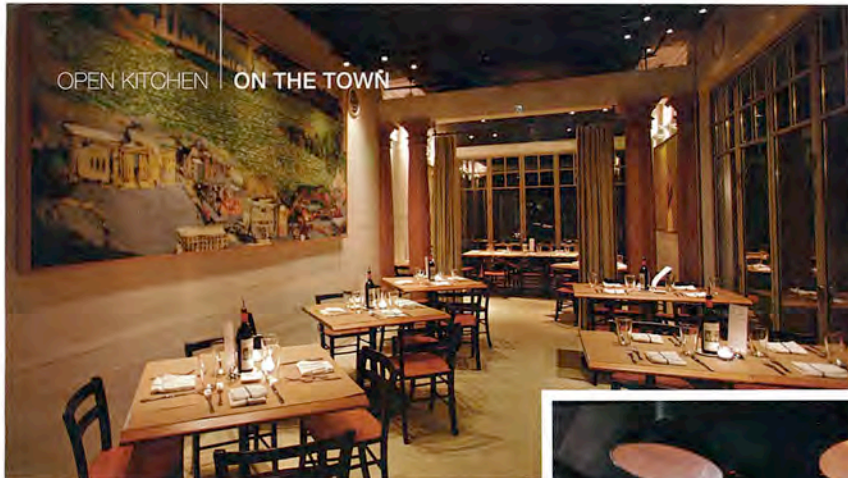


# HAMPTONS

July 30 – August 5, 2010



## EXILE ON MAIN ST.

**Exile Bar & Grill** (née Mezza Luna) opened in December, with an emphasis on affordability. According to executive chef Tim Bando (also at Meeting House; see below): "We designed a menu that you didn't have to spend a lot of money to enjoy. If you're not really hungry, you can come in and sample a small plate." If you really are hungry, however, you should order the risotto balls, the lamb meatballs or the polenta crotons. Fish lovers would be remiss if they didn't try the fluke and tuna crudo, the grilled halibut with jardinière (a spicy Italian vegetable salad) or the poached lobster with sweet-pea risotto cake—the textures are spot-on, and the flavors divine. Forgo dessert in favor of a sampling of cheeses selected by Bando; a favorite is the Marieke aged gouda. Finally, make sure to say hello to bartender Billy Duggan, who, if you're lucky, might serve you a PBR from Exile's secret stash. Open for dinner Wednesday through Sunday starting at 5 PM. 231 Main St., 267-6399—LEANNE SHEAR

## PLEASED TO MEET YOU

**Meeting House** is an appropriate name for this restaurant, since on any given night it appears that everyone east of Bridgehampton between 21 and 40 is having dinner here. And with good reason: Executive chef Tim Bando treats every customer like an old friend. His menu has the same vibe; even the most experimental dishes are somehow accessible to everyone. "Meeting House is like a college bar for adults. It's that kind of easy atmosphere. But instead of mozzarella sticks, we have good food, too," explains Bando with a smile. He serves everything from steamed artichoke with lemon aioli to a simple yet utterly addictive crab and avocado with lemon and extra virgin olive oil. On the entrée side, try the vegetable curry—it gets lost in the summertime seafood shuffle, but it's perfectly spicy and satisfying. Come to think of it, regardless of what you order, you'll leave Meeting House completely satisfied. Open nightly for dinner starting at 5 PM; closed Wednesdays. 4 Amagansett Sq., 267-2764—L.S.



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