

Shediac's Inn Thyme reopens under new owners

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The Inn Thyme in Shediac

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Shediac's historic Inn Thyme recently reopened under new ownership of a daughter-mother team and will hold its grand opening this Friday.

The Inn Thyme, located at 310 Main St. in downtown Shediac, is in an historic home that dates back to 1911.

The new owners are Yvonne Quinn and daughter Natasha Bartlett, who purchased the inn last year. Quinn said she has lived in Moncton and Shediac for many years and is a retired interior designer. Bartlett is originally from Shediac and lived in Ontario working for the provincial government for years and decided to come home. They decided to purchase the inn as a new adventure in life.

The new owners say they want to continue the inn's long tradition of elegant accommodations and fine food in a relaxing environment. The inn employs a full-time staff of three and 10 seasonal part-timers. It has seven guest rooms, all with private bathrooms.

Quinn said one of the new additions at the Inn Thyme is the Arts & Provisions room – an art gallery and gift shop where visitors can purchase local art, crafts, pottery, jewelry and culinary treats like jams, jellies, sauces and dressings made by regional artists and artisans.

The café serves breakfast and lunch seven days a week, and brunch on weekends. Quinn says the menu items change frequently to offer more variety. They also make use of local products like lobster and crab in their recipes.

"We use as much local ingredients as we can source and stay as local as possible," she said. Nothing is deep-fried as they go for healthy meals. Gluten-free and vegetarian dishes are also available.

According to the Inn Thyme website, the house was originally built in 1911 for Dr. Harley Murray, Shediac's first dentist. It was later home to A. Dysart, a former premier of New Brunswick.

The gallery, gift shop and coffee house are open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The official reopening will be held Friday, June 26, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., with the ribbon cutting at 4:30 p.m.