

150+ Restaurants Worth Your While

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So pleased to continue a tradition I started with the team at Charlotte Living in our Winter Food Issue 2017. It is my pleasure to present to you, my 2018 *Restaurant Guide: 150+ Restaurants Worth Your While*.

As is always the case with my restaurant articles and reviews, this listing is not tied to advertising in any way, and restaurants are compiled in groups based on location.

I have always prided myself on presenting positive “go-eat-here-now” reviews to my readers. It has been my philosophy since the beginning, that there is not much point in spending time and space telling readers where not to go to allocate their dining dollars.

These are all restaurants where I have enjoyed a dining experience and then shared the same via these pages, my blog, a television appearance or social media posts. The photos are all of chefs and members of Charlotte's culinary community you need to know, people who are doing something new or outside of their regular box. Talented people, making a difference in what and how we dine out for breakfast, lunch or dinner.

No good, better, best here – all are great places worth your time and attention to try. Enjoy and remember to #TellThemHeidiSentYou – Cheers!

– Heidi Bilotto

UPTOWN

5 Church – *American* – 127 N. Tryon St., Charlotte, NC 28202, 704.919.1322, 5churchcharlotte.com

Aria Tuscan Grill – *Italian* – 100 N. Tryon St., Charlotte, NC 28202, 704.376.8880, ariacharlotte.com/index.html

BB&T Ballpark – *Sports Bar, American* – 324 S. Mint St., Charlotte, NC 28202, 704.274.8300, bbtballparkcharlotte.com

City Smoke – *Wood smoked, Barbecue* – 100 N. Tryon St., Charlotte, NC 28202, 704.376.2295, citysmokeclt.com/mobile/index.html

Duckworth's Grill & Taphouse – *Sports Bar* – 330 N. Tryon St., Charlotte, NC 28202, 980.939.1166, uptown.duckworths.com

Evoke – *Contemporary Cuisine, International Flair* – Le Meridian Hotel, 555 S McDowell St., Charlotte, NC 28204, 980.237.5354, evokerestaurant.com

Fahrenheit Charlotte – *Continental, Locally Inspired, Rooftop Patio* – 222 S. Caldwell St., Charlotte, NC 28202, 980.237.6718, cheffrocwhalen.com/fahrenheit-charlotte/

Halcyon Flavors From the Earth – *Continental, Locally Inspired* – 500 S. Tryon St., Charlotte, NC 28202, 704.910.0865, halcyonflavors.com

King's Kitchen – *Southern Cuisine and Bakery* – 129 W. Trade St. Charlotte, NC 28202, 704.375.1990, kingskitchen.org

Local Loaf – *Bakery, Sandwiches* – 224 E. 7th St., Charlotte, NC 28202, 704.503.9484, localloafcharlotte.com

Loft & Cellar – *Spanish Influence* – 305 W. 4th St., Charlotte, NC 28202, 704.817.9057, loftandcellar.com

Luce Ristorante – *Italian* – 214 N. Tryon S., #J, Charlotte, NC 28202, 704.344.9222, conterestaurant-group.com/luce.html

McNinch House – *Continental Cuisine, Tasting Menus, by reservations only* – 511 N. Church St., Charlotte, NC 28202, 704.332.6159, McNinchHouseRestaurant.com

Mimosa Grill – *Southern, Locally Inspired* – 327 S. Tryon St., Charlotte, NC 28202, 704.343.0700, harpers-group.com/mimosa.asp

Not Just Coffee – *Coffee* – 222 S. Church St., Charlotte, NC, notjust.coffee

Not Just Coffee – *Coffee* – 224 E. 7th St., Charlotte, NC 28202, notjust.coffee

Orrmans Cheese Shop – *Cheese Plates and Grilled Cheese* – 7th Street Market, 224 E 7th St., Charlotte, NC 28202, 980.226.3025, 7thstreetpublicmarket.com/shops/orrmans-cheese-shop

