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## ELEGANT TASTE

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**C**hef Tim Creehan has released his third book, "Elegant Taste, Tales & Recipes."

The coffee table hardcover is packed with pictures, recipes and recollections culled from years of ventures along Destin's sandy corridors.

Creehan said the time was right for a new book as he had amassed another 400 unpublished recipes since his last.

The compilation is more than a book of recipes, however. With a backdrop set at Henderson Park Inn, Creehan ingeniously combines some of his finest dishes with the history of the Inn.

Long-time Destin resident Tony Mennillo of Arturo's Studio contrib-

uted to the publication with shared stories and photos.

The book treats readers to an aspect of Creehan's cooking not published previously — breakfast dishes, which were an important aspect of the cuisine served at the Henderson Beach Inn.

Creehan was the owner of the Inn's restaurant until April of this year, and was owner/executive chef at Beachwalk for 12 years.

While at Beachwalk, Creehan made headlines when tapped as the chef/caterer for the wedding of Amy Grant and Vince Gill.

At his new location in Destin, Cuvee Bistro, Creehan still offers his signature dishes ordered by the star couple at his Beachwalk location — Amy's

Seared Tuna and Vince's Pecan Crusted Grouper.

For most of his career, Creehan has been known as a fine-dining chef. However, with his move to the Cuvee location in May, Creehan rolled with the economy in offering a dining experience to be enjoyed by families three or four times a week instead of a special occasion destination. The bistro offers French, Asian, and Mediterranean influenced affordable dishes, along with Creehan's signature dishes.

Cuvee Bistro will host a book signing event for "Exceptional Taste" following brunch on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. July 25.

Cheryl Jones of Jones & Company will perform prior to the book signing, which is open to the public. Jones

performs weekly for the restaurant's jazz brunch from noon to 3 p.m., and Thursday evenings. The restaurant opens for brunch at 11:30 a.m. every Sunday.

Happy Hour starts at 4:30 p.m. daily, including \$5 martinis, and half priced items from the bar menu until 9 p.m. Mimosas and Bloody Marys are complimentary during Sunday brunch.

Always looking ahead, even with book No. 3 just released, Creehan is on a roll and already, book No. 4 is in the works.

Inspired by Chef John Besh's style in his last book, in Creehan's next book, he will address his philosophy, culture and the history from whence his style comes.

Call 850-650-8900 for information.



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Chef Tim Creehan prepares a couple of pizzas at his new location, Cuvee Bistro. At right, Cuvee Bistro is located on Emerald Coast Parkway near the Walton/Okaloosa County line. At top, Creehan will be holding a book signing for his third book at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, July 25 at Cuvee Bistro.



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