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**The Hip & Historic Neighborhood of Georgetown is in Full Bloom for
the Cherry Blossom Season with Cocktails, Cuisine and Artwork Inspired
by the Budding Japanese Blossoms**

*Georgetown art galleries, restaurants and boutiques are celebrating the most anticipated
springtime event in Washington, DC with unique promotions*

Washington, DC (March 2, 2010) – The National Cherry Blossom Festival is an annual two-week event that celebrates springtime in Washington, DC as well as the 1912 gift of the cherry blossom trees and the enduring friendship between the people of the United States and Japan. The cherry blossoms are the ultimate sign of springtime in Washington, DC and throughout the vibrant neighborhood of Georgetown, creative cocktails, artwork and designer specials enliven the cultural celebration. The 2010 National Cherry Blossom Festival runs from March 27 to April 11, 2010.

While flowers bloom on the Tidal Basin, so do the magnificent gardens of Georgetown. **Dumbarton Oaks**, the 19th century Federal-style mansion, boasts over 10 acres of gardens and pathways lined with cherry blossom trees. Beginning March 15, the gardens are open daily from 2 to 6 PM. Admission for adults is \$8, and \$5 for seniors, students and children. The entrance to the gardens of Dumbarton Oaks is located at R and 31st Streets, NW. For more information please call 202.339.6450 or visit doaks.org

Another Georgetown mansion with exquisite gardens, **Tudor Place**, is hosting a *Cherry Blossom Tea* on Wednesday, March 31 at 1 PM and Wednesday, April 7 at 1 PM. Japanese tea blends will be served along with tea sandwiches, scones and desserts. After the tea party, guests are invited to stroll the five acres of gardens. Reservations are required and the ticket price for members is \$20 and \$25 for non-members. Tudor Place Historic House and Garden is located at 1644 31st Street, NW, between Q and R Streets. For more information please call 202.965.0400 or visit tudorplace.org

Once the trees start blooming, the waterfront view at **Farmers & Fishers** is unbeatable. The restaurant, known for bringing the best from the farm and the sea, is featuring two specialties including *Farmhouse Crispy-Skin Duck Breast with Cherry Demiglaze* (\$16) and *Sour Blossom Mousse Cocktail* (\$13). Farmers & Fishers is located at 3000 K Street, NW, on the fountain level of the Washington Harbour complex. Convenient parking provides direct access to the restaurant. For reservations or more information please call 202.298.0003 or visit farmersandfishers.com

Saloon-style restaurant **J. Pauls** will feature special additions to their menu like *Brie en Crouete with Cherry Marmalade and Fig Jam* (\$12) and *Double Chocolate Profiterole Stuffed with House-Made French Vanilla Cherry* (\$7). J.Pauls is located at 3218 M Street, NW. Information and reservations can be obtained by calling 202.333.3450 or visiting j-pauls.capitalrestaurants.com

Mixologist Chris Kelley is going full force with spring spirits at **Mie N Yu**. The restaurant's signature *Cherry Blossom Cocktail* (\$9) is infused with Emperor Vodka, Hiram Walker Cherry Brandy and Red Bull all-natural cola. Mie N Yu, located at 3125 M Street, NW, combines contemporary American cuisine with flavors from the Silk Road. For more information please call 202.333.6122 or visit mienyu.com

Neyla, DC's authority on authentic Mediterranean cuisine, is serving *Arabic Cherry Lemonade*, a mixture of limeade with mint and Bing cherries (\$6), along with your choice of vodka (\$9). Neyla is located at 3206 N Street, NW. For more information or reservations please call 202.333.6353 or visit neyla.com

Georgetown's bona fide BBQ joint, **Old Glory**, is adding *Cherry-Wheat Beer Battered Onion Rings served with a sweet and sour kiln-dried cherry pepper dip* (\$8) that pair perfectly with an order of their famous ribs. Old Glory is located at 3139 M Street NW. For more information please call 202.337.3406 or visit oldglorybbq.com

