

Thai Orchid brings culinary culture



Owner Sou Boss and her father Keo Khanthavongsa, Thai Orchid Room.

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Bringing some culinary culture to Medicine Hat, the Thai Orchid Room offers diners an authentic taste of the east that has kept many coming back for more.

The restaurant has been open in the city since September 2006, after re-locating from Bow Island. The Bow Island location was in business for nearly nine years, building quite a loyal clientele in that time according to owner Sounantha Boss.

"We had a lot of customers stopping in from Medicine Hat," she said. "They kept telling us that we should move to the city."

Listening to the customers has certainly proved to be a successful venture for the Thai Orchid Room. The clientele from Bow Island was mirrored in the Medicine Hat opening and a word of mouth buzz quickly saw the restaurant's name heard around the city.

"We've had a lot of

customers who have never tried Thai food and they really enjoy it," said Boss.

Of course, they still see the loyal Bow Island clients coming in for their fix of tasty and authentic Thai cuisine.

"We actually have quite a lot of people from different parts of the world that come to the restaurant through referrals from the hotels they are staying at," Boss explained.

The Thai Orchid's interior is classy yet relaxing, with great attention to detail made in the décor and lighting. For that little extra touch, they even leave fresh orchid flowers at each table.

"We have had such amazing compliments about our food and our décor," she said.

Looking ahead, Boss said that she is interested in developing the second floor portion of the restaurant's building to facilitate a more private function area for business meetings, small gatherings and the like.

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