Rooster's – *Tapas Style Southern* – 150 N. College St., Charlotte, NC 28202, 704.370.7667, roosterskitchen.com

Sea Level – *Seafood, Oysters and Carolina Coastal Cuisine* – 129 E 5th St., Charlotte, NC 28202, 704.412.2616, sealevelinc.com

Stoke – *American, Farm to Fork* – 100 W. Trade St., Charlotte, NC 28202, 704.353.6005, stokecharlotte.com

The Asbury – *Southern, Farm to Fork* – 235 N. Tryon St., Charlotte, NC 28202, 704.342.1193, theasbury.com

The Cellar at Duckworth's – *Speakeasy | Craft Cocktails | American Cuisine* – 30 N. Tryon St., Charlotte, NC 28202, 980.349.4078, thecellaratduckworths.com

Zia Pia Imports & Italian Kitchen – *From Pasta to Pastries* – 224 E. 7th Street, 7th Street Public Market, Charlotte, NC 28202, 704.574.9163, ziapiaitaliankitchen.business.site



Rachel Kelbaur

MIDTOWN

COTSWOLD

Mezzanotte – *Italian, Pizza* – 2907 Providence Rd., Charlotte, NC 28211, 704-365-4650, conterestaurant-group.com/mezzanotte/

Thai Orchid – *Thai* – 4223 Providence Rd #7, Charlotte, NC 28211, 704.364.1134, thaiorchidrestaurantcharlotte.com

Namastay Kitchen and Hangout – *Sushi, Juices, Light Plates* – 274 S. Sharon Amity Rd. #2, Charlotte, NC 28211, 980.999.3281, namastaykitchen.com

DILWORTH

300 East – *Locally Inspired, American* – 300 East Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28203, 704.332.6507, 300east.net

Bonterra Dining & Wine Room – *Southern, Locally Inspired* – 1829 Cleveland Ave., Charlotte, NC 28203, 704.333.9463, bonterradining.com/index.html

Copper Indian Cuisine – *Modern Indian Cuisine* – 311 East Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28203, 704.333.0063, copperrestaurant.com

Dilworth Tasting Room – *Wine Bar with Tapas and Small Plates* – 300 E. Tremont Ave., Charlotte, NC 28203, 704.595.3337, Dilworthtr.com

Dolce – *Italian* – 1710 Kenilworth Ave. Suite 210, Charlotte, NC 28203, 704.332.7525, dolceristorante.net

Fern, Flavors from the Garden – *Vegetarian, Vegan* – 1419 East Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28203, 704.377.1825, fernflavors.com

Foxcroft Wine Company – *Wine Bar/California Cuisine/Tapas* – 1235 East Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28203, 704.602.2133, Foxcroftwine.com

JJ Redhots – *Classic Hot Dogs and Sausages* – 1514 East Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28203, 980.225.8880, jjsredhots.com

Kid Cashew – *Mediterranean* – 1608 East Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28203, 704.208.4148, facebook.com/KidCashew

Not Just Coffee – Dilworth – *Coffee, Cocktails, Light Food* – 2230 Park Rd. Suite 102, Charlotte, NC 28203, 704.900.7500, notjust.coffee

The People's Market at Dilworth – *Urban Market, Coffee, Beer, Wine, Hot Bar* – 1315A Scott Ave., Charlotte, NC 28203, 980.299.0703, thepeoplesmarket.com

Zen Asian Fusion – *Asian/Latin* – 1716 Kenilworth Ave., Charlotte, NC 28203, 704.358.9688, Zenasianfusion.com

ELIZABETH

Cajun Queen – *Cajun and Creole* – 1800 E 7th St., Charlotte, NC 28204, 704.377.9017, cajunqueen.net

Carpe Diem – *Southern, Locally Inspired* – 1535 Elizabeth Ave., Charlotte, NC 28204, 704.377.7976, carpediemrestaurant.com

