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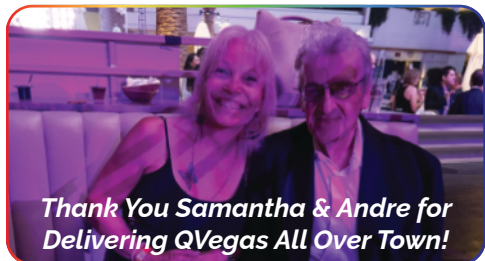
Whether you're a local or tourist, we always feature our favorite spots along with all the new and exciting things our city has to offer.

This week we feature Susan Feniger and Mary Sue Milliken, the dynamic duo behind Border Grill at Mandalay Bay. QVegas celebrates these remarkable women and their contributions to the culinary world, and we look forward to seeing the continued success of BBQ Mexicana, their latest addition to Southwest Las Vegas.

Juneteenth, celebrated on June 19th, commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans. For the LGBTQ community, it's a time to honor African American LGBTQ individuals' contributions and advocate for justice.



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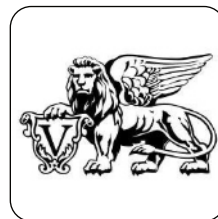
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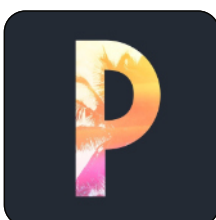
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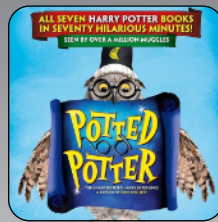
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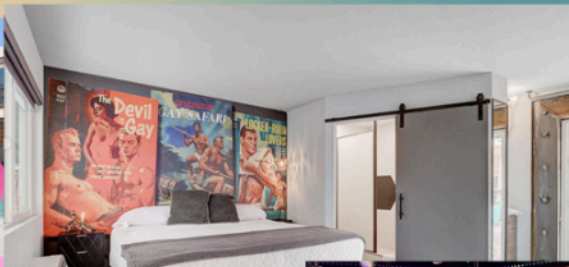
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A Culinary Conversation with Susan Feniger and Mary Sue Milliken

Las Vegas is a city of innovation and creativity, constantly evolving to offer unique experiences that cater to its diverse audience. In the heart of this dynamic environment, culinary legends Susan Feniger and Mary Sue Milliken have established a new hotspot, BBQ Mexicana, blending their love for barbecue with the vibrant flavors of Mexican cuisine. In an exclusive interview, the dynamic duo shares insights about their journey, their passion for sustainable cooking, and their latest venture in Las Vegas.

Developing the Menu: A Flavorful Journey

Feniger and Milliken have a long history of culinary excellence, and their approach to BBQ Mexicana was no exception. Susan recounts the inception of the restaurant, "This was a while ago, at least 10 years back. We opened across from Border Grill at Mandalay Bay with our first BBQ Mexicana." They collaborated closely with their then-chef, Mike Minor, who had a barbecue truck that inspired them to explore the world of smoked meats.

"Mike got us excited about barbecue and convinced us to get a smoker," Susan recalls. "We started then, along with him. Mike worked with us for six or seven years before moving on to his projects, but he always had barbecue on his mind and

palate." This collaboration led to a fun and creative process, resulting in a well-balanced menu featuring items like burnt end brisket burritos, smoked tofu, and salads.

Mary Sue adds, "We wanted to create a menu that catered to people on the go, especially those heading to the stadium or Convention Center at Mandalay Bay. Our focus was on quick, casual dining with bowls, salads, and burritos. We later added tacos for our standalone drive-through on Sunset and the 215."

Instant Favorites and Future Plans

When asked about the standout dishes, Susan and Mary Sue enthusiastically highlighted the burnt end brisket. "It's addictive," Susan says with a smile. "Whether it's in a burrito, a taco, or on a salad or bowl, it's delicious." The smoked tofu also received high praise, being described as "killer" by Susan.

BBQ Mexicana offers a variety of proteins, including pork, brisket, tofu, and chicken, allowing customers to mix and match their preferences. "The flour tortillas for our tacos are handmade, and the corn tortillas are equally special," Mary Sue notes. "And best of all, we'll soon be offering margaritas, beer, and wine, making it a great spot for a happy hour."

