



JUNE 2010 BISTRO AIX NEWSLETTER

Chef Tom to Take Center Stage with Paula Deen!

Exciting News! On Thursday, June 17th, Chef Tom will take the stage with celebrity chef, cookbook author, and television host, Paula Deen at Jacksonville Downtown Public Library Conference Center in conjunction with Publix Apron's Cooking School.

You may remember that Chef Tom and Ms. Deen's culinary paths have crossed once before when she visited Jacksonville to attend the Billy Joel and Elton John concert last year. She and 40 guests enjoyed an impromptu privately-hosted pre-concert reception featuring Bistro AIX's French/Mediterranean-inspired cuisine. Ms. Deen and a group of friends, who traveled with her from Savannah, feasted on many of Bistro AIX's specialty dishes during the reception.



Ms. Deen and her husband, Michael Groover, raved over the Miniature Wagyu Burgers. After consuming several of them, Mr. Groover remarked, "these burgers are incredible. They're really addictive."

Chef Tom also had a chance for some personal interaction with the charismatic culinary icon during the event. "I shared with her a wonderful memory of taking my 92 year-old grandmother, who was visiting from Rhode Island to visit her identical twin sister, who lives in Columbia, South Carolina. The two hadn't seen each other in many years and we were trying to figure out a way to get them together. We chose The Lady & Sons restaurant as our rendezvous point in Savannah because they both love Paula Deen and its proximity to both cities. The southern food was terrific and it was a memorable day for all."

Chef Tom will take the stage at 7:00pm for a demonstration and question and answer session followed by Paula's demonstration at 7:30pm. A pre-demonstration buffet of Paula's cuisine and book signing, beginning at 5:00 pm are also included in the evening's events. Unfortunately, this event has just sold out but waiting list spaces are being taken. For more information visit the [Apron's Cooking School website](#), we hope to see you there!

NEW DINNER MENU COMING SOON! We will be rolling out our new seasonal summer dinner menu on Friday, June 4th bursting with the flavors of summer and featuring many locally-grown and specialty products.

Try our new **Roasted Duck Breast** on spaetzle with glazed cherries & arugula tossed in mustard vinaigrette, the beautiful **Farfallini Primavera** pasta dish in Parmigiano broth or the **Housmade Saffron Fettuccini** with baby clams, **Hobbs' chorizo & tomato broth**, just to name a few. Let us know *your* new favorites!

Do you crave [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) as much as you crave your favorite dish at Bistro AIX? Follow us to get the inside scoop along with Facebook and Twitter-only specials, and much more!

Planning a graduation, bridal or corporate event this summer? For groups large or small, consider the beautiful Bistro AIX private dining rooms! Or, have Bistro AIX come to an off-site location of your choosing - it's all possible with our comprehensive event planning and catering services. Call Parker McKeller, Catering Coordinator, for information on menu planning and a personalized tour of our event spaces: 904-398-1949.

Bistro AIX will be closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 31. Please have a safe and enjoyable holiday!