Paolo's Ristorante adds sweet libations like a *Cherry Campari "Crush"* and *Cherry Mimosa* to the menu. The *Cherry Campari "Crush"* is a blend of Campari, cherry brandy, Cinzano sweet vermouth, ginger ale sours, Bing cherries and mint (\$10). Paolo's Ristorante merges traditional Italian with fresh Californian cuisine in a lively atmosphere in the heart of Georgetown. Paolo's Ristorante is located at 1303 Wisconsin Ave NW. For more information or reservations please call 202.333.7353 or visit paolosristorante.com

Known for its seafood and outstanding waterfront views, **Tony & Joe's** beckons those excited for spring in DC. The restaurant is offering *Balsamic Cherry Glazed Salmon with Dried Cherry Saffron Rice* (\$26) throughout the cherry blossom festivities. Tony & Joe's Seafood Place, 3000 K Street NW, is located at Washington Harbour. For more information or reservations please call 202.944.4545 or visit dcseafood.com

The *Cherry Blossom Printable Party Invitations* and *Cherry Blossom 4 Bar Letterpress Stationery* from **Paper Source** are perfect for a springtime soiree. The specialty paper store also features *Cherry Blossoms Vellum Gift Wrap* and *Japanese Decorative Papers with Yuzen Cherry Blossom Clusters* for cardmaking, invitations and scrapbooking. Paper Source, located at 3019 M Street, NW. For more information or reservations please call 202.298.5545 or visit paper-source.com

With spring comes the sales and **Poppy Metals** is hosting its first ever from April 1st to April 4th. All of the jewelry, including one-of-a-kind pieces and commissions from designer Heidi Hess, will be 25% off. Poppy Metals is located at 3235 P Street, NW. For more information please call 202.290.1377 or visit poppymetals.com

Designer Rebecca Taylor's looks will be on display and 15% off at **Urban Chic** on March 26, 12–8 PM. Guests will enjoy treats from Georgetown Cupcakes, cherry blossom inspired drinks, a chance to win Rebecca Taylor goods and a free gift with purchase. Newly opened restaurant Il Canale will host the after party with wine and brick oven pizza from 8 PM to 11 PM. Urban Chic is located at 1626 Wisconsin Avenue, NW. Please call 202.338.5398 or visit urbanchiconline.com for more information.

Need a cherry blossom keepsake? Photographs of the cherry blossoms by DC photographer Richard Latoff will be available to purchase at **L'Eclat de Verre** for a special price of \$35 when

framed with the store. All custom frame orders are 20% off from March 27th to April 10th. L'Eclat de Verre is located at 3336 M Street NW. For more information please call 202.333.6840 or visit eclatdeverre.com

Cross Mackenzie Gallery is hosting a reception for photographer John Brown on April 23 and will feature the artist's collection, Wisteria, throughout the seasons. Visit johnbrownphotography.com to learn more about the artist. Cross Mackenzie Gallery is located at 1054 31st Street, NW. For more information please call 202.333.7970 or visit crossmackenzie.com

The Artist Loft presents a special spring exhibition of artwork inspired by Washington's cherry blossom trees. Canvas art pieces by local artists and Homayoun Yeroushalmi will be on display throughout the festival. The Artist Loft is an artist studio and gallery located at 1419 Wisconsin Avenue, NW. The loft is open every day from 12 PM to 5 PM. To contact the artist please call 202.333.8333 or visit homayounyeroushalmi.com

About the Georgetown Business Improvement District

The Georgetown Business Improvement District (BID) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting and enhancing the accessibility, attractiveness and overall appeal of Georgetown. Established in 1999 by its property owners and merchants, the Georgetown BID has more than 1,000 members. The organization is located in the heart of Georgetown in Washington, D.C and sets a standard of excellence in preserving historic charm while meeting contemporary needs. From marketing and special events, to transportation and streetscape, the Georgetown BID contributes to the vitality and quality of life in Georgetown. For more information please visit georgetowndc.com.

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