

MaryAnna's Tea



Mary Ann Rollano, creator of MaryAnna's Tea.

Simple. Delicious. Refreshing. Real Ingredients. With so many foods and drinks containing artificial and potentially dangerous sweeteners, GMOs, and preservatives, Point Pleasant resident Mary Ann Rollano decided to do something about it. She began microbrewing natural tea leaves in 2007, and after refining and perfecting her process and recipe, she began bottling the tea as a ready-to-drink product. Thus, MaryAnna's Tea was born.

MaryAnna's Tea ingredients are 100% natural and use real tea leaves, real lemon or other juices, and natural sweeteners such as pure cane sugar or honey. That's it. The tea is brewed in small batches using a direct brew method to keep the fresh, homemade taste. And not only is the tea good for health, the tea leaves are

composted after brewing, which is environmentally friendly.

Rollano explained that the difference between her product and other bottled teas is that she uses real tea leaves and nothing artificial or imitation, ever. Her tea leaves originate from a graded tea importer in India. The custom blend is grown high in the mountains. "It lends itself to flavoring very nicely," she said.

Rollano's motivation and perseverance since taking the brewing plunge in 2007 turned her idea into a real entrepreneurial success. A multi-year award winner, MaryAnna's Tea was awarded champion status in the 2012, 2013, and 2014 Ready-To-Drink Iced Tea Class of the North American Tea Championship.

Jersey Shore fans might recognize the image used on MaryAnna's Tea labels. Local photographer and author David Turton took the original photo of Rollano's husband's '32 Woody in Manasquan, with the vintage surfboards borrowed from Eric Byer of Beach House Classic Boardshop in Bay Head. The two young girls on the label are Rollano's daughters. A graphic artist turned Turton's photograph into a painting and adapted it for use as the official logo.

MaryAnna's Teas are available in four flavors: Summer Sweet, Tea & Lemonade, Berry Sweet, and Peachy Sweet. Rollano also offers loose tea leaves, gift sets, and tea brewing items for sale on her website at www.maryannastea.com.

Rollano is humbled yet pleased with her product's local cult following and national recognitions. "It is real tea, made with real food. You can't find anything better than that," she said.

—Jill M. Ocone

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Where To Find MaryAnna's Tea

MaryAnna's Tea is available at these food markets and online at www.maryannastea.com.

BAY HEAD

Curtis Central Market, 536 Route 35, (732) 899-0068
Mueller's Bakery, 80 Bridge Avenue, (732) 892-0442

BELMAR

Belmar Bagel Café, 703 9th Avenue, (732) 681-2019

BRICK

Charles Farm Market, 91 Route 35, (732) 793-4040
Nature's Nutrition, 383 Brick Boulevard, (732) 920-3637
Prime Food Market, 449 Herbertsville Road, (732) 746-3421

BRIELLE

Local Urban Kitchen, 406 Higgins Avenue, (732) 223-3800

EATONTOWN

Players Billiards, 613 Hope Road, (732) 542-1322

HOLMDEL

Dearborn Market, 2170 Route 35, (732) 264-0256

LAVALLETTE

Colonial Bakery, 3091 Route 35, (732) 793-3960

MANASQUAN

Agostino's, 140 Main Street, (732) 449-2211
Center Food Market, 113 Main Street, (732) 223-4556
The Jersey Grille, 410 Route 35, (732) 722-7994

POINT PLEASANT

Barbara Ann's Deli & Cafe, 219 Bridge Ave., (732) 892-4800
Jersey Mikes, 2600 Bridge Avenue, (732) 714-8878
Local Urban Kitchen, 1805 Route 35, (732) 223-3800
Nature's Reward Farm Market, 3124 Bridge Avenue, (732) 892-7330

POINT PLEASANT BEACH

Arctic Market, 816 Arnold Avenue, (732) 899-6328
Borden's, 601 Arnold Avenue, (732) 899-1234
Jason's Organic, 1314 Richmond Avenue, (732) 899-2900
Mileto, 718 Arnold Avenue, (732) 701-1400

RUMSON

Locals, 91 East River Road, (732) 842-8745

SEA GIRT

Sea Girt Natural Market, 2100 Route 35, (732) 449-1846

SEASIDE HEIGHTS

Jerry's Farm Market, 1758 Route 35, (732) 830-9533

SPRING LAKE

Who's On Third Deli & Grill, Third Avenue, (732) 449-4233

TOMS RIVER

Lighthouse Marketplace, 24 Green Island Rd., (732) 255-2300

WALL TOWNSHIP

E Street Bagels, 1818 Route 35, (732) 280-7300

OUT OF AREA

The Bent Spoon, 35 Palmer Square, Princeton, (609) 924-2368
Dutch Wagon Amish Market, 109 Route 70, Medford, (609) 654-0338
The Red Store, 500 Cape Ave., Cape May Point, (609) 884-5757
Whole Foods Market, 940 Rt. 73 N., Marlton, (856) 797-1115
Whole Foods Market, 3495 US Route 1 South, Princeton, (609) 799-2919