Earl's Grocery – *Market, Eat in, Take Out* – 1609 Elizabeth Ave., Charlotte, NC 28204, 704.333.2757, earlsgrocery.com

Elizabeth Creamery – *Ice Cream* – 1535 Elizabeth Ave., Charlotte, NC 28204, 704.376.3426, facebook.com/Elizabeth-Creamery-149117908502175/

Sandwich Max – *Sandwiches* – 1941 E. 7th St, Charlotte, NC 28204, 704.358.8100, sandwichmaxclt.com

Fig Tree Restaurant – *Continental, Locally Inspired* – 1601 E. 7th St., Charlotte, NC 28204, 704.322.3322, charlottefigtree.com

Luca Modern Italian Kitchen – *Italian, Farm to Fork* – 1523 Elizabeth Ave., Charlotte, NC 28204, 704.910.3161, LucaItalianKitchen.com

Sabor Latin Street Grill – *Tacos* – 415 Hawthorne Lane, Charlotte, NC 28204, 980.237.0308, saborcharlotte.com

MIDTOWN

88 China Bistro – *Chinese* – 1620-A East Fourth St., Charlotte, NC 28204, 704.335.0288, 88chinabistro.com/88ChinaMenu.rml

Dressler's – *American Cuisine* – 1100 Metropolitan Ave. #125, Charlotte, NC 28204, 704.909.6295, dresslersrestaurant.com

Mama Ricotta's – *Italian* – 601 S. Kings Dr, Charlotte, NC 28204, 704.343.0148, mamaricottasrestaurant.com/home/?CFID=3457628&CFTOKEN=98929568

Melting Pot – *Fondue* – 901 S. Kings Dr. #140B, Charlotte, NC 28204, 704.334.4400, meltingpot.com

Pizzeria Omaggio – *Italian* – 1055 Metropolitan Ave. Suite 130, Charlotte, NC 28204, 704.370-0777, pizzeriaomaggio.com

Vivace – *Italian* – 1100 Metropolitan Avenue, Charlotte, NC 28204, 704.370.7755, vivacecharlotte.com

MYERS PARK

Aix en Providence – *French* – 545-B Providence Rd., Charlotte, NC 28207, 704.332.1886, aixenprovidenceclt.com

Fenwicks on Providence – *American* – 511 Providence Rd., Charlotte, NC 28207, 704.333.2750, fenwicksonprovidence.com/

Little Spoon Eatery – *Locally Inspired, Breakfast and Lunch* – 2820 Selwyn Ave., Charlotte, NC 28209, 704.496.9908, https://littlespooneatery.com

Lumiere French Kitchen – *French* – 1039 Providence Rd., Charlotte, NC 28207, 704.372.3335, lumieremyerspark.com

Napa on Providence – *American* – 110 Perrin Pl, Charlotte, NC 28207, 704.900.8535, napaonprovidence.com

Pasta & Provisions – *Pasta, Italian Market, Wine* – 1528 Providence Rd., Charlotte, NC 28207, 704.364.2622, pastaprovisions.com

RuRu's Taco & Tequila Bar – *Tacos* – 715 Providence Rd., Charlotte, NC 28207, 704.332.7933, rurusTacosclt.com/

Stagioni – *Italian* – 715 Providence Rd., Charlotte, NC 28207, 704.372.8110, stagioniclt.com

Taipei Express – *Chinese* – 731 Providence Rd., Charlotte, NC 28207, 704.334.2288, taipeiexpress.net/

Smile and Say Cheese, Please

Orrman's Cheese Shop located in Uptown Charlotte in the 7th Street Public Market is your source for artisan regional, American and fine European cheeses and all the accompaniments you need to build your own fabulous cheese tray. We love that the focus on all Orrman's sells is on small batch, artisan producers and also carries a lovely selections of thoughtfully curated artisan jams, jellies, crackers, honey, tapenades and more.

