

THE EDENDALE GRILL & MIXVILLE BAR

CASUAL ELEGANCE IN THE HEART OF SILVER LAKE

SILVER LAKE, Los Angeles, March 2003 – Sharing decades of restaurant experience between them, Co-owners Patti Peck and Melanie Tusquellas have created a new neighborhood landmark with the opening of **The Edendale Grill**.

Located at 2838 Rowena Avenue, in Los Angeles' burgeoning neighborhood of Silver Lake, **The Edendale Grill** offers Authentic American cuisine, select wines and a full array of classic cocktails. The restaurant and bar will be open six days a week from five p.m., closing at 2 a.m. on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and at midnight on Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. The Edendale Grill can host up to 300 people at a time with full service in a formal dining room, separate bar room (named **Mixville**) and outdoor patio.

For the Edendale's fare, Peck and Tusquellas have re-explored and revived venerated American recipes from the last 100 years, in order to offer food that is hearty, healthy, comforting and classic. Signature dishes include a Flatiron steak, Catalina Sanddabs, smoked pork chop, tableside Caesar salad, and homestyle desserts including a Red Velvet Cake. Seafoods, poultry and vegetarian entrees are also available.

Housed in the original LA Fire Department Engine Company 56, **The Edendale Grill** is the culmination of a five year long restoration process. The 1924 Mediterranean Bungalow style building is listed as City of Los Angeles Historic Cultural Landmark No. 337. Original architectural details that have been restored include a pressed tin ceiling, skylight, maple floors, douglas fir doors, vintage window glass and bronze hardware.

For owners Peck and Tusquellas, **The Edendale Grill** is the culmination of years of culinary experience. Peck, former owner of Silver Lake landmark Millie's Diner, trained under Chef Alice Waters. In September, 2002, she was recognized as a Small Businesswoman of the Year for 2002 by California State Senator Jack Scott. Tusquellas represents the fourth generation of a Los Angeles family dedicated to food service, whose businesses currently include Bob's Coffee & Donuts and Tusquellas Seafoods in the Original Farmer's Market. She also brings extensive experience in fine dining and executive-level music industry positions.

Film history buffs will recognize that the name Edendale comes from the adjacent neighborhood in which the very first movie studios of Los Angeles stood, and where Charlie Chaplin, Mabel Normand, Fatty Arbuckle, Gloria Swanson and Carole Lombard got their starts. Just around the corner from **The Edendale Grill** on Hyperion Blvd. was the original Walt Disney studio where Mickey Mouse was created. Other local film legends include D.W. Griffith, Douglas Fairbanks Sr., Lillian Gish, and Laurel & Hardy. The **Mixville** bar is a nod to the nearby film lot of cowboy star Tom Mix, Mixville, which stood just blocks away from the Edendale Grill site (then Engine Company 56) in the 1920s.

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