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Portola Hotel & Spa Gets Greener and Expands Brewery



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Monterey's Portola Hotel and Spa earned a Green Building Council LEED recertification for its eco-friendly buildings and programs.

Monterey's Portola Hotel & Spa earned recertification under the U.S. Green Building Council's (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) for Existing Buildings Operations and Maintenance program. After initially earning LEED status in 2009, the hotel is the first to complete the new recertification process and will serve as a model for others in the hospitality industry.

The Portola Hotel implemented a comprehensive sustainability program to receive and retain LEED certification. In addition to purchasing renewable energy credits covering 100 percent of the facility's annual energy use, the hotel diverts almost 80 percent of its waste from landfills and conducts an annual audit to enhance those efforts. More than 60 percent of the hotel's cleaning products are sustainable, and the grounds crew has updated outdoor landscaping with drought-tolerant

native plants.

Nearly one-fifth of Portola Hotel employees bike, walk or take public transit to work, further lightening the facility's footprint.

"We are honored to have been chosen as

the first participant in the LEED recertification process," said Janine Chicourrat, general manager of the Portola Hotel & Spa, in a statement about the certification. "The process allowed us to continue to pursue our goal of remaining a leader of environmentally friendly hospitality."

In other Portola Hotel & Spa news, the inn's Peter B's Brewpub debuted a new barrel room in May. Built near the brewery entrance, the room houses a reclaimed-wood table that seats 16 for private events. Head Brewer Kevin Clark, who took over as brewmaster in 2011, launched the barrel program as part of his continued efforts to reshape the brewpub's menu. His beers have since earned several Beverage Tasting Institute awards.

Food & Wine magazine included a book by Pacific Grove chef Jeffrey Weiss on its May list of 10 new cookbooks inspiring chefs around the country. The Jeninni Kitchen + Wine Bar chef teamed up with illustrator Sergio Mora and

Tarpy's Roadhouse Chef on "Today Show"

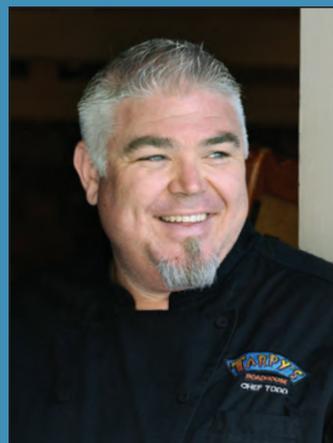


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Tarpy's Todd Fisher promoted local foods on "Today Show."

Tarpy's Roadhouse chef and "United States of Bacon" host Todd Fisher headlined a segment on NBC's "Today Show" this spring. In his "What's the Deal with Superfoods?" piece, Fisher walked show hosts through several simple dishes and chatted about Monterey County's fresh produce. He touted the health benefits of cauliflower while crafting a colorful salad, taught hosts how to mix a kale relish that pairs well with steak, and sprinkled a mix of crunchy seeds on pancakes. Fisher also crafted a quick dish from sardines and beans while giving a nod to the Monterey Bay Aquarium's Seafood Watch program.

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Jane Fonda

“On Any Sunday” documentary subjects **Mert Lawwill**, the 1969 American Motorcyclist Association Grand National Champion, and 1970 title winner **Gene Romero** sharing stories at this year’s The Quail Motorcycle Gathering at Quail Lodge. “The Matrix” star **Keanu Reeves**, music executive **Barry Weiss** and producer and screenwriter **Bryan Fuller** also took part in events... Three-time Grammy nominated musician **Joan Armatrading** performing at the Sunset Center as part of her first solo tour and her last major tour. Singer, songwriter, and blues

guitarist **Boz Scaggs** played the Sunset Center in May, as well... Former United States President **Jimmy Carter**, tennis legend **Billie Jean King**, actors **Lily Tomlin** and **Jane Fonda**, and more than 40 other speakers presenting at this year’s TEDWomen at the Monterey Conference Center. The **Indigo Girls** entertained during the event’s opening party, and **Bela Fleck** and **Abigail Washburn** also played an after-hours gig in Monterey... Chefs **Daniel Boulud**, **Philip Tessier** and **Dominique Crenn** appearing at this year’s Pebble Beach Food & Wine, along with other culinary stars... **The Roots**, **John Butler Trio**, **Cypress Hill** and **Slightly Stoopid** headlining this year’s California Roots Music & Arts Festival at the Monterey County Fair and Event Center.

photographer **Nathan Rawlinson** on “Charcuteria: The Soul of Spain,” which was released in 2014. Chef **Jose Andres**, owner of ThinkFoodGroup and one of *Time’s* 100 most influential people in the world in 2012, penned the forward for the book.

“Charcuteria: The Soul of Spain” was also a 2015 James Beard Award nominee for best single-subject cookbook, and it won a Gourmand

World Cookbook Award for best foreign-international cuisine.

■ Chef **Cy Yontz** of Carmel’s Rio Grill was named Celebrated Chef of the Year for Monterey County by the American Culinary Federation Monterey County chapter at a May ceremony. The California native and local restaurant veteran previously held culinary positions at Palettes Restaurant in the Denver

Art Museum, in Santa Fe at Pranzo Italian Grill and Coyote Cafe, and with Pappas Restaurants in Houston.

■ Monterey ranked seventh on *Coastal Living* magazine’s 2015 list of America’s happiest seaside towns. The article applauded Monterey’s marine life, attractions and major events, and praised its “allure and personality suffused with arts, culture, history, and myriad natural gifts.”

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