
Press Release **Koch Hazard updates Falls Center to welcome Food and Fermentation**

Owner/Client:
Laurel Lather
Food and Fermentation

Facility User:
Food and Fermentation

Location:
Falls Center
431 N. Phillips Ave.
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

Projected completion date:
February 1, 2007

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SIoux FALLS, SD, JANUARY 24, 2007 - The original Jewitt Wholesale Grocers warehouse in downtown Sioux Falls has undergone renovations on the first floor to house an expanding gourmet food and wine shop. Food and Fermentation, formerly located at 212 S. Phillips Avenue, has moved north to Falls Center at 431 North Phillips Avenue and will be open for business on February 1.

Jeff Hazard, CEO of Koch Hazard Architects and owner of Falls Center, has renovated the first floor to accommodate Food and Fermentation and their expanding services. He bought and renovated the building for office/retail use in 1992. Falls Center also houses a law firm, internet based firm, management company, financial advisor, and a mortgage company.

Renovations to the Food and Fermentation space began in November 2006, and consisted of refurbishing the wood floors, replacing ceiling tile, painting walls (including murals), added lighting, and updating the kitchen, bar and restroom corridor areas.

"I love this building," said Food and Fermentation owner Laurel Lather. "It gives us the atmosphere we want." Lather has long been familiar with the building, as she was the general manager of the Sioux Falls Brewing Company ten years ago, which occupied the same space.

The renovated space will allow for more variety, says Lather. "The logistics in our old building forced more restaurant space than retail. With our new space, I'm looking forward to having much more retail."

Other additions include a cheese cave, wine tasting bar and gallery, and cooking and wine classes to be held twice a month.

"The excitement is huge. I'm mostly excited because of my staff. We couldn't have done it without them; there's no other shop with the expertise that our staff has."

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Falls Center exterior



Food N' Fermentations, first floor of Falls Center