

Desert Botanical Garden

Food Services

Frequently Asked Questions

Gertrude's and Patio Café

1. When is the opening date of Gertrude's?

Gertrude's is scheduled to open in January 2013. Please check your member publications and the website for specific information.

2. What are the operating hours for Gertrude's and the Patio Café?

Gertrude's will open daily at 8 a.m. (7 a.m. May – Sept), with the last dinner seating at 9 p.m. Guests can make reservations through OpenTable and by phone.

The Patio Café hours may fluctuate with demand and season but will typically be open from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

3. Who is the staff?

Our operators are Skip and Chantal Hause, owners of Fabulous Food. They have hired John Windels as Gertrude's General Manager. John will have a day-to-day presence and oversee front-of-house operations. Stephen K. Eldridge is Gertrude's Executive Chef.

4. What kind of service and menu should we expect?

Chef Stephen is still working on the opening menu. There will be an emphasis on fresh, local cuisine. Gertrude's will also have a plot in DBG's Community Garden project and Chef Stephen is very excited about the possibilities there.

Breakfast will include a full coffee bar, fresh baked breakfast pastries and items such as eggs to order, house made granola, lemon-scented griddle cakes and green chili pork over creamy grits, just to name a few.

Lunch is designed to be served quickly and will consist of lighter salads, vegetarian dishes, hamburgers, pasta dishes and entrees, as well as a children's menu.

Dinner will feature appetizers, fish, pastas, steak and lighter fare. There will also be daily Happy Hour items and a Sunday brunch.

The full bar menu will offer micro brews on tap and local Arizona and regional wines by the bottle or the glass. Gertrude's will also feature Garden-inspired cocktails made with native Arizona ingredients and Garden-grown herbs.

Gertrude's menu will change often, based on the availability of local products and the chef's mood!

The Patio Café will continue to serve salad, sandwiches and snacks. There will also be snacks and beverages at the seasonal Butterfly Kiosk.

There will no longer be a coffee kiosk, since Gertrude's will offer a full coffee bar.

5. What kind of prices should we expect at Gertrude's?*

Breakfast	\$5-12
Lunch	\$8-18
Dinner	\$7-12 and \$18-32
Happy Hour items	\$5-12
Sun. Brunch	\$12-18

(*excludes beverage, tax and gratuity)

6. What about staff and volunteers discounts?

Fabulous Food will continue to offer a \$7 lunch (including beverage) to staff and volunteers at the Patio Cafe. On any day the Patio Café is not open, Gertrude's will offer a 20% discount from a specific lunch menu (including a non-alcoholic beverage).

7. Will visitors need to pay admission to eat at Gertrude's?

No. There will be signage directing patrons of the restaurant to Gertrude's. Seating capacity is 80 inside (including a private chef's table that seats 12) and 93 outdoor dining seats.