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Go now, to Harvest & Hearth

November 17, 2008 at 1:25 pm by Leigh Hornbeck, Staff writer



Not right now, because its not open until tomorrow at 4:30 p.m., but go when you have a chance because it is so good. I brought a friend to lunch there yesterday. The interior of the unassuming building is essentially the same as I remember it when Chameleon on the Lake occupied the space, it is wide open and reminds me of Spanish construction, built to capture every breeze, a lay-out better suited to the summer in these parts. But the food and service more than made up for the chill. We ordered Mamie's Poppy Salad, which is made with mesclun greens, poached pears and a delicious dressing owner/chef Peter Michelin later told me is a three-generations-old recipe from his wife's family.

[Harvest & Hearth](#) is a family venture by Peter and wife Gina. They use local and organic ingredients wherever possible - at our meal yesterday, I think only the beer and Diet Pepsi were exceptions to the rule. The restaurant has a new and clean feeling after renovations and coats of varnish on the wide wood floorboards. One end of the main dining room is dominated by a big, stone, wood-burning, igloo-shaped pizza oven.

The pizzas come in two sizes, so we ordered two different kinds - the Epiphany (\$8.95), topped with

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kalamata olives, roasted red peppers, red onions, and goat cheese - and Olivia's Organic, (\$6.95) which is a white pizza with mozzarella, asiago and fresh herbs. The crust on both was light and airy, perfect. The toppings all tasted so fresh I could easily distinguish them from one another. We also ordered the hot brownie (\$5.95) topped with ice cream - I am a chocoholic and this was delicious - three kinds of organic chocolate, perfectly fudgy. Our total bill, with a soda and a beer, was \$36.97, before tip. I can't wait to go again, especially this summer.

Harvest & Hearth is located off Route 67 in Saratoga, where Saratoga Lake meets Fish Creek.

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1. It's County Route 67 in Saratoga County, not State Route 67 which connects Malta and Ballston Spa. Not easy to find if you don't know that.

Comment by jd — November 17th, 2008 @ [2:33 pm](#)

2. jd makes a good point. The best way to get there: take Union Ave/9P out of the city, turn left onto Meadowbrook Road and then right at its end onto CR67/Stafford's Bridge Road, the Saratoga Rowing building and the restaurant will be on your right.

Comment by Leigh Hornbeck, Staff writer — November 17th, 2008 @ [3:02 pm](#)

3. I've been here, too, and agree with your glowing review. Another slightly more direct way to get there from Saratoga: Take Route 29 East (toward Schuylerville). Make a right at Stafford's Bridge Road. The restaurant is about a mile and a half down the road.

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Christen Gowan



Christen enjoys all things Saratoga, from dining at the newest restaurant to scoping out the shops on Broadway. With an interest in both photo and video, she will take you inside all the happenings around town.

Leigh Hornbeck



When Leigh moved to Saratoga Springs in 2002 she didn't even know where the track was located. Since then, she has bought a house and found the best places to grab a drink, a walk with her dog and get around summertime traffic.

Dennis Yusko



Dennis will explore Saratoga Springs fun and culture. He'll showcase the people and things that make the region special, not only with what's going on at the race track, but also about community matters that may help you fully enjoy your summer escapade in the Spa.

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