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Noteworthy Mother's Day dining specials in Palm Beach County

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Remember Mom on her special day. • Sounds pretty simple, right? Honoring that amazing woman who has taken care of you and loved you (even when you most definitely did not deserve it) and showing her some appreciation (like taking her to a great restaurant) on her special day — which falls on May 14 this year. • If you've already made plans and reserved your spot, that's fantastic; you're a good son or daughter. If you haven't, hang your head in shame for a few seconds, then do something. • And you're in luck; we've done the heavy lifting and identified some of the best Mother's Day specials going in Palm Beach County. • Ready. Set. Go!

Josco Garden

The recently updated Josco will offer a Mother's Day brunch from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. It will feature crab and avocado toast with pickled sweet corn and poached eggs. Mascarpone-stuffed brioche French toast with cherry compote and brown butter maple, and a Serrano ham 'Croque Madame.' Josco Garden's contemporary, continental cuisine spans the globe, but is rooted in American classics.

Information: 157 US 1, Tequesta. joscogarden.com

Beacon

This upscale Jupiter spot will offer moms a gorgeous, decadent bouquet of cupcakes this Mother's Day. Created by Executive Pastry Chef Jennifer Woo, the arrangement will feature seven cupcakes: three vanilla, three chocolate and one Chef Woo mystery flavor for \$35. OK, so technically this isn't taking Mom out to eat on her special day, but it is getting her a beautiful sweet treat that she did not have to bake or

clean up afterwards. Order by May 8 and pick up noon to 4 p.m. May 13 or 14. To order, email Liz Soulen at lsoulen@lessings.com.

Information: 1107 Love St., Jupiter. thebeaconjupiter.com

1000 North

1000 North will feature special brunch and dinner features for Mother's Day as well as their regular menu. For brunch, which runs 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., there will be crab and asparagus vichyssoise for \$26, braised chicken and eggs shakshuka for \$32 and miso caramel apple Danish for \$14. For dinner, which is 5 to 9 p.m., guests can get the heirloom tomato and burrata salad for \$36, lobster mafaldine for \$46 or the petite filet and fondant potatoes for \$48.

Information: 1000 US 1, Jupiter. 1000north.com

AquaGrille

Roll out the red carpet for Mom with a bubbles-themed brunch set with sparkling elixirs in-

cluding the Elderflower French 77 and Strawberry Aperol Spritz, along with blood orange mimosas and white peach Bellinis. As for culinary treats, the menu at AquaGrille will be comprised of house brunch specialties such as croissant French toast with Nutella, berries and crème Chantilly, shrimp and grits Basquaise, and an avocado tartine with shaved baby vegetables and soft-boiled eggs. Brunch is 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Information: 14121 US 1, Juno Beach. 561-355-0438; aquagrillejuno.com

California Pizza Kitchen

Show Mom some love with a heart-shaped pizza at California Pizza Kitchen. For good sons and daughters who pick up the tab (which they should be doing anyway, but as the world gets stranger you have spell these things out), they can get a \$10 bonus card/voucher on orders of \$50 or more.

Information: 3101 PGA Blvd., Palm Beach Gardens. thegardensmall.com

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In cookbook, Miranda Lambert reveals recipes that fed her

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NASHVILLE, Tennessee — When she was a teenager, Miranda Lambert listened at the dinner table while her grandmother, her mother and their friends swapped gossip, life lessons and stories from East Texas.

Those overheard conversations over plates of enchiladas and banana pudding became inspiration for Lambert's Grammy-winning musical career, teaching her the art of storytelling and entertaining at the same time.

"Some of my first songs were written about some of the stories that they were going through," Lambert said. "I hadn't lived it myself yet, but I really absorbed that."

After nearly two decades in country music and at the height of her career as one of the most award-winning country artists, Lambert is dishing on those recipes — and the stories behind them —

from her family and friends in a book called "Y'all Eat Yet? Welcome to the Pretty B(*t)ch'n Kitchen."

"It's really important to surround yourself with people who celebrate the good times and who hold you up through the bad times," said "The House That Built Me" singer. "That's what this whole book is about."

The book, out now on HarperCollins imprint Dey Street Books, is equal parts Lambert's family memoir, a guide to Texas-style entertaining and a church potluck cookbook.

Get to know Lambert's grandma "Nonny" and her mom "Bev" and all their colorful female friends through the recipes they've swapped and shared: the famous meatloaf that often leads to wedding bells, the whiskey cupcakes and the potini bar (mashed potatoes in a



martini glass with all the toppings.) She also teaches the tricks to glamping in her Airstream travel trailer and tubing down the Guadalupe River and her dad offers a primer on seasoning a cast iron pan to perfection.

"Life on the road is tough, and so it makes it that much more special when you get to have a home-cooked meal," Lambert said. "It's such a triggering memory. It's like a perfume or a song."

Lambert has a lot to celebrate right now as she heads into the Academy of Country Music Awards on May 11 as the reigning entertainer of the year. She's already the most awarded artist in ACM history and she's up for the top prize again, as well as breaking another record with her 17th female artist of the year nomination.

"I didn't really get to celebrate with everybody when I won last year, so this will be like, 'Yay, hurrah! Who's going to get it next?'" Lambert said of the awards show, which will be held in Frisco, Texas, this year. "I'm really excited that it's in Texas and I'm just continually thankful for this community and the country music family that has lifted me up all these years and still votes for my records and recognizes my work."

She's also now a highly sought-after free agent after leaving her longtime label home Sony Music Nashville this spring. She was just 19 when she signed with the record label and debuted her first Sony record "Kerosene" in 2005.

"It's a very different landscape from when I started," Lambert said but noted that she's already got some collaborations in the works. "It feels really good to be free and just sort of take a step back and a deep breath and let the creativity lead the decisions," Lambert said of her future musical plans.