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**DAMARISCOTTA RIVER GRILL ANNOUNCES FULL SCHEDULE
OF WINTER DINNERS, SHOWS, AND EVENTS**

Damariscotta, ME – Chef Rick Hirsch of Damariscotta River Grill (www.damariscottarivergrill.com) announced today that his midcoast Maine restaurant will be hosting and participating in a full slate of culinary and spirits events throughout February. The events continue Damariscotta River Grill's tradition of active community involvement, creative and festive dinners, and support for talented area artists.

Eighth Annual Chocolate Fest and Silent Auction

Once again, Damariscotta River Grill is supporting the annual Chocolate Fest and Silent Auction, an event to support Healthy Kids!, a program to prevent child abuse and neglect in Lincoln County. The event, to take place **February 7 from 7-10 p.m. at Skidompha Library**, will feature live music, a silent auction, champagne, and chocolate treats from Hirsch's restaurant and other area participating restaurants. Tickets are available at Maine Coast Books, Stars Fine Jewelry, and Skidompha Library. In support of the event, Damariscotta River Grill is offering a 10 percent discount to pre-event dinner guests who present their Chocolate Fest tickets. For more information about ChocolateFest, contact Healthy Kids! at 207/563-1818.

Geary's Pint Night

On **Friday, February 13, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.**, Damariscotta River Grill hosts Rick St. Peter of Geary's Brewing, who will pour Geary's excellent Wee Heavy and flagship Pale Ale. Buy a pint and keep the glass!

Valentine's Day by Candlelight

Enjoy Damariscotta's most romantic evening on **February 14**. The restaurant is offering a prix fix three-course menu featuring appetizer, entrée and dessert options for just \$29.09 (tax and gratuity excluded). The full a la carte menu will also be available.

Mardi Gras Festivities

Celebrate "Fat Tuesday" at Damariscotta River Grill on Thursday, February 26. In addition to a zesty Creole and Cajun buffet, Damariscotta River Grill will be serving up Zydeco music from Smokey & Carter, and there will be giveaways throughout the evening. Laissez le bon temps rouler!

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“Wine and Tapas Wednesdays” are Back

Wednesdays this winter mark the return of popular tapas at Damariscotta River Grill. A special selection of delicious menu items are served at approximately 1/3 portions for 1/3 the price, and make for easy sampling and sharing. Flexible dining at its best: order what you want, when you want it, to suit your appetite.

“Art at the Grill” Opens Photography Show

February 25 from 4-6 p.m. marks the opening reception for the latest Art at the Grill show at Damariscotta River Grill. The show will feature photography from David Higgins and Steve Dunn, two local artists with well-deserved, sterling reputations. Higgins’s and Dunn’s photography will be shown through April 6.

For more information or to make a reservation for these events, call the Damariscotta River Grill at 207/563-2992.

About the Damariscotta River Grill

Since its successful launch in late 2003, the Damariscotta River Grill has firmly established itself as a welcome addition to the coastal Maine dining scene. Owned and operated by husband-and-wife team Rick Hirsch (Executive Chef) and Jean Kerrigan (General Manager), the popular restaurant has consistently been a favorite of locals, summer visitors and vacationing celebrities alike.

Visit www.damariscottarivergrill.com for information about upcoming events, hours, menu, and directions.

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