Looking for a fabulous cheese tray for your next party or round of cocktails and hors d'oeuvres?

Look no further... the knowledgeable staff of cheese mongers at Orrman's led by Rachel Kelbaur really knows their stuff.

Hungry? Stop by the all new cheese bar at Orrmans and order up a wonderful grilled cheese sandwich, salad, mac and cheese or a fabulous cheese tray for one or more to enjoy in house or take home to go!





Mara Norris, Whitney Davis and Michael Harrington

Ready on Five, Four, Three, Two, One....

That's how each round of the clever Sliced competition starts each month in the Salud Cooking School at Whole Foods Market in the SouthPark area. Charlotte area chefs and sous chefs go head to head in three rounds of friendly competition packed into one fun-filled and flavorful evening! The team at Salud, is pictured here: from left, Salud Cooking School Director, Mara Norris, with a mystery basket and her team, cooking instructors Whitney Davis and Michael Harrington.

As spectators watch the action, and get a fun close up and personal view of how teams of Charlotte chefs approach each basket, Mara, Whitney and Michael, run constant color commentary explaining technique and talking about ingredients. Heidi Billotto is on hand as well each month to taste and serve as the official guest judge. After each round is completed, the audience gets to taste each dish and also votes for their favorites based on taste, creativity and presentation; and in the end a winner is crowned. Tons of fun – check it out soon. Sliced usually takes place on the last Monday of each month – exact dates appear in the Salud Cooking School schedule available at WholeFoodsMarket.com – click on the Charlotte store location and then on the link to Salud Cooking School to confirm date and make your reservations.

EAST

INDIAN TRAIL

Sabor Latin Street Grill – *Tacos* – 14039 E. Independence Blvd., Indian Trail, NC 28079, 704.628.7465, saborcharlotte.com

MATTHEWS

Kabab - Je Rotisserie & Grill – *Lebanese* – 2233 Matthews Township Pkwy., Matthews, NC 28105, 704.845.0707, kababje.com

Loyalist Market – *Cheese and Charcuterie* – 435 N Trade St. #102, Matthews, NC 28105, 704.814.9866, theloyalistmarket.com

Sabor Latin Street Grill – *Tacos* – 5945 Weddington Monroe Rd., Matthews, NC 28104, 704.774.1083, saborcharlotte.com

Santé – *Continental, Farm to Fork* – 165 N. Trade St, Matthews, NC 28105, 704.845.1899, santeof-matthews.com

Tamarind – *Indian* – 10416 E. Independence Blvd., Matthews, NC 28105, 704.841.8979, tamarind-matthews.com/

Your Mom's Donuts – *Donuts* – 11025 Monroe Rd., Matthews, NC 28105, 803.280.5720, yourmomsdonuts.com

MONROE

The Stone Table – *American, Farm to Fork* – 101 W. Franklin Street, Monroe, NC 28112, 704.225.7675, stonetablemonroe.com

MONROE RD.

Community Culinary School of Charlotte – *American, Catering* – 9315-D Monroe Rd., Charlotte, NC 28270, 704.375.4500, communityculinary.org

Tipsy Burro Saloon & Cantina – *Mexican* – 2711 Monroe Rd., Charlotte, NC 28205, 704.249.3317, facebook.com/Tipsyburro

PLAZA MIDWOOD

Bistro La Bon – *Continental* – 1322 Central Ave., Charlotte, NC 28205, 704.333.4646, bistolabon.com

Common Market – *Market, Sandwiches, Beer & Wine* – 2007 Commonwealth Ave., Charlotte, NC 28205, 704.334.6209, commonmarketcharlotte.com/

Midwood Smokehouse – *Wood Smoked, Barbecue* – 1410 Central Ave., Charlotte, NC 28205, 704.295.4227, midwoodsmokehouse.com/locations/locations_charlotte_columbia.html

