

Olive Oil Marketplace opens second location in Belleville on Nov. 4

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BELLEVILLE - **Tim and Julie Meeks** have reached another milestone towards fulfilling their dream as they prepare to celebrate the opening of their second location in Downtown Belleville on Nov. 4, 2016.

“We are thankful how well the Alton community has supported us, and look forward to earning the Belleville communities support. We have met many new friends,” Julie exclaimed. We’ve worked hard to make it inviting...comfortable...where you feel welcome, and look forward in doing the same in Belleville.”

Olive Oil Marketplace, a local family owned and operated gourmet market, opening its first retail location (2012) in Downtown Alton at 108 W. 3rd Street, and now being able to offer some of the finest products and experiences in Downtown Belleville at 18 E Main Street.

Inspired by the need to eat healthier, and cook with better ingredients, Tim & Julie Meeks discovered the health benefits and robust flavors produced while cooking with extra virgin olive oils and vinegars.

“It’s simply amazing how each one makes the food flavors explode,” Tim explains. “I honestly couldn’t believe there could be that much difference.”

Olive Oil Marketplace offers its customers the finest quality 100 percent Extra Virgin Olive Oils from top olive farms in Italy, Spain, Tunisian, California and Greece. Fill your bottle from Stainless Steel Fustis. Choose from traditional to those infused with natural flavors, such as: Roasted Garlic, Portobello & Garlic, Italian Herb, and Lemon Pepper Olive Oils. There are more than 35 flavored Olive Oils available.

To compliment the oils, Olive Oil Marketplace stocks over 35 flavored Balsamic Vinegars imported from Modena, Italy.

“Balsamics add an incredible punch to any dish,” Julie said. “Raspberry, Lemon, Mango, Chocolate, Traditional Aged, and many, many more flavors open up a whole new world of cooking!”

In addition to the Oils and Balsamics, OOM also offers a variety of Handmade Pastas, Seasonings and Rubs, Dips & Sauces, Gourmet Flavored Coffee Beans, Loose Teas, Kitchen Gadgets, and unique gift ideas with new products arriving often.

The markets are decorated in rich cherry wood cabinetry with tasting stations throughout. Guests are encouraged to, not only taste the Oils and Balsamics, but interact and have fun creating new ways to mix and match picking up some recipe ideas available in the shop. Olive Oil Marketplace is open Tuesday through Friday from 11 a. m. until 5 p.m, and Saturday 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

“We hope when you come into our store you feel welcomed and comfortable. Our Oils & Balsamics speak for themselves, we welcome customer requests and look forward to the opportunity to earn their trust,” Tim & Julie promised. “Our customers experience is of the utmost importance. We are totally committed to exceeding expectations.”

You can also enjoy the convenience of ordering on-line www.oliveoilmarketplace.com and arranging special events or parties at your home or preferred locations. Tim or Julie may be contacted through the website or at (618) 304-3769.