

In the new book, "Savor a Taste of the California Desert," they say "every successful restaurant is known for its distinctive approach to food—the style, the ingredients, the flavor combinations and the presentation." Are you drooling yet?

You will be by the time you get through the 80 some pages of signature dishes from well known restaurants all over the valley. The book, just released, was compiled by Victoria J. Bailey and Kim K. Crandal and published by Bailey's Desert Springs Publishing Company, which is known locally for historical books on Indio and La Quinta.

Bailey calls the work a "feast for the eyes" — it is. The photographs of chefs' signature dishes at your favorite bistros range from innovative appetizers and salads to an array of main courses and even a sampling of sweets. Alongside the tempting photos is the recipe, signed by the chef, of course.

Let's take a tasty look.

"Savor a Taste of the California Desert" is available at major bookstores locally, as well as many of the restaurants featured; the cost is \$30. Go to www.desertspingspublishing.com for more information.

Opposite page: Copley's Pancetta Wrapped Onaga
Right: Castelli's Pollo All' Arancio



Above:
Wally's
Desert Turtle's
Lobster & Spicy
Mango Salad



SIGNINGS

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Above: The Steakhouse's (Agua Caliente Casino Resort and Spa) Filet Oscar

Left: Firecliff Contemporary California Cuisine's Monkfish on Crispy Noodle Cake