Spybrook’s beer pairing choices. All food and beer for the event will be sourced from artisan producers within a 200-mile radius of the event. The six-course menu includes an appetizer, fish course, charcuterie plate, entrée, cheese plate and dessert plate, with vegetarian options available.

Chefs Melissa Axelrod and Christian Spybrook met while cooking together at Delfina and Delfina Pizzeria, and this is the first of many planned joint events showcasing their talents. Together, they look forward to taking advantage of the bounty that is northern California in August, with dishes such as a salad of hand-stretched mozzarella, heirloom tomatoes and wild arugula picked that morning from Axelrod’s own garden in Cole Valley. The beer selections will also have a role in the food preparation, with local pork slowly braised in Russian River Brewery’s “Damnation 23,” a beer created every 23rd batch that is aged in oak barrels.

More details about this event, including how to order tickets, are available at the Melissa Claire’s Kitchen website. Toronado Pub is located at 547 Haight Street at Fillmore Avenue.

About Melissa Claire’s Kitchen:

Established in Summer 2008, Melissa Claire’s Kitchen is the vision of San Francisco chef Melissa Axelrod, who takes a personal, hands-on approach to each dinner, guided by the mantra of “local, seasonal, sustainable.” She is involved at every stage of the process, from the creation of each unique four-course menu, to picking out her produce at the farmers’ markets, to meeting each dinner guest at the table. Chef Axelrod trained at the California Culinary Academy and has worked at local favorites such as Delfina and Fringale. For this personalized San Francisco supper club, chef Axelrod declares, “My goal is to create a dining experience that you can’t quite get anywhere else.”

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