Pure Pizza – *Pizza & Salads* – 224 East 7th St., Charlotte, NC 28202, 980.430.1701, purepizzact.com

The Workman's Friend – *Irish Pub* – 1531 Central Ave., Charlotte, NC 28205, 980.224.8234, TheWorkmansFriend.com

Yama Izakaya – *Japanese, Sushi, Sake* – 1324 Central Ave., Charlotte, NC 28205, 704.910.6387, yamaizakaya.com

SOUTH

BALLANTYNE

Oggi Ristorante Italiano – *Italian American, Mediterranean* – 16646 Hawfield Way Dr., Charlotte, NC 28277, 704.716.9400, oggicharlotte.com

The Lights Juicery & Café – *Locally Sourced, Crafted with Love* – 16631 Lancaster Hwy., Charlotte, NC 28277, 980.207.0871, thelightsjuicery.com

Midwood Smokehouse – *Wood Smoked, Barbecue* – 12410 Johnston Rd., Charlotte, NC 28277, 980.430.1086, midwoodsmokehouse.com/locations/locations_charlotte_columbia.html

Quik Shop – *Fried Chicken* – 11924 Elm Lane, Charlotte, NC 28277, 704.543.1338, quikshoppe.com/?n=Products/index&t=0&sp=10

Sugar Donuts – *Donuts* – 11914 Elm Lane, Charlotte, NC 28277, 980.214.1566, sugardonuts.net/

The Big View Diner – *American, Greek, Bakery* – 16637 Lancaster Hwy, Charlotte, NC 28277, 704.544.0313, bigviewrestaurant.com

The Gallery Restaurant – *Continental, Farm to Fork* – 10000 Ballantyne Commons Pkwy, Charlotte, NC 28277, 704.248.4100, theballantynehotel.com

PARK ROAD

Burtons Grill – *Burgers, American Cuisine* – 1601 E Woodlawn Rd. A, Charlotte, NC 28209, 980.299.0999, BurtonsGrill.com

Chopt Creative Salad Company – *Salads, Farm to Fork* – 4125 Park Rd., Charlotte, NC 28209, 980.321.9034, ChoptSalad.com

CO – *Modern Asian* – 4201 Park Rd. D, Charlotte, NC 28209, 980.237.4655, eatatco.com

Dot Dot Dot (membership required) – *Speakeasy* – 4237 Park Road Unit B (Backlot), Charlotte, NC 28209, 704.817.3710, dotdotdotcharlotte.com

Duckworth's Grill & Taphouse – *Sports Bar* – 4435 Park Rd., Charlotte, NC 28209, 704.527.5783, parkroad.duckworths.com/

Fiamma – *Northern Italian* – 2418 Park Rd., Charlotte, NC 28203, 704.333.3062, fiammacharlotte.com

Good Food on Montford – *American, Tapas-style* – 1701 Montford Dr, Charlotte, NC 28209, 704.525.0881, goodfoodonmontford.com

Ilios Noche – *Mediterranean* – 8426 Park Rd., Charlotte, NC 28210, 704.552.1292, iliosnoche.com

Pasta & Provisions – *Pizza, Italian Market, Sandwiches* – 4700 Park Rd., Charlotte, NC 28209, 980.938.6433, pastaprovisions.com

RockSalt – *Oysters, Seafood* – 512 Brandywine Rd., Suite 500, Charlotte, NC 28209, 704.503.9945, rocksaltrestaurants.com/clt/

Va da Vie Gelato – *Gelato* – 4203 Park Rd., Charlotte, NC 28209, 980.201.9159, vadaviegelato.com

PINEVILLE

Global Restaurant – *Continental, Locally Inspired* – 314 Main St. Pineville, NC, 28134, 704.835.1072, global-restaurant.com

Harpers Restaurant & Bar – *American* – 11059 Carolina Place Parkway, Pineville, NC 28134, 704.541.5255, harpersgroup.com/harpers.asp

REA VILLAGE

Ilios Noche – *Mediterranean* – 11508 Providence Rd., Charlotte, NC 28277, 704.814.9882, iliosnoche.com/rea-village.html

SOUTH BLVD.

