

Culinary Center of Monterey Holds Delicious Mixer

Monterey Peninsula Chamber Mixes Great Food and Local Businesses

Over 100 fortunate Chamber members and their guests took advantage of the beautiful weather and Monterey's World famous Culinary Center's hospitality last Thursday night and no one went away disappointed or hungry. The shining star of the Peninsula, perhaps even the State when it comes to teaching new chefs about food and its preparation, is the Culinary Center of Monterey. The Center, under the leadership of Chef Mary Pagan, Certified Executive Chef and C.E.O., is a fully accredited teaching facility as well as award winning restaurant. Pagan is a graduate of The California Culinary Academy in San Francisco and is the owner of both the Culinary Center of Monterey Culinary School and Mary's Restaurant. Mary and her talented staff made the evening an event to remember.

The Mixer, which started at 5:30 pm at the Culinary Center's facility overlooking historic Cannery Row, filled quickly. Members were invited to browse and sample the beautifully displayed dishes throughout the Center's three different classroom kitchens. The ultra modern and professionally equipped kitchens are used daily to teach the upcoming chefs techniques and to hone their trade. The kitchens provided a unique backdrop and a very intimate look at how the Center's students work their magic. Student Chefs kept preparing more dishes and bringing them out non-stop throughout the evening. Tables for relaxing were strategically located within the facility as well as outside on the Center's balcony overlooking Cannery Row and Monterey Bay.