Choosing Las Vegas: A Community-Driven Decision

Though both chefs reside in Los Angeles, their strong ties to Las Vegas influenced their decision to open BBQ Mexicana in the city. "We developed a fondness for our team here," Mary Sue explains. "They know the neighborhoods, and their passion for the concept convinced us that this was the right place."

Their regional manager, Yancy, played a crucial role in selecting the location. "During COVID, many people turned to drive-throughs to pick up food," Mary Sue says. "Yancy believed this concept would thrive here, given the surrounding office buildings, hospitals, and residential areas."

The Culinary Journey: From Passion to Profession

Susan and Mary Sue's love for cooking began early, inspired by their mothers who enjoyed spending time in the kitchen. They both attended chef school and completed apprenticeships before their paths crossed. "I loved working with my hands and eating," Mary Sue shares. "It's a job that combines both."

Susan adds, "I was a total jock in high school, and kitchens have a similar camaraderie to sports or theater. The energy and excitement of working



together, especially during busy times, drew me in."

Over the years, mentoring young chefs has become a significant aspect of their careers. "We love seeing young talents develop and feeling like role models," Susan says. "The excitement of having a voice in the community is something we both value."

Sustaining a Successful Partnership

Maintaining a partnership for over four decades is no small feat. Susan and Mary Sue credit their success to mutual respect and complementary strengths. "We have wanted to kill each other at times," Susan admits, laughing. "But it's like family. We've learned to value each other's strengths."

Mary Sue describes Susan as "persistent and deep into the weeds," ensuring everything is done correctly. Susan, in turn, praises Mary Sue's big-picture thinking and ability to question and understand critical business details. Their combined strengths have enabled them to navigate the challenges of the restaurant industry successfully.

Commitment to Sustainability

Sustainability is a core value in all of Feniger and Milliken's restaurants. Their journey into sustainable cooking began about 25 years ago when the Monterey Bay Aquarium approached them to learn about sustainable seafood. "It was a gateway that opened our eyes to climate change and the impact of our food choices," Mary Sue explains.

"We've always cared about our products, but that conference made us think about the environment," Susan adds. "Now, we

focus on sustainable seafood and ensure our proteins are free from antibiotics. It's about making choices that benefit future generations."

Visibility and Representation

As prominent figures in the culinary industry, Susan and Mary Sue have also been advocates for the LGBTQ+ community. While Mary Sue is an ally, Susan has been openly part of the community for many years. "I've been involved with the Los Angeles LGBT Center for 18 years and co-chair for the last four," Mary Sue says.

Susan's connection to the community is deeply personal. "I feel a big investment in seeing LGBTQ+ youth and seniors feel accepted and supported. The center in LA has ten campuses addressing various needs, from legal aid to medical support."

Creating a Legacy

Both chefs are passionate about leaving a positive legacy. For Mary Sue, this means advocating for better working conditions in the restaurant industry. "The industry employs many vulnerable people, and it's essential to create a better environment for them," she explains. "We need to ensure fair treatment and opportunities, especially for women and people of color."

Susan focuses on creating a company culture where everyone feels respected and heard. "Whether you're a dishwasher or CEO, everyone should feel valued," she says. Additionally, Susan is dedicated to supporting the LGBTQ+ community, particularly through the Los Angeles LGBT Center. "I want to see young kids and seniors find a sense of belonging and support."

Future Endeavors and Philanthropy

Susan and Mary Sue continue to explore new ventures and philanthropic efforts. Their latest restaurant, Alice B in Palm Springs, is a high-end establishment in a 55+ LGBT community. "It's an exciting project that aligns with our commitment to creating inclusive spaces," Mary Sue says.

Susan also highlights their involvement in intergenerational programs at the LGBT Center. "We have culinary training programs where youth and seniors work together, creating a family-like environment. It's about giving back and using our voices to support important causes."

Susan Feniger and Mary Sue Milliken's BBQ Mexicana is more than just a restaurant; it's a testament to their passion for food, community, and sustainability. Their journey from budding chefs to culinary icons is marked by a commitment to excellence, mutual respect, and a desire to make a positive impact.