Beef & Bottle – *Steakhouse* – 4538 South Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28209, 704.523.9977, beefandbottle.net

Doan Vietnamese – *Vietnamese* – 5937 South Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28217, 704.733.9077, pho.com/charlotte-nc/doans

Mocco Bistro – *Greek, Coffee, Pastries* – 4004 South Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28209, 980.207.0508, moccobistro.com

Renaissance Patisserie – *Bakery, Pastries* – 2809 South Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28209, 980.819.8771, renaissancepatisserie.com

Wu's Cajun Seafood – *Cajun and Asian* – 1714 South Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28203, 704.370.2729, wusclt.com

SOUTH END

Futo Buta – *Asian Noodle Shop* – 222 E. Bland St., Charlotte, NC, 704.376.8400, futobuta.com

Lincoln's Haberdashery & Provisions – *coffee/food/market* – 1300 South Blvd, Charlotte, NC 28203, 704.910.4660, Lincolnhaberdashery.com

King of Pops – *Popcicles* – 2500 Dunavant St., Charlotte, NC 28203, 980.498.0737, charlotte.kingof-pops.com

Luciano's Ristorante Italiano – *Italian* – 1910 South Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28203, 980.833.1484, lucianositaly.com/charlotte/

Not Just Coffee – *Coffee* – 2104 South Blvd., Charlotte, NC, notjust.coffee

O-Ku – *Sushi* – 2000 South Blvd #510, Charlotte, NC 28203, 704.594.1922, o-kushichit.com

SOUTH PARK

Baku – *Japanese, Sake, Sushi* – 4515 Sharon Rd., Charlotte, NC 28211, 704.817.7173, baku-restaurant.com

Barrington's Restaurant – *American, Locally Inspired* – 7822 Fairview Rd., Charlotte, NC 28226, 704.364.5755, barringtonsrestaurant.com

Corkbuzz Restaurant & Wine Bar – *Wine Shop, Contemporary Cuisine* – 4905 Ashley Park Lane, Charlotte, NC 28210, 704.625.1328, corkbuzz.com

Dogwood Southern Table & Bar – *Southern Farm to Fork* – 4905 Ashley Park Lane, Charlotte, NC 28210, 704.910.4919, dogwoodsoutherntable.com

Foxcroft Wine Company – *Wine Bar/California Cuisine/Tapas* – 7824 Fairview Rd., Charlotte, NC 28226, 704.365.6550, FoxcroftWine.com

Harpers Restaurant & Bar – *American* – 6518 Fairview Rd., Charlotte, NC 28210, 704.366.6688, harpersgroup.com/harpers.asp

Oak Steakhouse Charlotte – *Steak and Seafood* – 4777 Sharon Rd. Suite 125, Charlotte, NC 28210, 704.954.8900, oaksteakhouseclt.com

Rooster's – *Tapas Style Southern* – 6601 Morrison Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28211, 704.366.8688, roosterskitchen.com

SouthPark Grill – *American, Dinner only* – 4300 Congress St., Charlotte, NC 28209, 704.900.6945, southparkgrill.com

The Cowfish Sushi and Burger Bar – *Gourmet Burgers, Sushi, Fusion* – 4310 Sharon Rd., Charlotte, NC 28277, 704.365.1922, thecowfish.com

Toscana – *Italian* – 6401 Morrison Blvd #6-B, Charlotte, NC 28211, 704.367.1808, conterestaurantgroup.com/toscana.html

Upstream Restaurant – *Seafood* – 6902 Phillips Place, Charlotte, NC 28210, 704.556.7730, harpersgroup.com/upstream.asp

