

Blackberry Common's Cooking Weekends in *Gourmet Getaways*

In his new book, *Gourmet Getaways: 50 Top Spots to Cook and Learn*, author Joe David includes Camden's Blackberry Common's cooking weekends among his hand-picked selection of noted cooking schools and classes nationwide.

The Inns at Blackberry Common include The Blackberry Inn and The Elms, located side by side in the heart of Camden. They are both members of the Select Registry of Distinguished Inns of North America and have been certified by the state of Maine as an Environmental Leader for their green practices.

Chef Jim Ostrowski leads the cooking weekends, assisted by his wife and inn co-owner Cyndi. Featured are a demonstration of chef's techniques, hands-on preparation of several recipes, wine pairings, and a mul-

ti-course dinner. Guest chefs are sometimes included as well.

"We are extremely excited to be featured in this group of fine culinary schools, inns, and renowned chefs," says Ostrowski. "We began our cooking weekends because so many guests asked for recipes and kept urging me to give classes." The special cooking weekends are offered autumn through spring on holiday weekends.

Gourmet Getaways includes Ostrowski's recipe for Blackberry Sage Sauce. Autographed copies of *Gourmet Getaways* are available at the Inns at Blackberry Common, 82 Elm Street, Camden. For more information, call the inns at 236-6060 or visit www.innsatblackberrycommon.com or www.gourmetgetaways.us.



Jim Ostrowski at one of Blackberry Common's cooking demonstrations