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Albertina Kerr Restaurants & Shops celebrate 30 years with Party on the Patio

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Albertina's Restaurant, which is run by volunteers, has scheduled a "Party on the Patio" to officially open what it calls "one of Portland's most beautiful outdoor dining patios." The event also launches a yearlong celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Restaurant and Shops, which support the work of Albertina Kerr through proceeds.

Albertina Kerr provides services for people with developmental disabilities and mental health challenges. The Restaurant and Shops are at 424 N.E. 22nd Ave. (at Glisan Street).

The kickoff for the summer season will take place Friday, June 3, from 4 to 7:30 p.m. "Stop in to celebrate the opening of the gorgeous garden patio for the summer season and enjoy specials on local wine and beer plus tasty small plates and an acoustic set from Portland's Winebirds," a press release says. The Shops will also be open until 7:30 p.m.

The event continues with the launch of Chef Bryan Szeliga's all-new brunch on Saturday, June 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. On the menu: house-made biscuits and pork gravy, a Dungeness crab sandwich, and pulled pork hash. Starting June 4, Albertina's will be serving brunch year-round on Saturdays.

According to the release, the restaurant has undergone many changes:

"With help from Chef Szeliga, who has worked in some of Portland's best restaurants, Albertina's Restaurant recently changed over its menu from a set three-course luncheon with two seatings per day to a full Northwest-inspired lunch featuring items like chicken pot pie with organic root vegetables, herbs and Draper Valley chicken, house-made soups and salads, a BLTA of Carlton Farms bacon, mixed greens, tomatoes and avocado mousse and now the new brunch menu."

Albertina's Restaurant and Shops also include antiques and collectibles at Kerr's Economy Jar, gifts for every occasion at the Kerr Gift Shop and gently used, carefully selected items at the Kerr Thrift Shop. The Shops are open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For more information please visit www.AlbertinaKerr.org or call 503-231-3909.

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