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NANTAHALA OUTDOOR CENTER ANNOUNCES RELIA’S LOST KITCHEN POP-UP DINNER SERIES

Bryson City, N.C. (March 22, 2021)— Nantahala Outdoor Center (NOC) will host a series of exclusive pop-up dinner events from May through October 2021 at their Bryson City location where the original Relia’s Garden Restaurant served patrons for many years. Relia’s Lost Kitchen will feature multiple course dinners with pairings from renowned wine and bourbon producers, as well as local craft mead and beer makers.

The first of the series kicks off on May 22 with a five-course dinner paired with the Orin Swift Cellars portfolio of wines from California. Doors open at 6:00PM with the dinner beginning at 6:30PM.

The Orin Swift wine dinner courses and pairings will include – Grapefruit and Watermelon Panzanella Salad (paired with Blank Stare Sauvignon Blanc); Black Truffle Risotto and Creamy Pan Seared Scallop (paired with Mannequin Chardonnay); Salmon Stack and Crab Cake with a Red Pepper Pesto (paired with Slander Pinot Noir); Elk Tenderloin with a Beetroot Jus (paired with Papillion Bordeaux Blend). The dessert course will feature a Flourless Chocolate Cake with Salted Caramel Mousse which will be paired with 8 Years in the Desert Zinfandel Blend.

Tickets are \$100 per person and are available for purchase at noc.com/events. Space is limited and tickets are required.

The remaining dinners in the series are also open for booking:

- June 26 - Wehrloom Mead Dinner
- August 14 - Women in Wine Dinner
- September 18 - New Belgium Beer Dinner
- October 16 - Maker’s Mark Bourbon Dinner

Relia’s Lost Kitchen is inspired by NOC’s late founder Aurelia Kennedy, who helped establish Nantahala Outdoor Center in 1972 along with her husband, Payson Kennedy, and friend Horace Holden Jr. She was a pioneer in the whitewater industry, an experienced paddler and raft guide, and managed the food and beverage operations at NOC. Her focus in the restaurants was bringing guests together for a meal made with fresh ingredients, many of them coming from her garden, which sits just below the site of Relia’s Lost Kitchen where the events will take place.

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About Nantahala Outdoor Center

Nantahala Outdoor Center is the nation's largest outdoor recreation company with operations spanning Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. Over a million guests visit NOC annually to embark on a diverse collection of more than 120 different river and land-based itineraries, learn to kayak at NOC's world-renowned Paddling School, travel abroad with NOC's Adventure Travel program, test the latest outdoor gear and shop at its LEED-certified flagship retail stores or enjoy NOC's resort amenities such as its three restaurants and multi-tiered lodging. NOC has been recognized by The New York Times as the "Nation's Premiere Paddling School," "The Best Place to Learn" by Outside, and as "One of the Best Outfitters on Earth" by National Geographic Adventure.