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New Café Concept Announced Between the Tucson Botanical Gardens and Westward Look Resort & Spa

Tucson, Arizona — The Tucson Botanical Gardens (TBG) and Westward Look Wyndham Grand Resort & Spa have come together to create a new café experience at the Tucson Botanical Gardens.

Edna's Eatery by Westward Look Resort will be open to guests of the Tucson Botanical Gardens beginning March 8th. "We couldn't be happier to partner with such a venerable Tucson property in Westward Look Resort and thrilled that our guests will be able to enjoy the wonderful foods prepared by world-renowned chef, Todd Sicolo" said TBG Executive Director, Michelle Conklin.

"We are thrilled to be working with another historic Tucson icon. Tucson Botanical Gardens is reflective of the "where nature meets nurture" aspect of Westward Look. From the history to the gardens, these two venues share similarities we are excited to explore," said Andrew Stegen, General Manager of Westward Look.

The café name, "*Edna's Eatery*" was inspired by Edna Johnson; housekeeper, friend, nanny and gardener to the Gardens' founders, the Porter family. Edna is credited with planting many of the citrus trees on the west end of the property, and she loved to tend a large herb garden. Mrs. Porter frequently noted in her Garden journal, that Edna's quest for harvesting lemons, figs and oranges would result in the most "scrumptious cookies and pies." Her potting shed, located in the Herb Garden, is a constant reminder of her love for the home and garden she helped create. Edna lived on the property until her death in 1973.

For more information about *Edna's Eatery by Westward Look Resort*, please visit TucsonBotanical.org.

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About the Gardens: Located on the site of the historic Porter property, the Canadian Garden Council named the Tucson Botanical Gardens one of the “*Top 10 North American Gardens Worth Traveling For.*” Among mature trees and expertly cultivated foliage, cultural displays such as the Barrio Garden and indoor art exhibits, a magical butterfly greenhouse that’s home to over 400 butterflies from 11 exotic countries, and 18 specialty gardens highlight the diversity of native plants and offer a lush oasis in the heart of Tucson. Learn more at www.tucsonbotanical.org.

About Westward Look Wyndham Grand Resort & Spa: Westward Look Wyndham Grand Resort & Spa is set in the foothills of Tucson’s Santa Catalina Mountains on 80 acres of pristine Sonoran Desert. It offers 241 guestrooms, two award-winning restaurants, an organic chef’s garden, the Sonoran Spa, eight championship tennis courts, multiple pools and desert hiking trails, with bicycle rentals and horseback riding stables onsite. The resort has been the recipient of the coveted AAA Four-Diamond Award since 2010, honoring the establishment for its commitment to excellence throughout the entire property. The resort’s GOLD restaurant separately received this distinguished Four-Diamond Award for 12 years. Westward Look was also named a Top 5 Accommodation in Southern Arizona by Experience AZ Magazine in 2015, with the resort’s extensive array of amenities, guest services, and its attention to detail. Its luxurious rooms and picturesque views earned the resort a top spot on USA Today’s list of the 10 Best Romantic Hotels in Tucson. In the final stages of a \$10 Million dollar renovation, the 650 sq. foot guest rooms have been rejuvenated and are reflective of the Desert Southwest and serenity found at Westward Look. More information is available by calling (800) 722-2500 or visiting www.westwardlook.com.