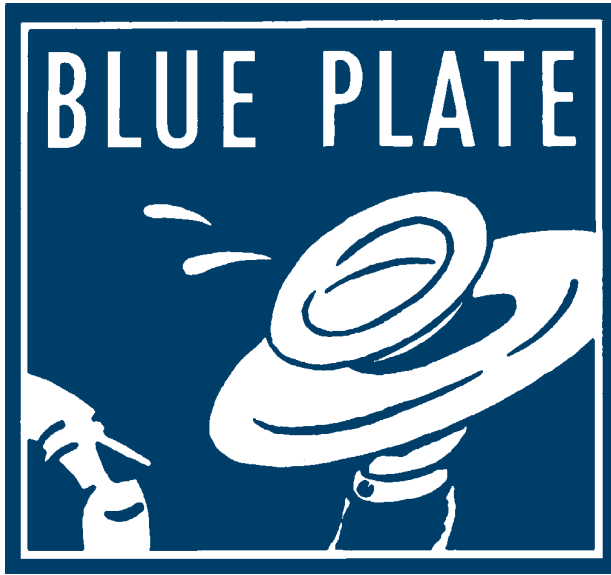

Chatham New York, 4 February 2004

Dear Friend of the Blue Plate :

Another year has passed & I'm back with my, albeit tardy, annual New Year's greeting.



During our seventh season we again welcomed guests from far & near: From The Netherlands & Niverville, from Scotland & Spencertown, from St. Louis & Spencertown, from San Francisco & Stamford, from Washington DC & Washington County, from Great Neck & Great Barrington.

We continue our mission of expanding the range of local, organically grown products used in our kitchen. We are fortunate to live in a part of the country blessed with innumerable small farms & it has been a pleasure working with several of them to assure our customers the freshest & best. One day, perhaps, we will achieve our goal of serving ONLY farm-raised foods from local & regional sources. (Well, with the exceptions of seafood & tropical fruits...)

This year we took advantage of the winter hiatus to attend to some long-overdue maintenance projects, the most visible of which are THE REFINISHED FLOORS. Elkie & John Knight did a fabulous job. Stop by, look down & see your reflection! For pictures of the floors before the furniture was replaced, check the website, below.

Our Wednesday night music series continues. On the first, third & last Wednesdays of the month, popular local regulars **pianist Lincoln Mayorga & bassist Otto Gardner, AKA Me & the Mailman**, delight us with their elegant improvisations. Occasionally, when Lincoln, much in demand for both jazz & classical performances, is on tour, Otto invites other renowned jazz pianists to join him: this past year both **Francesca Tanksley & Sumi Tonooka** have appeared with Otto. **Selma Kaplan & George Wilson**, beloved in the Bluegrass/folk dance community, appear **EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY**.

Our website, **www.chathamblueplate.net** is where you'll find menu updates & pictures of staff & customers. There you can post comments, complaints & suggestions. If you have a picture of yourself in our popular T-shirt taken in some exotic clime, send it to our webmaster, Keetz@elite.nu & he will include it in the archives. Please include the date & place as well as the name(s) of the subject(s).

Tomorrow we embark on our eighth season at 1 Kinderhook Street!

Thank you all for your continued confidence! I hope to greet many of you personally in the coming year.

Sincerely,

Judy

Judy Grunberg, owner, joined by Marcia Curran, manager, Leo Castellanos, chef & the whole Blue Plate gang.
