

GRIST FOR THE MILL



Vowing, yet again, to floss more? *Edible Brooklyn* is here to help. Sharpen your pencil and your knives, folks, because this issue offers inspiration to incite gastronomic and global New Year's Revolutions.

It's our pleasure to print a philosophical piece penned by America's most edible author, Wendell Berry (p. 51). Though he's renowned for rural rumination on "the culture of agriculture," this essay explores how urbanites can revitalize an empowered, enlightened relationship with food. Berry's seven suggestions are literally words to live by, the best to-do list we've ever read.

But Berry's story isn't the only one rousing us from apathy. Around the boro and throughout these pages, Brooklynites are dreaming big, and the bug's contagious. Here, then, are seven more resolution propositions and the stories that inspired them.

Aspire à la Ebow. The Flatbush-born 25-year-old has built a 17.5-foot sugar sculpture and was just named best pastry chef in America (p. 15).

Form alliances. Wheelhouse Pickles has joined forces with Six Point Ales to cook up beer-bonded pickles (p. 11), and the world is a better place for it.

Discover. Savor prosaic breakfasts (p. 56), study pedestrian snacks (p. 9), slurp poetic, pearly oysters (p. 41) and swill Brooklyn's own, eponymous cocktail (p. 26).

Create. Whether meals or music, find meaning in the making, like this countryopolitan band does, in their earnest, Hem-ming way (p. 16).

Launch. Inspired entrepreneurs establish café-groceries (p. 8), ice cream shops (p. 9), and altogether illegal restaurants (p. 36). Note to corporations: *it's none of your business.*

Live your dream. Whether key-lime pie-in-the-sky (p. 46), epicurean imports (p. 41) or an eclectic riff on Latin cuisine, (p. 36), be the "chain" you wish to see in the world.

Believe in the impossible. If a bake sale can help cure cancer (p. 8), a locavore can create a January feast (p. 30) and the decidedly non-capitalist Park Slope Food Coop can take credit cards (p. 10)—anything can happen.

Happy New Year.

P.S. And take the trash out (p. 66)!

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