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Guse Green Grocer Grand Opening Celebration

Owners of a popular southwest Minneapolis neighborhood hardware store expand with an adjacent 1940s-style grocery, specializing in locally sourced foods.

Minneapolis, MN—Tom and Terry Thomson, owners of Guse Hardware, a longtime fixture in the Lynnhurst/East Harriet neighborhood in Southwest Minneapolis, have announced the grand opening of their newest venture, Guse Green Grocer. The grand opening will be March 20, 2010 and will offer vendor food tastings for breakfast, lunch, snacks and dinner. An evening party will also be held.

Guse Green Grocer, located adjacent to Guse Hardware on the corner of 46th and Bryant Ave. So, is a “reimagined” version of the corner grocery. The Thomsons spent months gutting and refitting the 1912 building, transforming it into a charmingly “old fashioned” space that highlights the large windows, a faux-tin-ceiling crafted by a neighborhood artisan, period-style pendant lights, a fresh deli area offering gourmet sandwiches, and a nook that offers fresh flowers for sale daily.

The Thomsons were determined to bring high quality, largely Minnesota or locally sourced foods to their upscale neighborhood in a friendly fashion. Sample offerings include Thousand Hills beef, Callister Farm free range chickens, milk and other goods from the Polka Dot Dairy, Sunrise pasta made in Hibbing by the Sunrise Gourmet company, Rustica baked goods, and a multitude of other local, “made by neighbors” products. A wide variety of organic, gluten-free, and allergy-free products are also for sale.

The genesis of the store came from the Thomsons’ past experience dealing with food allergies in their family, as well as with other health issues such as diabetes. Terry Thomson says of their eclectic fare, “We aren’t food bullies, and you can buy conventionally processed groceries from Guse Green Grocer as well as organic and locally sourced food, but we discovered for ourselves that we felt better knowing a little more about what we eat and where it comes from. We wanted to bring that experience to a neighborhood that we love.”

The public is invited to attend the grand opening, which will take place on March 20th. Store hours are 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday, 7:30 to 9 on Saturday, and 7:30 to 7:30 on Sunday.

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