

Littleton tea room offers a European getaway

Cafe du Coco opens in downtown Littleton



Littleton Mayor Debbie Brinkman, left, enjoys some tea with Cafe du Coco owner Natasha du Coco on June 2.

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Natasha du Coco wants her new tea room in downtown Littleton to be a place where people can get away from the hustle and bustle of daily life.

A place where customers aren't checking their email or text messages.

A place for something beautiful.

That's exactly what Littleton Mayor Debbie Brinkman saw when she joined other city and business leaders at a grand-opening event for Café du Coco on June 2.

"It's a beautiful sanctuary," Brinkman said.

The tea room offers a variety of European-themed tea "experiences," which include pastries and chocolates, starting at \$45 per person. Membership options are available.

Gert Goossens, du Coco's husband and co-owner of the shop, said offering a stress-free environment and introducing European culture to local residents are two of the important things the business brings to the table.

"We want people to come in here and after five minutes, forget where they are," he said.

To that end, the tea room will buck the trend of offering Wi-Fi for guests.

"We're not a Starbucks," Goossens said.

Greg Reinke, president of the Historic Downtown Littleton Merchants Association, said the tea room's location could be a boon for local business. Café du Coco is at 2676 W. Alamo Ave., just south of bustling Main Street.

Alamo already has some retailers, but has been in need of places to sit down and eat and drink, Reinke said.

To him, the tea room could be the "cornerstone" of a budding Alamo corridor that could pair with Main Street to create a loop for downtown visitors.

"You've got to have a draw over here," he said.

For more information on the tea room, go to www.cafeducoco.com or call 720-248-8672.