



## **THE FEARRINGTON HOUSE RESTAURANT IS A CERTIFIED GREEN RESTAURANT™**

**Pittsboro, NC, January 26, 2009** – The Fearington House Restaurant has become a Certified Green Restaurant™ according to the national, not-for-profit organization, The Green Restaurant Association.

With this accolade, The Fearington House Restaurant becomes the only Certified Green Restaurant™ that is also a 2009 AAA Five Diamond award winner. Fearington House also is only Certified Green Restaurant™ in central North Carolina, an area that includes the Triangle, Triad and Charlotte. Certified Green Restaurants™ must meet the following standards: use a comprehensive recycling system for all products that are accepted by local recycling companies, eliminate polystyrene foam ("Styrofoam") products, and commit to completing four additional steps per year, in accordance with the GRA's environmental guidelines.

The Fearington House Restaurant has long embraced environmentally responsible practices, including actively sourcing with local farmers and farmers markets (including the growers-only Fearington Farmers Market, now in its 19th year) for organic produce, meats and fish; harvesting vegetables, fruits, flowers and herbs from its own gardens and greenhouses; on-site bee pollination; conversion of cooking oil to fuel; and a comprehensive recycling program.

"Fearington House has made great strides toward becoming more environmentally sustainable, and we're thrilled to have them as our newest Certified Green Restaurant™" says Michael Oshman, Executive Director of the Green Restaurant Association. "We commend them for the accomplishments they've made and look forward to helping them make more changes each year."

### **About The Fearington House Restaurant**

The Fearington House Restaurant is a member of Relais & Chateaux, an association of the finest restaurants and hotels in the world, and has received the prestigious Five Diamond Award from the American Automobile Association consecutively since 1995. The farmhouse restaurant, recognized for its sophisticated contemporary American cuisine and personable service, offers guests a unique fine dining experience. Opened in 1980 and surrounded by extensive gardens, The Fearington House Restaurant is located 8 miles south of Chapel Hill, NC. For further information, visit [www.fearington.com](http://www.fearington.com).

### **About the Green Restaurant Association**

The Green Restaurant Association<sup>SM</sup> (GRA), a national non-profit organization, helps the restaurant industry improve its environmental practices through research, environmental consulting, education, and certification. Founded in 1990, long before green was cool, the GRA utilizes a collaborative strategy that involves restaurants, manufacturers, vendors, grassroots organizations, government, media, and restaurant customers. The GRA's model provides a convenient way for all sectors of the restaurant industry, which represents 10% of the total U.S. economy, to become more environmentally sustainable. The GRA has the world's largest database of environmental solutions for the restaurant industry and has been featured on CNN, NBC Nightly News, NPR, in The New York



Times, The Washington Post, and in several other media outlets. For more information, visit [www.dinegreen.com](http://www.dinegreen.com).

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