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Urban Green “On Spring”: Fast Food becomes Fresh Food with Opening of New Café at Los Angeles State Historic Park

The new organic café, “On Spring,” celebrates its grand opening this Saturday, June 5th, 2010 at Los Angeles State Historic Park.

Located at the entrance to Los Angeles State Historic Park, “On Spring” incorporates a unique historic building that has been rehabilitated to serve a regenerative purpose. Beneath the feet of patrons, historic paving stones from the late 1800’s offer a tangible reminder the city’s industrial past while diners enjoy the open atmosphere of Los Angeles State Historic Park.

“On Spring” occupies the location formerly known as “Sam’s Lunch,” a 1950’s hamburger stand that was frequented by hungry rail workers from the Southern Pacific Freight Yard. Later known as Millie’s, after Sam’s daughter, this family business was associated with the historic railroad site for over 50 years. Reincarnated for the 21st century, Millie’s burger stand will become “On Spring” at Los Angeles State Historic Park.

“On Spring’s philosophy of locally grown food and sustainable practices fits perfectly with California State Parks’ vision of serving healthy food in healthy places,” says the Park Superintendent, Sean Woods. “With an edible garden and local farmers supplying the freshest and most local ingredients, “On Spring” is exemplary of the California State Parks Healthy Food Initiative emphasizing quality and nutrition in food offerings at our parks.”

In place of burgers, soda and fries, “On Spring,” offers fresh fare prepared with locally grown produce. Collard greens, kale, scallions, cucumbers, tomatoes, and peppers are but a sampling of the fresh and colorful array of ingredients making up On Spring’s innovative and delicious approach to organic cuisine. “On Spring” celebrates between 12:00 pm and 7:00 pm this coming Saturday with great food, beverages, live music and poetry provided by local label Hen House Studios.

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“On Spring” will feature fair trade coffee, specialty baked goods, and a selection of gourmet groceries from regional producers, including their own line of all natural cereals and artisanal foods. In all endeavors, “On Spring” strives to implement solutions to address the challenge of sustainability in the urban environment as well as explore the interrelated disciplines of cuisine, agriculture, architecture, and renewable energy.

Los Angeles based social entrepreneurship Urban Green is the creative force behind “On Spring” and is committed to serving conscientious consumers and promoting green space in the urban environment. Urban Green supports local framers, uses organic produce and fair trade products in their cuisine while drawing upon renewable energy sources whenever possible and using biodegradable or recycled materials throughout the production and packaging process.

Urban Green is based on founder Rickey Smith’s philosophy which seeks to establish a ‘**C.L.E.A.R.**’ path connecting the disciplines of **C**uisine, **L**and-use, **E**nvironment, and **A**rchitecture, with the benefits of sustainable practices, **R**enewable resources and creative solutions. Future plans for “On Spring” include permaculture classes, gardening workshops, environmental education, events and film screenings.

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