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Dining Guide

Ardasley

NEW: FIESTA MEXICO RESTAURANT—469 Ashford Ave., Ardasley (914) 278-4672; fiestamexicoardasley.com Try authentic Mexican fare along with a medley of Tex-Mex offerings. Grilled pork chops in a tomatoillo sauce, enchiladas poblanas, tacos al carbon, and fajitas with grilled marinated shrimp are popular dishes. Lunch and dinner are served every day. Reservations recommended on weekends. \$5. **★★★**

THAI HOUSE—466 Ashford Ave., Ardasley (914) 674-6633; thaihouserestaurant.com Thai House specializes in hot wok salad, a steamed seafood dish served in a banana leaf or a fresh whole coconut. Open Tues through Sun for dinner. \$5 Thai.

Armonk

AMORE PIZZERIA & PASTA—575 Main St., Armonk (914) 275-3535; amoremom.com. Generous portions of pasta are served at this casual family restaurant and pizzeria. Popular entrees include chicken scarpafello, jumbo butterfly shrimp, eggplant rollatini, and veal pizzaiola. Open every day for lunch and dinner. \$5. **★★★**

ARMONK LOBSTER HOUSE—1 Kent Pl., Armonk (914) 276-0000; armonklobsterhouse.com. This casual seafood eatery serves wild-caught, organic, and sustainable fish. Lunch and dinner Tues to Sun. Outdoor seating. Reservations recommended. \$55 Seafood.

MARC CHARLES STEAKHOUSE—La Quinta Hotel 94 Business Park Dr., Armonk (914) 273-2700; marccharlessteakhouse.com. This 7,000-square-foot steakhouse's offerings include a 16-oz New York strip, everything-encrusted salmon, a 22-oz porterhouse pork chop, and broiled lobster tails. Open for dinner only Mon to Sat. Reservations recommended. \$55 \$ Steakhouse

OPUS 465—465 Main St., Armonk (914) 273-4676; opus465.com. Nestled in the heart of Armonk, Opus 465 features eclectic Continental cuisine and casually elegant decor. Live music Wed through Sat, patio dining during the summer and Sun brunch. Open every day for lunch and dinner. Reservations suggested. \$55 Continental

Banksville

LA CRÉMAILLÈRE—46 Bedford-Banksville Rd., Banksville (914) 234-9647. New for spring and summer at this French getaway is a \$36, three-course, prix-fixe lunch menu from 1 to 3 pm on Sun. Lunch is available Thurs to Sat. The dinner menu is served all day, starting at 1 pm on Sun. Reservations advisable. \$55 French **★★★ 1/2**

Bedford

BEDFORD POST—954 Old Post Rd., Rte 121, Bedford Village (914) 254-7800. The farmhouse cuisine at the Richard Gere-owned 110-seat formal restaurant (The Farmhouse) and 50-seat bakery/café (The Barn) primarily serves seasonal foods from small family farms; expect entrees such as a trio of Berkshire pork, wild striped bass saltimbocca, and hand-rolled garganelli. Breakfast every day, lunch Mon to Sat. Farmhouse dinner Wed to Sat. Barn supper Sun to Tues; brunch Sun. Reservations required for dinner \$35 \$ New American **★★★ 1/2**

BISTRO TWENTY-TWO—391 Old Post Rd. (Rte 22), Bedford (914) 254-7333; bistro22.com. Combining a French bistro heritage with eclectic, Nouvelle American cuisine, this two-plus-decades-old restaurant features crab cakes, duck, and white chocolate ice cream with raspberry coulis. Dinner only. Closed Mon. Reservations recommended. \$55 French Bistro

Bedford Hills

KICHO JAPANESE BISTRO—352 N. Bedford Rd., Bedford Hills (914) 666-3333. Choose from one of the daily special rolls at Kicho. Entrées include lobster tail in a sweet garlic sauce, scallop sashimi, and a variety of teriyaki dishes. Kicho delivers from Chappaqua to North Salem (\$15 minimum). Open every day for lunch and dinner. \$55 Japanese

Briarcliff Manor

FLAMES STEAK HOUSE—533 N. State Rd., Briarcliff Manor (914) 925-3100. This American steakhouse serves up old favorites like dry-aged porterhouse steaks and Nova Scotia lobster. Dine in the wine cellar or in the private dining room. Closed Mon; reservations recommended. \$55 Steakhouse

