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# Lincoln Inn Has 'One-of-a-kind Flair'

By Virginia Dean  
Standard Correspondent

The grand opening of the restaurant at the Lincoln Inn will take place on Oct. 18 and will feature award-winning chef Jevgenija Saromova of England but Latvian by birth.

"This is our most recent exciting news," said proprietor Mara Mehlman. "It's been a long wait but Jevgenija has arrived."

In its celebration, the Inn had a soft opening of the restaurant last Friday evening.

"It was an absolute smashing success," said Mehlman. "Our dinner guests were beyond amazed with the menu, the presentation, and the flavors and textures."

Seven years ago, Mehlman and a relative registered for a bike tour with Bike Vermont and fell in love with the state, especially Woodstock. It was during this sojourn that Mehlman vowed to return. Last spring, her premonition was realized when she purchased the newly named Lincoln Inn and Restaurant At The Covered Bridge.

Since then, Mehlman, along with Saromova, have refurbished the Inn by making it a gourmet foodie destination.

Saromova has had over 20 years experience as a professional chef.

"Cooking is her passion and,



Rick Russell Photo

The Lincoln Inn and Restaurant in West Woodstock, owned by Mara Mehlman, left, and chef Jevgenija Saromova, is open for business. Visit them at 2709 W. Woodstock Road, Woodstock. For questions call 457-7052 or go to [lincolnnn.com](http://lincolnnn.com).

like all artists, she looks to create beauty out of what the earth provides," Mehlman said. "Her food compositions aren't just for satisfying the hunger of the body,

but also to satiate the deeper soul. She has a one-of-a-kind flair for culinary innovation and will take the Vermont food culture to a whole new level."

Even though she wants to keep many of the food concoctions a secret, what Mehlman will reveal is that the cuisine will be a gourmet fusion of everything Saromova has

learned working in Michelin star restaurants in Italy, France and England.

"She combines flavors and textures masterfully," said Mehlman.

"It will be infused with New England cuisine using locally sourced meats, products and dairy."

Mehlman said the Inn's menus change daily based on seasonal availability of fresh locally sourced ingredients. They are posted by noon each day on Facebook.

"Our restaurant's artfully prepared, gourmet-fusion plates involve all the senses," said Mehlman. "The unbounded artistry inspires a culinary scene that perfectly pairs texture with taste and ambiance with flavor."

The restaurant hosts one seating per night promptly at 7:30 p.m. It also offers a prix fixe menu at \$55 per person.

The five-course dining experience includes *amuse-bouche* (small bites that both amuse the taste buds and invigorate the palate), appetizer, intermediate course, main course, and dessert.

Along with Mehlman and Saromova, to support the recent opening and establishment of the Inn was Prince Alfred, Mehlman's prized whippet/greyhound — a type of English dog known as a Lurcher — recently passed away in a tragic accident.

The Inn is now being overseen by 12-week-old whippet Lord Lincoln.

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