WP Kitchen + Bar – *American, Locally Inspired* – 6706 Phillips Place Ct. C, Charlotte, NC 28210, 704.295.0101, wolfgangpuck.com/restaurants/casual-dining/wp-kitchen-bar

Yafokitchen – *Mediterranean* – 720 Gov. Morrison St., Charlotte, NC 28211, 704.365.7130, yafokitchen.com

Yama Asian Fusion – *Japanese, Sushi, Sake* – 720 Gov. Morrison St. #130, Charlotte, NC 28211, 704.295.0905, yamaasianfusion.com

STONECREST

Clean Juice – *Juice Bar* – 7918 Rea Rd. #D, Charlotte, NC 28277, 980.256.2464, cleanjuicebar.com/locations

Kabab-je Grill – *Lebanese and Mediterranean* – 7828 Rea Road, Charlotte, NC 28277, 704.910.4279, kababje.com

STRAWBERRY HILL

Aqua e Vino – *Northern Italian* – 4219 Providence Rd., Charlotte, NC 28211, 704.364.4445, aquaevino.com

WAVERLY

CO – *Modern Asian* – 7416 Waverly Walk Ave., Charlotte, NC 28277, 980.245.2584, eatatco.com

The Porters' House – *Steaks, Seafood, Bourbon* – 7417 Waverly Walk Ave., Charlotte NC 28277, 704.930.7878, ThePortersHouse.com

Via Roma – *Italian* – 7416 Waverly Walk Ave. #2, Charlotte, NC 28277, 980.245.2166, via-roma-pizza.com

Yama Waverly – *Japanese/Sushi* – 11641 Waverly Center Dr. K-2, Charlotte, NC 28277, 980.265.1528, yamawaverly.com



But we already knew that....

We've written about The Dunhill Hotel and the Asbury Restaurant many times over the years and are delighted to see the team getting much deserved accolades, both locally and regionally. Cheers to the property's General Manager, John Beatty, the 2018 recipient of the Charlotte Regional Visitors Authority's Partners in Tourism Hospitality Professional of the Year Award and also named the North Carolina Restaurant and Lodging Association's 2018 Lodging Operator of the Year at their February Stars of the Industry Awards. Congratulations to Chef Matthew Krenz, named 2017 NCRLA Chef of the Year, and to The Asbury, named 2018 Restaurant of the Year by the CRVA. Cheers, and congratulations!!



John Beatty, Ann Beatty, Rachel Krenz and Chef Matthew Krenz

NORTH

CORNELIUS

Fork! – *Farm to Fork, Locally Inspired* – 20517 N. Main St, Cornelius, NC, 28031, 704.655.7465, forkdining.com

Hello Sailor – *Lakeside Dining, Tiki Bar* – 20210 Henderson Rd., Cornelius, NC 28031, 704.997.5365, hellosailornc.com

DAVIDSON

Kindreds – *American, Farm to Fork* – 131 N. Main St, Davidson, NC 28036, 980.231.5000, kindreddavidson.com

HUNTERSVILLE

Dressler's – *American Cuisine* – Birkdale Village, 8630 Lindholm Dr., Huntersville, NC 28078, 704.987.1779, dresslersrestaurant.com

eeZ Fusion & Sushi – *Sushi and Asian Cuisine* – 16925 Birkdale Commons Pkwy, F, Huntersville, NC 28078, 704.892.4242, eezfusion.com

MOORESVILLE

Novante 90 Pizzeria Napoletana – *Italian, Wood Fired Pizza* – 120 Langtree Village Dr #102, Mooresville, NC 28117, 704.809.1035, 90novantapizzeria.com

NODA

Benny Pennello's – *28 Inch Pizzas* – 2909 N. Davidson St #100, Charlotte, NC 28205, 980.949.8398, bennysva.com

Cabo Fish Taco – *Cal-Mex* – 3201 N. Davidson St, Charlotte, NC 28205, 704.332.8868, cabofishtaco.com

