



What's COOKING

HOLIDAY HOURS

Monday - Friday
10:30 am to 10:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday
2:30 pm to 10:00 pm

Christmas Eve
Open 10:30 am.
Waiting list names taken until 7:00pm,
Reservations till 8pm.
Reservations preferred!

Christmas Day
Closed- Merry Christmas!

New Year's Eve
Open at 2:30 pm, Serving till 10pm.
Reservations preferred!

New Year's Day
Open 2:30pm till 10pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Adult History Tour
Saturday, January 28, 2023
Saturday, April 22, 2023

Steak School
Saturday, March 4, 2023

Wine Dinner
Monday, February 27, 2023

Reservation Pro Tips:

So easy to make online right from your smart phone. Go to tasteoftexas.com and click on "Restaurant", then "Make a Reservation", scroll down to pick date and time up to 2 weeks in advance. No need to call and wait for staff to help you - it's easy and fast! All of our reservation capacity is right there on your phone. Reservation slots are released at midnight 14 days in advance.



TASTE OF TEXAS HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

Give the Gift of Texas Hospitality!



Order by Monday, December 19, 2022 for Christmas arrival.

For a complete list of our steak packages, visit us at tasteoftexas.com.

Our most popular package: Aged 40+ days and fork tender, our Center Cut Filets set the standard of exquisite tenderness and taste.

Back this year by popular demand: The Surf and Turf Package: Two Complete Trim 6 Ounce Filets, two 4.5 Ounce Cold Water Lobster Tails, Herb Garlic Butter, Grilling Guide, and Signature Steak Seasoning.

A gift with their name on it: Personalized steak knives, carving sets, and more, instantly engraved with your gift recipient's name, initials, or company logo.

Perfectly Aged Texas Triple Play: Send the best of all steaks with this package of two 6 Ounce Complete Trim Filets, two 20 oz. T-Bones, and two 16 oz. New York Strips. With something for everyone, this selection is great for entertaining a crowd. Paired with our award-winning cookbook, this is the perfect gift for someone who has everything.



GET THE INSIDE SCOOP!

Scan this QR code to subscribe to text messages and emails for recipes, grilling tips, upcoming events, favorite gifts, news, and more.



Great New Items at Grill at Home Store:

In addition to our great steaks and side orders ready to take home and cook, we have some one-of-a-kind gift ideas for you just in time for Christmas:

- New exciting styles of water lanterns, it's the perfect decorating gift idea for home or office!
- Steaks and wine for a hostess gift. Stop by and grab them on the way to your holiday party.
- Personalized Grilling Tools for your backyard
- Chef Custom Taste of Texas leather apron for the "Grill Master"
- Great books by Chuck Yeager, America's Pilot and by Jesse Cole who created the Savannah Bananas. These are stocking stuffers sure to thrill!

Gift Card Special Returns Monday November 14th

This will be the 23rd year we will be offering the famous Taste Gift Card Special - buy \$100 and get \$25 bonus card free! This all started in November 1990 as we were building the new restaurant and needed an additional \$83,000 to cover expenses on a \$1,300,000 project. The bank said "No!", so after much prayer, we turned to you, our customers for help, and with the Gift Card Special we sold..... wait for it....

\$83,000 in Gift Cards that month! We've done it ever since as a constant reminder of God's faithfulness and the support of our customers! You can buy the Gift Cards in person in the Grill at Home Store, or shop online at TasteofTexas.com and we'll ship the cards to you FedEX, or you can choose the "e-gift card" options and receive by email!



Nina Nina was recently honored at the Memorial Hermann Razzle Dazzle luncheon for her service to our community. The luncheon raises funding and awareness for Breast Cancer Exams, as early detection is the key to winning that battle. Nina set an empty table of 10 in the center of the room with a place card for each of the women she had known who lost the battle with this dreaded disease. As she called their names individually, the surviving family members stood to honor their mothers and wives. The event was a huge success and a blessing to all in attendance.

Edd Happiness is a new Zero Turn Lawnmower for our place in Yoakum, TX where Edd tends the lawn and surrounds. His favorite t-shirt: "Make Mowing Great Again!" Edd & Nina were recently honored to receive the "Sam Houston Award" from Texas Public Policy Foundation (EXPAND)

Blackfords Kristin, Corbin, Henry (6), and Annie (2) Blackford are loving this stage of life with their kids, and managing the E-commerce Steak Shipping division of Taste of Texas online. Henry loves 1st Grade at Presbyterian School. He is playing flag football this fall and will play T-ball in the spring. Annie is busy at 2 years old with lots of pink and fun things in her happy life.

Blackards Lisa, Chris, Hannah (11), Lizzie (9), and Madeline (5) Blackard are staying very busy with 3 precious girls in dance, sports, school, and life! Chris just got back from a 3 week business trip to Asia and Lisa got to join him for a week in Singapore to see old friends and favorite places. They spent 3 years living in Singapore as a family before coming home just 2 years ago. They loved their time together in one of the most beautiful cities in the world.

Hartlands/Hendeeds David, Claudine, Sam (20), Campbell (17), Hudson (15), Reagan (13) and Conrad (9) Hartland/Hendee family is growing up! Sam is a freshman at SMU, Campbell is a Junior at Lamar High School, Hudson a Freshman at St. Thomas High School, Reagan is in 7th grade and Conrad is in 3rd grade at Presbyterian School. A lot of football, activities, driving, and fun in the Hartland/Hendee household.

