

Nightingale Bistro: Georgetown's newest and (not too) hidden gem

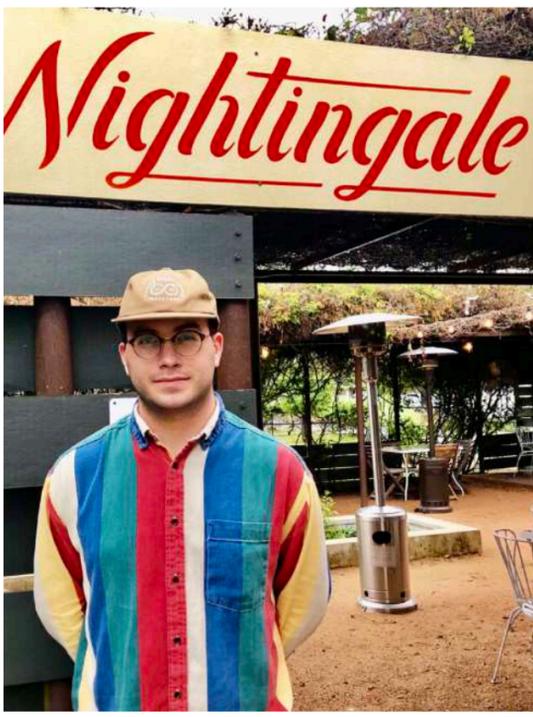
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Beside Lark & Owl Booksellers, a vine-covered trellis encircles tables — some wooden, some ornately tiled. A stone-walled garden sits in the middle, and twinkling lights peek out from the vines. You might remember this area as the Monument Cafe's old beer garden. Now it's been transformed into Nightingale Bistro.

The charming enclave provided just the right spot for the latest venture from the Wright brothers — Matt and Grady — who are known in Austin for The Brew & Brew, Better Half, Holdout Brewery and two locations of Little Brother Bar.

They were intrigued when one of the bookstore's original founders made introductions.

A December soft opening has given this outdoor restaurant time to perfect its concept. After gathering more than 50 bird-related names from staff, friends



Cullen Perry, the general manager of Nightingale Bistro, was also involved with Lark & Owl Bistro.

and family, "nightingale" was selected as the perfect complement to a lark and an owl. Chef Rachel Taylor, a graduate of Le Cordon Bleu

College of Culinary Arts in Austin, started her career at Alamo Draffhouse. She said that leaving there and having the opportunity to open 19 restaurants in different parts of the country gave her the knowhow to design just the right menu for this outdoor venue.

Chef excels with flavors

Chef Taylor showcases French-inspired cuisine with local ingredients and a hint of Texas flavors. Austin-based Easy Tiger Bakery supplies the breads. Candied pecans complement the TX Nicoise Salad. With each bite of the Bistro Burger, you're wondering if it's the local brioche bun, the house aioli, the camembert cheese, the caramelized onion jam or the arugula that makes it so amazing. A poached egg perches atop hash combinations served at brunch. The most recent are the vegetarian Spring Hash and the Short Rib Hash, both with that pop of flavor that Chef Taylor is becoming known

for: Vegan and gluten-free options are available.

General Manager Cullen Perry has been involved since the Lark & Owl Bistro was launched in 2019. As bartender and

with his personal stamp of inventiveness — a perfect example is the House Gin & Tonic.

More to come

More tables will be added to the lawn, where families and diners with pets can sit comfortably under the twinkling lights. The ultimate plan is to reopen the indoor coffee bar and seating area of Lark & Owl Booksellers once Covid restrictions relax further. Coffees, cocktails and weekday lunch will be served there.

With the combination of a welcoming vibe and a menu that will entice a foodie — but never intimidate — Nightingale Bistro is ready to turn on its heat lamps (if necessary) and remind you to BYOB — bring your own blanket.

Nightingale Bistro, 205 West Sixth Street, Unit 101a, is open Thursday through Saturday 10 a.m.-10 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Half-off bottles of wine and \$5 draft beers are offered at Happy Hour daily 3-5 p.m.

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then beverage director, he showcases his flair for creativity, which pairs wonderfully with the Happy Hour menu. His wine list features selections from small French and Italian organic farms. There is an eclectic selection of draft beers. His cocktail menu blends classic inspiration

Children release 3,000 ladybugs to celebrate Earth Day

Children at Xplor Preschool & School Age Care in Georgetown buzzed with excitement for Earth Day last Thursday.

The youngsters celebrated caring for our planet by releasing 3,000 ladybugs throughout the school yard and back into the environment on plants, flowers and trees.

Some of the ladybugs established temporary homes on the children.

Students were dressed for the occasion in the likeness of ladybugs, wearing red and black clothing and antennae.

Leading up to Earth Day, students learned that ladybugs serve as a natural pesticide by feeding on insects that could otherwise harm the health of gardens, trees and shrubs.

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Dean Yeoman made a great launch pad for a few ladybugs.



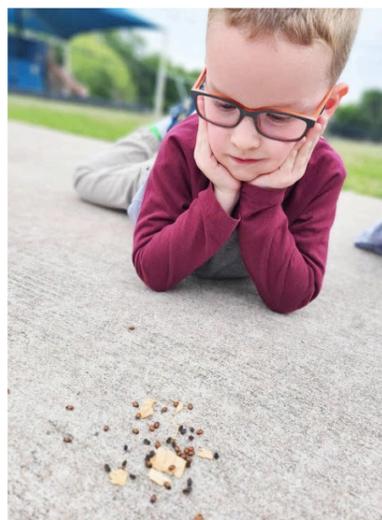
Rian Johnson was in full ladybug gear to celebrate the release party.



Meredith Grace Tow lets a beetle rest on her arm.



Lynley Bolton isn't too sure about the bugs.



Theo Williams studies the released ladybugs on the sidewalk.



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Matt Clark
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