

BELLADONNA TEA ROOM, A PLACE TO REST, RELAX AND REFRESH, OPENED IN SANDWICH

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Jarrold Johnson and Adrian Frost, owners of the new Belladonna Tea Room in Sandwich (708 E Railroad Street, 815/570-2123) intend to not only provide exceptional teas and coffees, specialty drinks and pastries, but a place to enrich mind, body and spirit as well. Jarrold attended Culinary School in Wisconsin and served as a Chef in Milwaukee for eight years. Adrian provides the management and marketing know-how to ensure that the business flourishes.



The menu features Coffees (House & Decaf, Pour Over Coffee, Iced Coffee, Single and Double Espresso Shots, Cappuccino, Americano, and Caffe Latte & Mocha); Organic Tea (Green, Black, Red & Mates) served in-house in a French press to ensure maximum flavor; Specialty Drinks which will vary seasonally (Tea Latte, Belladonna Chai, Harvest and Egnog Latte, Aztec, Peppermint, Chocolate and Hazelnut Mocha and Hot Chocolate); and Food (Bagels, Croissants, Gingerbread Scones, Cranberry-Orange Bread – all made with ingredients from their organic farm – and Fresh Fruit –in season). A constant pursuit of perfection means that each drink is handcrafted and expertly made using traditional equipment.



100% organic Coffee in ½ and 1 pound bags is available for sale, as is Loose Leaf Tea by the ounce. Coffee comes from a family owned coffee shop and roasting operation in Wisconsin; beans from small batches are only a few days old when they arrive at Belladonna which means the drinks are very fresh.

The inviting environment encourages you to sit a while in the attached dining area to relax and enjoy your perfectly brewed tea and coffee. A guest network for Wifi is available. An adjacent retail space showcases a line of organic items from Wormwood Botannicals - natural lip balm, hand cut soaps and lotions and a line of products for men. There is a table with complimentary house blended flavored sugars and spices to add to your tea or coffee, all of which are for sale also. You'll even find organic dog biscuits.

Future plans include outdoor seating for warmer months and soup & sandwich options.

The lower level is being renovated into one large space in which yoga classes, meditation groups, cooking demonstrations and workshops on organic farming and gardening will take place. The upper level will house a new age metaphysical store with jewelry, smudge incense, crystals, candles and books. Wellness Wednesdays will offer readings and appointments, a variety of classes and other events aimed to enrich your life.

Hours of operation are Tuesday through Saturday from 8 AM to 7 PM, Sundays from 9 AM to 5 PM, Closed Mondays. Enjoy a free cup of coffee or tea upon presentation of the coupon in their ad.