

Waterville's Coffee Gallery Mixes Coffee And Artwork

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The handmade mosaic tabletops, the fused glass jewelry and the uniquely decorated chairs make the interior of The Coffee Gallery in Waterville look like an art gallery, but coffee is the masterpiece.

Kim and Nick Savich renovated the former Chowders 'N Moor restaurant, refurbishing the aquamarine walls and the wooden floors to transform the space into a haven for coffee and art lovers — and anyone searching for free wireless Internet.

The Coffee Gallery, which opened on June 15, celebrated its grand opening on July 13 with free coffee.

Patrons relaxed in the large leather sofa, sipped on coffee and perused the artwork, which includes fused glass jewelry and frames by Andrea Schmidbauer, the art

teacher at Monclova Primary School, and hand-thrown coffee mugs by Nicole Myers, an art teacher at Bowling Green State University.

Opening a coffee shop hasn't been a life-long goal of Kim Savich. The Otsego High School graduate earned a political science and law degree and was a practicing attorney for four years. A friend suggested opening a coffee shop in Waterville.

"She said she wanted to stop to get coffee in Waterville on the way to work, and she couldn't find a place," Savich said.

The Saviches took a crash course in coffee from the owners of Red Rambler in Wauseon, which delivers about five pounds of fresh roasted beans to their shop each week.

Red Rambler roasts Arabica beans in small batches. The Coffee Gallery serves

flavors such as Costa Rica café vida, Brazil yellow bourbon, cranberry crème, Guatemala decaf and the fair trade Ethiopian Harrar.

In addition to coffee, cappuccino and latte, The Coffee Gallery mixes up strawberry, wild berry, passion orange guava, pineapple coconut and pomegranate blueberry smoothies.

Food was almost an afterthought, but has become a mainstay since the shop's opening.

The panini sandwiches include ham and cheese, pesto and asiago cheese, chicken pesto and turkey bacon cheddar.

The spinach salad with tomato, bacon, dried cranberries, almonds, bleu cheese and croutons is a delicious lunch choice.

For breakfast or dessert, the Danishes, jumbo muffins, cinnamon rolls, truffle brownies and baklava are a perfect accompaniment to a cup of coffee.

Hours are 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.



Nick and Kim Savich opened The Coffee Gallery at 22 N. Third St. in Waterville on June 15. In addition to a variety of fresh roasted coffees, the shop offers fruit smoothies, sandwiches, salads and breakfast pastries.

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