

To Our Valued Customers:

Welcome to the Colophon Café!

Let us treat you to a unique and memorable dining experience that has been a Fairhaven tradition for over twenty years.

One thing that makes this restaurant special is that we strive to satisfy the needs and desires of each customer on an individual basis. Every meal is made to order, with the time and attention it takes to get things right. Our menu offers a wide variety of mouth-watering options, featuring many vegetarian and gluten free alternatives. In addition, we have compiled a comprehensive listing of our ingredients to help us accommodate dietary restrictions and food allergies. If you have a special need or request, please don't hesitate to ask! From our award-winning soups, quiches, and pot pies, to our decadent desserts, we aspire to bring you a healthful and delicious meal. All of our foods are prepared using wholesome, quality ingredients, and served with pride by our warm and friendly staff.

We are truly proud of the deep connection that the Colophon Café has cultivated during our tenure in this extraordinary community. In appreciation for our customers and neighbors, we are dedicated to business practices that promote both a healthy environment and a vibrant local economy. We support many local charities, and purchase our ingredients and supplies from quality, locally owned businesses whenever possible. The Colophon Café is an active member of Sustainable Connections, a participant in Puget Sound Energy's Green Power program, a founding partner of Bellingham's "Toward Zero Waste" initiative, and a Whatcom Watershed Business Steward!

Thank you for joining us today, and we look forward to seeing you again soon!

Sincerely,

David Killian and Chris Brainard

A Slice of Fairhaven History

The Colophon Café has been locally owned here in the heart of Historic Fairhaven since 1985. We began as an ice cream and espresso parlor, and adopted the "Literary Cow" as our mascot. Over the years, we have kept pace with our customers' appetites by adding creative homemade soups, fresh salads and sandwiches, and delightful desserts made from scratch in our in-house bakery.

The Pythias Building in which our café is housed was built in 1891, when Fairhaven was a bustling frontier town and one of the most important sites for the shipping and lumber industries of the West. In its first incarnation, the Pythias Building served as a meeting hall for the Elks, Woodsmen of America, and other "Secret Societies" of Fairhaven. The original ballroom still occupies the upper level – and yes, it IS haunted, of course! Throughout the century, our building has been host to numerous other tenants, including McIntosh Hardware, the Immanuel School of Industries, and Norman's Clothing Store, and during Prohibition, a notorious speakeasy operated here!

You can still view the remnants of the authentic hand-operated elevator, ordered at the turn of the century from Sears, Roebuck and Co., in our downstairs dining area.