



November 27 Newsletter

Dear Friends,

ZenKitchen has been open for 5 months, and what a wild ride it's been! We've welcomed over 5000 diners, including many, many regular and repeat guests. The feedback, via reply cards, emails and verbally, has been incredibly useful and supportive – offering suggestions for improvement, praise for our (excellent) servers and lots of positive reinforcement for what we're trying to accomplish. Thanks for coming in, all your comments and support, and helping to create such a buzz in the city about us. Keep up the good work! With signs of the approaching winter season and hectic holiday period before us, please know that we are here for your comfort, warmth and nourishment on the stormiest and busiest days ahead.

Warm regards,
Caroline and Dave

Gift Certificates

As we approach the gift giving season, we'd like to suggest that ZenKitchen gift certificates make an excellent present. They can be purchased in any denomination, have no expiry date and one size fits all! You can buy gift certificates online at www.zenkitchen.ca and have them emailed to the recipient or yourself, or purchase them at the restaurant and take it with you.

T-shirts

Another gift possibility while they last – ZenKitchen's unique t-shirts, printed locally on Canadian-made organic cotton-bamboo. Black only, limited sizes available. And only \$25!



The Restaurant Adventures of Caroline and Dave – TV series schedule

As you may know, we've had a TV crew from Mountain Road Productions following us for the past year. The fruit of their efforts is a 13 episode documentary TV series about our journey to open ZenKitchen.

We've recently learned that the series will air on Wednesdays at 9:00 pm on The W Network, beginning January 6, 2010. W Network can be found on the following channels:

Rogers - 27

Bell - 602

Star Choice - 567

Vidéotron - 101

Now open Tuesdays!

After receiving many requests, we're now open on Tuesdays, 5-10 pm. That means we're open 6 days a week, closed Mondays. We've created an on-line reservation system that we've had great response to as been very user friendly and effective. Just go to www.zenkitchen.ca to make the reservation, or give us a call at 613-233-6404.

Chef's Tasting Menu

We've finally added a chef's tasting menu to our dinner lineup. It's a four course meal created by Chef Caroline from dishes that aren't found on the regular menu. Due to the timing of the extra courses, the entire table is required to take this special menu. Also, Dave offers an optional wine pairing with each course, drawn from his award-winning selection of Ontario VQA wines.

Holiday parties and lunches

We are normally closed for luncheons, however during the holiday period we are open for company lunches and receptions. If you are interested, please contact us at info@zenkitchen.ca or 613-233-6404 to discuss your needs further.

Holiday and vacation schedule

Open: December 24, December 29, December 30, December 31

Closed: December 25, December 26, December 27

Vacation: We'll close for personal vacation time between January 1 to January 18 and will reopen on January 19, 2010

Bring in the New Year with us!

We're very excited about celebrating New Year's Eve with you in our new restaurant and are planning a celebratory evening with a special chef's tasting menu to welcome in the new year.

There will be 2 seatings for the evening:

1. Sitting between 5:30 pm and 6 pm: 4 course special chef's tasting menu \$50, with optional wine pairing with the courses \$25
2. Sitting between 8:30 pm and 9:15 pm: 6 course special chef's tasting menu \$65, including sparkling wine and a special Zen new beginnings savoury and sweet sampler plate at midnight, with optional wine pairing \$35.

The price does not include PST and GST and a 15% gratuity will be added to the bill. To reserve, please call us at 613-233-6404 and if we are not in please leave us your name, number, and we'll call you back as soon as possible. We will require a credit card number to hold your reservation and if you must cancel your reservation, you must do so at least 24 hours prior to the date or you will be charged 50% of the dinner price.

December 2009

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January 2010

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Cooking Classes

I know, I know, many of you are asking when are they coming? I ask myself the same question every day too as there has been very limited extra time to plan them after working morning to night every day. However, there is a light at the end of the tunnel and planning is finally underway for the classes so I hope to announce the class details soon and start them in January.

Media

ZenKitchen continues to receive some great media reviews. Most recently, we were listed in Ottawa Magazine's Best Restaurants issue and we received many honourable mentions in the Ottawa Xpress Best of Ottawa issue: