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**Newport Restaurant Week: 10 Days of Fabulous, Affordable Food**

**Newport, RI (March 2012)** – Eat, drink and be merry at more than 40 restaurants throughout Newport and Bristol Counties without breaking the bank this spring! The Newport and Bristol County Convention and Visitors Bureau (NBCCVB) is delighted to announce the return of Newport Restaurant Week March 23-April 1, 2012 with the same budget-friendly, prix-fixe offerings as in years past: three-course lunches for just \$16, and three-course dinners for just \$30.

“The culinary talent throughout the nine towns of Newport and Bristol County is simply remarkable,” said Evan Smith, NBCCVB President & CEO. “With so many local farms and of course, being located on Narragansett Bay, our restaurants’ fresh dishes have landed them in the national media spotlight. Newport Restaurant Week gives residents and visitors a chance to discover new and wonderful places.”

Additional happenings throughout the 10-day event includes food and wine pairings, a Samuel Adams beer dinner, cooking classes, tastings, chef-led culinary tours and more. Gourmands can take advantage of culinary lodging packages as well.

Many of our talented chefs will be showcasing their Newport Restaurant Week menus as they slice, dice, simmer and sauté on the Culinary Stage at The Home Show at the Rhode Island

Convention Center March 30- April 1, 2012. Other Newport Restaurant Week chefs will show off their skills on The Rhode Show on WPRI Channel 12.

### **ABOUT NEWPORT RESTAURANT WEEK**

Newport Restaurant Week was established in 2006 as an annual event to encourage both local residents and visitors to Newport and Bristol Counties to experience the vast culinary talent in our destination at an affordable price, and to stimulate local business not only at restaurants but at retailers and lodging partners as well. In 2008, Newport Restaurant Week expanded to a bi-annual event; one in early spring and the other in late fall. Restaurateurs often create menus that celebrate seasonal ingredients and promote local food purveyors. Many offer vegetarian and gluten-free alternatives to patrons with food allergies or specialty dietary requirements. Newport Restaurant Week is proudly sponsored by Sam Adams, Jameson Irish Whiskey, Kahlua, Brancott Wines, the RI Turnpike & Bridge Authority and the Newport/Bristol CVB.

*For a complete listing of Restaurant Week events and to view menus, visit [GoNewportRestaurantWeek.com](http://GoNewportRestaurantWeek.com). Also, we'll be releasing up-to-the-minute Restaurant Week news on our social networks. Please fan and follow the NBCCVB on Facebook ([facebook.com/NewportRhodeIsland](http://facebook.com/NewportRhodeIsland)) and Twitter ([twitter.com/NewportRICVB](http://twitter.com/NewportRICVB)) today.*

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