

SPILL THE TEA

The perfect Tea Bar and Gathering Place in East Greenwich



by Jennifer Coates

An unknown author once penned the sentiment: "A cup of tea makes everything better!" For Madison Fitts and Talia Anzivino, no statement could be truer \sim for them, tea IS everything!

When these two college students, who also happen to be stepsisters, best friends, and fellow entrepreneurial spirits, were sidelined last year during the pandemic, they went straight to work. These two like-minded fans of tea (and all things related to tea!) put their heads together and brewed up an idea which sprang to life, unsurprisingly, in the form of sweet tea! Together, they created East Greenwich's cozy and welcoming Tea Bar & Gathering Space, aptly named "Spill the Tea."

Today, Madie and Talia have taken what has traditionally been a drink reserved for an "older crowd" and had made it more enticing to a new and "up and coming" generation. Tea has been reborn here at Spill the Tea where people of all ages and walks of life are invited to come and linger over a cup of hot tea, a tall glass of chilled iced tea and now, a mug of locally-roasted coffee!

Spill the Tea is home to a large variety of locally-baked confections, hand-selected teas, richly blended coffees and even hand-crafted gifts (found in the recently configured "Emporium", also the tea shop's dining room). Everything in the tea bar holds an underlying theme and purpose and that is to support locally-owned, women-run businesses.

Supporting other women in their efforts to become financially independent, fiscally strong and equally represented in the world of small business ownership is of paramount importance to Madie and Talia. Another guiding principle of these conscientious women is safeguarding the



Come "spill the tea" with your closest friends and family, and linger over a glass of iced tea, blended just for you at Spill the Tea in East Greenwich. You might even meet owners Talia Anzivano (left to right) and Madison Fitts.

environment with intentionality and consciousness. An acute awareness of the importance of wellness, balance, mindfulness, sustainability, and accountability are integral to the lives and upbringings of Madie and Talia whose parents own Thrive Collaborative, a holistic wellness center housed in the same building as Spill the Tea.

Fans of tea and coffee will find a broad array of both herbal, non-caffeinated teas and classic blends at Spill the Tea. Talia and Madison have amassed a large, everchanging supply of teas of all flavors, from strawberry mint to lavender to Maddie's great-gram's secret family recipe of the classic Arnold Palmer (affectionately known as "Grams"). The teas are soothing, health-promoting, comforting, and

revitalizing.

Recently, coffee was added to the tea shop's menu. The shop's supplier roasts the coffee herself, sourcing the beans from growers around the world, from Peru to Columbia, and beyond.

Spill the Tea is found in a spacious building that overlooks a sweeping lawn on 4372 Post Road on the East Greenwich/ Warwick line. Open Monday ~ Saturday, 8:00am to 6:00pm and Sundays, 8:00am – 4:00pm. To learn more, visit them on Facebook and Instagram at SpillTheTeaRl or on their website at www.SpillTheTeaRl.com.

This is a perfect place to host showers, private functions and of course, tea parties!