Poulsons Kyle, Erin, Grayson (21) and Jackson (17) Poulson are staying busy cheering on TCU Football as Grayson is a Junior, and they are supporting Jackson in his senior year of sports at All Saints Episcopal in Ft. Worth. Crossing our fingers for TAMU application for Jackson!

Happy 45th Anniversary, Taste of Texas!

On November 19, 1977 we opened Taste of Texas Restaurant on the backside of Town and Country Village, in an old building that had previously been 4 other restaurants. We were in that building for 13 years before finding a three acre property on the Katy Freeway and building our current home! Thank you for being our customer for these 45 years and making all of this possible. We've had such great times with dear customers and wonderful staff, and we feel like we're just getting started!



Help A Friend For Hurricane Ian Relief

Tony and Kathleen Phelan are dear friends for over 50 years, and have a very successful restaurant chain in Naples FL with over 22 locations and 2000 employees. This month Hurricane Ian devastated that area and disrupted countless lives, and their entire restaurant family were affected. While they rebuild, their employees need some assistance. Please join us in sending a private (not tax deductible) donation to help their employees to: Phelan Family Brands, 1061 Collier Center Way, Naples, FL. 34110

It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas!



Nina led her team of Christmas Elves including Lori Bumbera, Senior Manager Scott Gerow (a.k.a. Ho-Ho Gerow), and our amazing Richard Sanchez to transform the restaurant into a Christmas Wonderland again! You don't want to miss a detail of this show from the front door all the way to the kitchen. Some new artifacts making this year even more special are: 5 stunning needlepoint nutcrackers hand stitched by our friend and long-time customer Betty Sirmons, wooden skis, old fashion skates, snow sleds and more including antique Christmas Post cards, a "new" hand painted antique sled, and dozens of antique sleigh bells restored by our friend Jason Maida. Rounding out the decorations are thousands of lights, over a mile of ribbon, and hundreds of festive ornaments. Nice job Santa!

Texas History Décor Updates



Christmas is in full swing, but Nina is preparing some amazing new pieces for January when Christmas comes down and Texas History goes back up! Her newest treasures include an officer's sword belt from the Texas Revolution worn by Sam Houston himself! It's made of red Morocco leather sewn over with stamped gilt trim and panoplies of arms. Yes, this belt was worn by Sam Houston!

A silver mounted dagger and sheath attributed to famed Texas Silversmith Samuel Bell believed to have been worn in the revolution. Bell also crafted "Bowie knives" for Texans in that period.

Other "findings" include a daguerreotype of Samuel Hamilton Walker, famous Texas Ranger Captain; a receipt for supplies signed by Walker who later worked on the design and invention of the Walker Colt.

Nina is working with our administrator Manuela Sevilla to put QR Codes on all the documents so you can "look them up" when history goes up in January. Manuela is now referred to as "the QR Queen" of the Taste of Texas.

Nina's favorite phrase when she is pursuing a new document or antique piece is, "It's for the Children!": Uh huh. The Children. Yeah.

STAFF NEWS

Two New Baby Girls

Server Martha Vargas is expecting her second child. Server Lewis Williams married Vanessa Aleman on November 5 in Mexico! Congratulations!!



By the way, we think 46 married couples met and married while working at Taste of Texas. If you have names and dates for you and your mate, please email them to manuela@tasteoftexas.com.

This summer we awarded the 2022 Norman Brian Faust Award for Excellence in Hospitality to servers Alex Nguyen and Brittany Merritt. Both are outstanding in their joy of service to our customers and exemplify Norman's legacy of service. Norman continues to be an inspiration to us all.



The Savannah Bananas

After hearing about the Savannah Bananas and their impact on Baseball, we had to attend a game and see this phenomenon for ourselves! We took 5 grandkids to Savannah, GA for the game and got to meet Jesse Cole, the team, and watch the magic! We were hooked! Jesse wrote 2 great books: "Fans First" and "Find Your Yellow Tux" on how he transformed a losing Minor League Single A team into a nationwide success story, and we offer those books for sale in our Grill at Home Store. They are great reads and a must for baseball fans, business people, and anyone who enjoys a great story. Go Bananas!



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Houston Chronicle Best of Houston Awards:

Taste of Texas received three **Best of Houston Awards**:

Best Steakhouse, Best Date Night, and Best Business Lunch!

These awards are our favorite because they are voted on by our people – customers and Chronicle readers! We are so blessed. Thank you one and all.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please check our website for details and register online at www.tasteoftexas.com

Adult Texas History Tour with Nina

January 28, 2023 and April 22, 2023

Join Nina for a morning of true tales of Texas' past!
Lunch is included. Cost is \$50 plus tax per person.

Taste of Texas Wine Dinner

February 27, 2023

Taste of Texas Wine Dinner: Please join us for our next Taste of Texas Wine Dinner. Another amazing 5 course dinner and wine pairing. Cost is \$195 per person and includes tax and gratuity. Space is limited.

Steak School

March 4, 2023

You'll learn about USDA grading, trim specifications, the aging process, and how to grill a perfect steak every time. This makes a wonderful gift for the steak lovers and grillers in your life. Cost is \$150 plus tax person and includes a steak lunch. Come hungry!

Please note: We do not ship tickets for the events. You will receive a confirmation email after registration is complete, and your name will be added to the event's guest list. Proceeds from all events benefit our employee scholarship program. Space is limited, so please reserve early.