Sabor Latin Street Grill – *Tacos* – 3205 N. Davidson St., Charlotte, NC 28205, 980.207.3589, saborcharlotte.com

NORTH CHARLOTTE

Le's Sandwiches and Café – *Vietnamese Bhan Mi – take out* – Asian Corner Mall, 4520 N. Tryon St., Charlotte, NC 28213, 704.921.7498, lesbanhnmishop.com



Chef Myles Scaglione, Pastry Chef Ann Marie Stefaney and Chef Clark Barlowe

And the awards just keep coming...

Cheers to chef and restaurant owner Clark Barlowe who continues to feature and celebrate all that is local in North Carolina at Heirloom Restaurant in Charlotte. Not only did Heirloom Pastry Chef Ann Marie Stefaney win the NCRLA 2017 Pastry Chef of the Year; but at the NCRLA's February 2018 Stars of the Industry Banquet in Durham, NC, Chef Myles Scaglione was named Restaurant Employee of the Year, and Clark was named North Carolina Restaurateur of the Year. Wow, what a team!!

WEST

BELMONT

Nellie's Southern Kitchen – *Southern* – 36 N. Main St., Belmont, NC 28012, 704.396.7169, nelliesouthernkitchen.com

COULWOOD

Heirloom – *Farm to Fork, Locally Inspired* – 8470 Belhaven Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28216, 704.595.7710, heirloomrestaurantnc.com

GASTONIA

Twin Tops Fish Camp – *Seafood* – 4574 South New Hope Rd., Gastonia, NC 28056, 704.825.2490, twintopfishcamp.com

HICKORY, NC

Hatch Sandwich Bar – *Sandwiches, Vegetarian Options* – 268 1st Ave NW, Hickory, NC 28601, 828.322.1196, hatchsandwich.com

Highland Avenue – *Appalachian, Locally Inspired, Farm to Fork* – 883 Highland Ave SE, Hickory, NC 28602, 828.267.9800, highlandavenuerestaurant.com

OFF I-85

River's Edge Bar & Grill – *Sports Bar, Family Friendly, Vegetarian Options* – 5000 Whitewater Center Pkwy, Charlotte, NC 28214, 704.391.3900, usnwc.org/

STEELE CREEK

Artisan Restaurant the Art Institute – *Locally Inspired, American* – 2110 Water Ridge Parkway, Charlotte, NC, 704.357.5900, artinstitutes.edu/charlotte/about/artisan-restaurant

Community Table Bistro – *Southern, Breakfast and Lunch* – 5301 Wilkinson Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28208, 980.636.1000, goodwillsp.org/business-solutions/community-table-bistro/

Sabor Latin Street Grill – *Tacos* – 11112 S. Tryon St., Charlotte, NC 28273, 980.256.2622, saborcharlotte.com

WESLEY HEIGHTS

Rhino Market & Deli – *Soups, Sandwiches, Local Market, Wine and Beer* – 1500 W. Morehead St. #E, Charlotte, NC 28208, 704.348.1428, rhinomarket.com



Robbie Delaney, Amanda Britton and Caroline Delaney

Charlotte mixologist takes home a win for Muddy River Distillery

Two chefs and one mixologist took statewide honors in what could be called a "Charlotte Sweep" at the 2017 NCRLA NC Chef Showdown in Raleigh last August.

Mixologist Amanda Britton wooed the crowd with her milk punch featuring local Muddy River Queen Charlotte Rum to become the NCRLA 2017 Mixologist of the Year. The competition took place in Raleigh in August 2017.

Amanda is pictured here with Robbie and Caroline Delaney of Muddy River Distillery in Belmont.

Interested in more? Stay tuned, Charlotte Living magazine's own Heidi Billotto is heading up and hosting the 2018 NCRLA NC Chef Showdown which will take place in Charlotte on August 27, 2018.

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