

John G. Testa Mayor

## **Precious Garden Brings Eat-In Chinese** Dining to Peekskill's Restaurant Row.

Located at 990 Main Street, Right Off of Division, Eatery Combines Superb Food With Wonderful Atmosphere.

Quality Food, Presentation, Fits Right in To City's High-End Dining Atmosphere.

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PEEKSKILL, NY—This city's already respected restaurant row has another excellent addition: Precious Garden, a Chinese restaurant dedicated to providing both an excellent atmosphere and wonderful food.

As word of Peekskill's revitalization spreads throughout the region, new entrepreneurs are coming to the City. Precious Garden owner Josh Wu is one of those. "A friend of mine who was a real estate major in college told me that Peekskill was one of the fastest growing places in Westchester," Wu says.

Betting on Peekskill's success, Wu decided to go against the dominant approach to Chinese restaurants, which is to focus on the takeout side of the business rather than on providing superb dining in service and atmosphere. So he leased space at 990 Main Street right off the corner of Division and Main and gave it a total makeover, complete with wood paneling, recessed lighting and other lovely touches.

"Just 15 year there were hardly any takeout places. Now most Chinese restaurants focus on takeout." Wu says. "We decided we needed to bring back the dine-in experience, so with Precious Garden we've brought back the eat-in Chinese restaurant," he says.

"Peekskill's restaurant row is one of our downtown's biggest attractions. It's wonderful to see that the scope and variety of the food being offered there is continuing to grow, and I welcome Precious Garden to our community," says Mayor John Testa.

Paying attention to the restaurant's atmosphere hasn't meant neglecting Precious Garden's food, however. Wu and his father previously owned a restaurant about five years ago in Croton Harmon. His father is a chef who has been in the Chinese food business for more than 20 years. Wu himself has worked in the quality Chinese food business for about five years, and lived with it all his life.

"I grew up with this food. My father was trained by the restaurants he worked with in New York City," Wu says. The restaurant specializes in Sichuan and Hunan-style cuisine.

Among its signature dishes are Scallops and Beef Prawns Sizzling Platter, Dragon Phoenix, which includes jumbo shrimp and white chicken meat sautéed in a special brown sauce, and such classics as General Tso's Chicken, Peking Duck, and Sesame Beef or Shrimp.

Despite the excellence of the atmosphere and cooking, the prices for Precious Garden's food remain entirely reasonable. Main dishes cost from about \$9 to no more than \$16, while appetizers go from under \$2 to just over \$5. An extraordinarily affordable lunch special menu offers dozens of classic dishes at just \$4.90 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Saturdays, except holidays.

Eat-in dining hours at Precious Garden are 11:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and Sundays 1:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Delivery is available for those who prefer to stay at home.

Telephone numbers for Precious Garden are 914-737-8611 and 914-737-8898.

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