



Good Stuff NW

FEATURING STUFF THAT IS GOOD IN THE NW

ABOUT ME



KAB

I'm passionate about writing and design and I love living in Oregon with its combination of

urban style and down-home friendliness.

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GOOD TWEETS NW

Starting on Farro Salad with pecorino, basil, oil-cured olives and cherry tomatoes to take to party tonight. Recipe at <http://bit.ly/QixNL> 2 days ago

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EVENTS/CLASSES

May 26: Container Gardening, a workshop with Growing Gardens. 6 pm; sliding scale, reservations only. NE Portland. 503-284-8420.

May 28: Planting Techniques & Methods, a hands-on workshop. 6 pm; sliding scale, reservations only. Growing Gardens, 2003 NE 42nd Ave. 503-284-8420.

May 29: Wine Tasting of Red Wines of Argentina. 4:30-8 pm; \$10. Vino, 1226 SE Lexington in Sellwood. 503-235-8545.

May 30: Edible Container Gardening, a hands-on workshop. 10 am; sliding scale, reservations only. Growing Gardens, 2003 NE 42nd Ave. 503-284-8420.

May 30: Wine Tasting with Eyrre Vineyards wines. 2-5 pm; free. Bar Avignon, 2138 SE Division St. 503-517-0808.

May 31: Tex-Mex Fiesta Dinner at Kenny & Zuke's. 6 pm; \$29.50 without alcohol. \$39.50 with

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2009

Gracious Goodness



When I was arranging to have breakfast with my friend Mary Fishback of Portland's newest (and bluest) foodie landmark, the **Waffle Window**, there was only one place to go. And that was **Gracie's** in the **Hotel Deluxe**, formerly known as the dining room of the Mallory Hotel.

Why not **Toast**, or the **Tin Shed**, you ask? Because of its quiet elegance, the same qualities I admire in Ms. Fishback, and also because of its marble-topped tables with restrained table settings, thick drapery on the windows and deliciously strong coffee in white ceramic cups.



The corned beef hash.

The other reason was more self-serving, and that was to have the bread pudding that I'd sampled on **my last visit**, a lusciously decadent version that was crisped and warm and served with a small pile of bananas and pecans, all

dusted with a gentle sprinkling of powdered sugar. There was also a small pot of maple syrup on the side, but it wasn't necessary to make this crunchy-on-the-outside, soft-in-the-middle bit of heaven a total treat.

Mary opted for heartier fare, a hash of variously colored heirloom potatoes with corned beef, topped with two of the most perfectly poached eggs I'd ever seen. The effect of sitting and sipping our coffee in this sumptuous and calm expanse, the morning's sunshine pouring in the windows, was the opposite of most clanky, bright and jarring breakfast places. And one I'll be going back to soon.

Details: Gracie's in the Hotel Deluxe, 729 SW 15th Ave. Phone 503-219-2094.

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