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## May at Wood Iron Eatery



There are quite a few things happening this May at **Wood Iron Eatery!** If you have stopped by or driven by the restaurant you have noticed there has been quite a bit of cleaning, staining and flower planting outside. If you peeked in the windows, you have seen painting, construction, new shelving installations and decorating.

Jeffrey got to cook for the first time in the sparkling clean kitchen this month for Lori's baby shower. **Wood Iron Eatery** housed over 30 people for the private family gathering and it went beautifully, with everyone ooh-ing and ahh-ing over the food as much as they were the cute tiny shoes and clothes!

Additionally, the town of Fayetteville approved **Wood Iron Eatery** for the selling of beer and wine. The next step is in the works, as Jeffrey and Lori will be applying with the state ABC for final approval.

Thank you for signing up for updates on [woodironeatery.com](http://woodironeatery.com) and for being part of the Wood Iron family!

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to email us at [info@woodironeatery.com](mailto:info@woodironeatery.com).

With all that going on, Cheffrey has still found time to order new items for the restaurant, especially for the coffee program, and will begin installing some new equipment this week. He takes his coffee seriously and will have it down to a science soon, no doubt. He will be taking a trip to Canada in June for an intense barista training on equipment maintenance and drink-making. In the meantime, Lori is taste-testing countless teas from the Art of Tea, a small company based in Los Angeles, who offers responsibly grown teas from around the world. She has her work cut out for her as she tries to narrow the list down because they are all delicious!

Since the construction is basically complete, Cheffrey is preparing for health and fire inspections and working diligently on menu ideas. He will begin experimenting soon in his new test kitchen.

The couple is still planning on opening after their baby arrives, likely some time mid-July (although baby Zoey is more in control of the timeline than they are). They have already been receiving phone calls and visitors to the restaurant, and truly appreciate all the excitement

and community support they have received. "We really hope to create a happy buzz about this place, and keep it going. We want everyone to feel welcome and right at home," Lori says. "Community support and involvement means everything to us."

**"People who love to eat are always the best people."**

- JULIA CHILD

Jeffrey agrees and adds, "When we lived in Hawaii my friend Kalani taught me about how everyone comes to the islands and takes. They take lava rocks, shells, sand, and money to send home, and then they leave. He taught me about ohana (family) and how to give back to the community in which you live in." On top of trying to give the town of Fayetteville more diversity in dining options, Jeffrey recently volunteered with the New River Alliance of Climbers group and Water Stone Outdoors, building stairs and fences on local hiking trails in the Kaymoor area. "Fayetteville is our ohana now and I hope this restaurant and supporting and partaking in volunteer work will be a way of giving love back to the community."

E-gift cards are already up for sale online at [www.woodironeatery.com](http://www.woodironeatery.com).



Pictured above: A small sample of some of the food Jeffrey made for Lori's baby shower.

Pictured below: Adorable swag from Jeffrey's restaurateur friends in California.

