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Spring Forward

Events and news in the Eugene world of food.

COOKIN' INTERNATIONAL

A series of four Indian and Thai cooking classes begins on Saturday, April 26. The classes have been organized by Chava Kronen and the nine-year-old meditation and service group she is a member of. This is its biggest and most ambitious service project yet, says Kronen. Funds raised will benefit Sri Mata Amritanandamayi Devi's (also known as Ammachi) service projects in India. Ammachi won the United Nation's Gandhi-King Non-Violence award this year, and works to provide pensions for Indian widows as well as affordable general housing, among other service projects. Ammachi has groups all over the world. Visit www.ammachi.org for more information on the specific projects and the organization.

The classes will be taught by native Indian chefs and other experts, and will feature dishes such as Pakodas (Indian vegetable fritters), chutney, curries, Indian rice pudding, green beans with coconut (Thoran) and Thai green papaya salad.

The classes are \$25 each, with discounts available, and will be held in different people's homes. The price of the class includes the prepared meal. Contact Kronen at 689-0634 for more information or to register.

COOKIN' RAW

All kinds of raw food cooking classes are available in Eugene this spring. The Eugene Raw Foods community will be resuming its free monthly Introduction to Raw Foods class on the first Tuesday of each month at the Red Barn (upstairs) at 6 pm. Registration is required either by e-mail at raweugene@mindspring.com or by calling 463-0800. The class includes handouts, questions answered and info for people new to raw and vegan cuisine.

Saturday, April 19, is the first seminar of

two offered by professional chef John Duran on raw food preparations. The first class covers nutrition information and recipes, the second one, on May 3, is called "Apply Your New Skills to Build Your Favorite Meals" and offers more recipes, including Not Tuna Salad, Chocolate Silk Decadence, cream of zucchini soup and more.

The classes cost \$60. To register, e-mail jdkit@efn.org or call 607-9249.

VEGGIES ON THE MOVE

Lane County Food Coalition (LCFC)

jumpstarted the growing season with a rally at the first Farmer's Market of the season last Saturday. The organization is an advocacy and publicity group for local farms and growers. Chill winds and sleety rain didn't deter the group, which paraded around in vegetable costumes, listened to speakers and sang together. Keep an

eye out for the LCFC directory of local growers, coming out soon.

BIG NIGHT

Spring brings out Eugene's finest chefs to the eagerly anticipated **Chef's Night Out**. This annual benefit for **FOOD for Lane County**, held Tuesday April 15 from 6:30 pm 'til 9 pm, features Eugene's finest restaurants and local vineyards in a six-story extravaganza at the Hult Center. Tickets are \$50 per person. Last year's selections began with chocolate truffles and worked up to a whole roast pig, stopping along the way for microbrews and wines, seafood ravioli, sushi, Cioppino, crab and crayfish strudels, tiramisu, spicy Thai chicken wings, blackberry BBQ salmon and Lamb Tagine. This year's event promises to be even more extravagant, including martinis and a greater selection of restaurants. Call 682-5000 for tickets, starve yourself the day before, and get there early to beat the rush. **EW**



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REMODELING CLOSURES

We're carpeting, painting, installing new lighting, and bringing up the new furniture to the Ax Billy Grill & Sports Bar!

RESTAURANT

Thursday, April 10:
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