Bronxville

HAIKU ASIAN BISTRO & SUSHI BAR—56 Pondfield Rd., Bronxville (914) 337-5601; 1 Cross River Shopping, Cross River (914) 763-9020; 265 Mamaroneck Ave., Mamaroneck (914) 281-3200; 149 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains (914) 644-8887. This quartet of pan-Asian restaurants offers dishes from Japan (there's a sushi bar), China, and a host of other Asian cuisines. Popular items include sesame chicken, calamansi salad, Sichuan crispy shredded dried beef, Malaysian red curry, and pad Thai. Open every day for lunch and dinner. \$5 Pan-Asian

ROSIE'S BISTRO ITALIANO—10 Palmer Ave., Bronxville (914) 793-2000; rosiesbronxville.com. At this Italian bistro, enjoy baked zucchini blossoms stuffed with goat cheese, San Pietro oreganata (pan-roasted whitefish), Parmesan-crusted veal scallopini, and lasagna mafatto. Don't forget a slice of Rosie's garlic bread. Open every day. \$55 Italian

SAMMY'S DOWNTOWN BISTRO & BAR—124 Pondfield Rd., Bronxville (914) 257-3200; sammysbronxville.com. The owners of nearby Rosie's Bistro have opened this restaurant serving American and European (Cajun, French, and Italian) dishes. East Coast halibut, bouillabaisse, chicken or veal Francese, and homemade wild-mushroom ravioli are some of the entrees offered. Open every day for lunch and dinner. Reservations recommended. MasterCard, Visa, and AmEx only. \$55 Eclectic

WILD GINGER—10 Park Pl., Bronxville (914) 337-7198; wildgingerrestaurant.net. The owners of Watermoon in Rye are the forces behind this pan-Asian eatery in downtown Bronxville. Satays, sushi, dim sum, pad Thai, and curry dishes are offered, plus fusion-style selections like Asian-style duck fajitas. Lunch 12 to 3:30 Mon to Sat, dinner every day. Reservations recommended. \$55 Pan-Asian **★★**

Chappaqua

CRABTREE'S KITTLE HOUSE—11 Kittle Rd. (off Rte 177), Chappaqua (914) 666-8044; kittlehouse.com. Bradford McDonald, formerly of Allen & Delancy and Per Se in New York City, is the new chef at this New American restaurant set on a quiet, woody country road. Specialties include grilled Hudson Valley fore-gris with Bordouze syrup, ricotta gnus, and Abatiani-style cheesecake. The Grand Award-winning wine cellar houses 60,000 bottles. Go for dinner, lunch on weekdays, or Sun brunch, but call ahead to reserve a spot. \$55 New American **★★★**

DON EMILIO AT LEBLANC CAFE—57-59 King St., Chappaqua (914) 238-2368. Restaurateur Don Emilio opened this authentic Mexican eatery in the space of Lyla's Café. Dinner entrees include Alaskan king crabmeat enchiladas, skewered char-broiled

Side Order Bake Sale

Flourish Baking Company (160 Summerfield St., Scarsdale 914-725-1026; flourishbakingcompany.com) offers freshly baked artisan breads, fruit and chocolate confections, and savory pies full of vegetables, legumes, and grains. All the breads are made of organic whole grains and grain flours, while agave instead of refined sugar is used in the confections. "There are always lots of samples to taste," says co-owner Diane Forley, who, along with her husband, Michael Otsuka, previously ran Manhattan restaurant Verbena for nine years. Among the breads: challah (\$5.50), whole-wheat batard (\$5.50), and the multigrain loaf (\$6). Sweets include a top-notch apple cinnamon pie (\$6.50 for 5", \$18 for 8") and a stone fruit tart (\$5.75 for 5", \$17 for 8"). Flourish is open for retail purchases Monday to Friday; otherwise, order online or go to one of these stores: Auray Gourmet (Larchmont; auraygourmet.com), Eastchester Fish Gourmet Shop (Scarsdale; eastchesterfish.com/fishmarket.htm), Michael's Gourmet Foods (Scarsdale; michaelsgourmetfoods.com), Over the Moon (Bronxville), or Plum Pure (Cos Cob, CT).

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KEY TO SYMBOLS / NEW: New to our listings **UPDATE:** We note any significant changes // **\$**—Average entrée \$10 or less; **\$\$**—Average entrée between \$11 and \$17; **\$\$\$**—Average entrée between \$18 and \$24; **\$\$\$\$**—Average entrée above \$25 // **RATINGS** // **★★★★**—Outstanding **★★★**—Very Good **★★**—Good **★**—Fair
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