As they continue to innovate and inspire, Susan and Mary Sue remain dedicated to creating delicious, sustainable food while advocating for better working conditions and supporting the LGBTQ+ community. Their legacy is one of passion, perseverance, and a profound sense of responsibility to the world around them.

The new BBQ Mexicana is located just off Highway 215 at 8480 W Sunset Rd, between Buffalo and Durango. Visit bbqmexicana.com for full menu and online ordering options.

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Second Saturdays: Content Couture Fashion Night biteSiZeD multiMedia and the Haus of Vanguardy

"Content Couture," held on the second Saturday, is a spectacular fashion event produced in collaboration with biteSiZeD multiMedia and the Haus of Vanguardy. The night kicks off with an industry mixer at 7:00 PM, followed by a runway show at 8:30 PM, featuring avant-garde designs from upcoming fashion talents as well as photographers. It's an evening where style meets substance, providing a platform for emerging designers and a fabulous opportunity for attendees to get a glimpse of the next big trends in fashion.

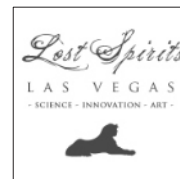
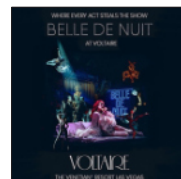
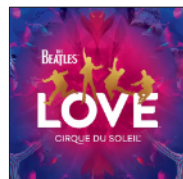
Third Saturdays: Fine Art with Robin Slonina and Slonina ArtSpace

On the third Saturday, the focus shifts to the visual arts, curated by Robin Slonina of Slonina ArtSpace. The venue transforms into a pop-up art exhibit, showcasing exceptional works from selected artists. Attendees can view and purchase original artwork, interact with the artists, and enjoy a night dedicated to the beauty and diversity of fine art. This partnership aims to support and highlight local artists, enriching the Las Vegas art scene. This partnership highlights local artists and increases engagement between the local LGBTQ+ and fine arts communities.

Every Saturday at Gipsy Las Vegas transforms into a celebration of creativity and talent with "Showcase Saturdays." Each week highlights a different artistic discipline, featuring collaborations with renowned partners and offering a unique experience for all attendees.

Fourth Saturdays: Showkids Night with Estevan Velasco and Ferly Prado

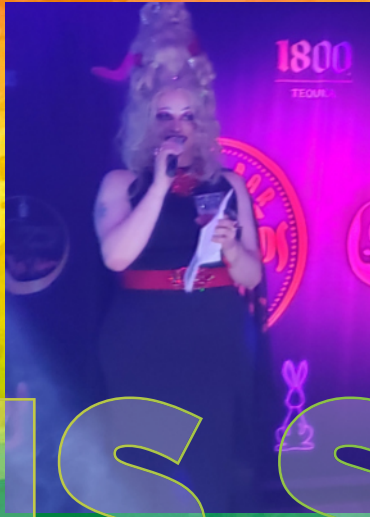
The final Saturday of each month at Gipsy Las Vegas shines with "Showkids Night," a celebration of dance and performance art curated by Estevan Velasco and Ferly Prado. This evening pays homage to the illustrious Las Vegas Showkids community, featuring a dazzling array of talent from the Las Vegas Strip. Attendees will experience a spectacular mix of contemporary dance and song, showcasing the skills of extraordinary dancers and singers. This night not only highlights the vibrancy and talent of today's performers but also honors the legendary figures and iconic moments that have shaped the entertainment landscape of Las Vegas. It's a night of passion, performance, and tribute to the stars who make Las Vegas sparkle.



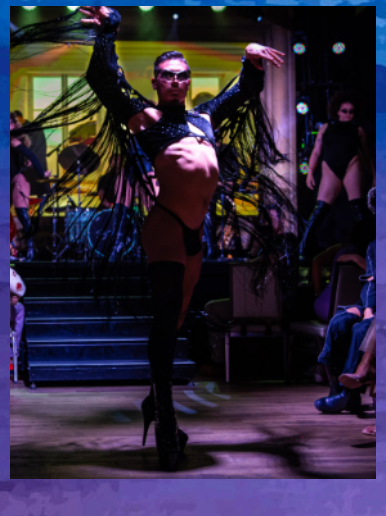
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