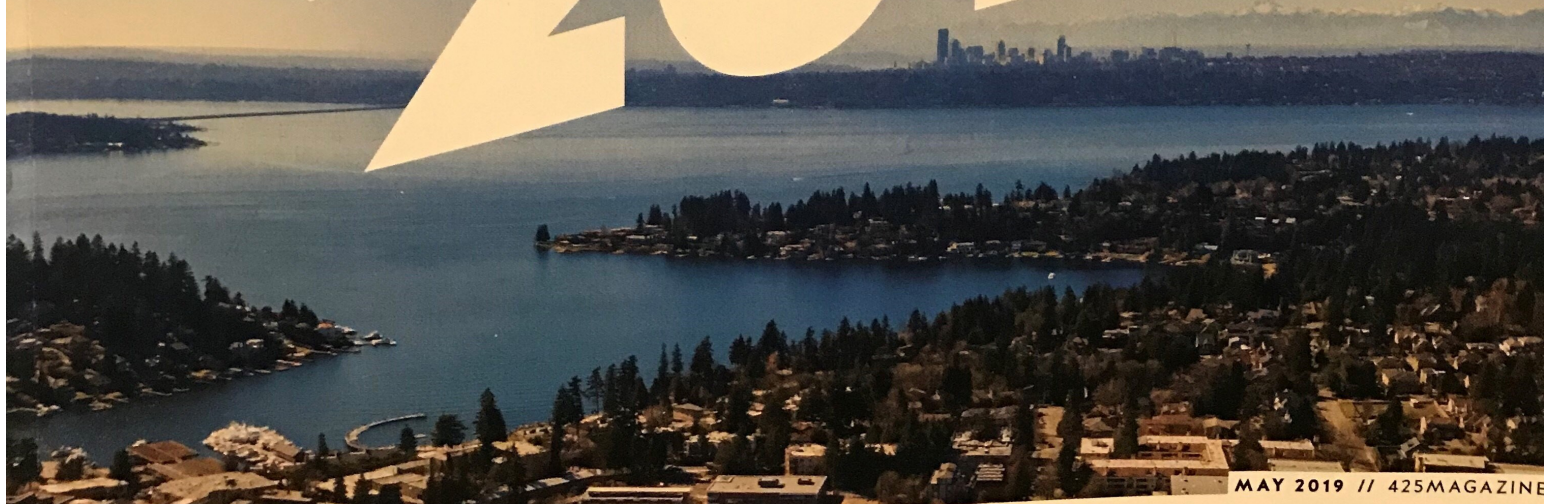


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Spark Pizza

Carolyn and Tony Scott, owners of Woodblock in Redmond, are at the restaurateur wheel again. This time around, the Scotts are addressing one of America's (and Tony's) favorite foods — pizza. Though they had been kicking around the idea of opening a wood-fired pizza joint for some time, things got serious when Tony found a triangle-shaped building available in Redmond. A building shaped like a slice of pizza? It must be a sign from the pizza gods, for it sparked in Tony the memory of a build-your-own-pizza childhood birthday party.

Ultimately, the “slice of fate” building fell through, but the memory had already done its inspirational work. The Scotts secured a different space in a 100-year old building on 164th Avenue Northeast, and got to work researching the product. They took their chef on a pizza “world tour” including stops in New York and Italy, eating their way through all manner of pies noting crust consistency, cooking method, topping ingredients, texture, and flavor. Ultimately, they decided against Neapolitan-style as the ultra-thin crust requires a super-heated oven (upward of 900 degrees).

Spark Pizza will feature New York-style crust, available in five standard varieties with five seasonal rotating options. Other menu items include salads and desserts. The beverage menu features select bottles of beer and wine plus taps of beer, wine, and even cocktails (the space was too small for a full bar). Carolyn describes the interior as a funky mix of street art and glam, with high-gloss black paint, a crystal chandelier, and a 10-foot longboard linocut by artist

Jenny Schmidt. Later this summer, they plan to add a covered deck, fence, and fire pit to the property. Carolyn says their hope is that Spark will be a fun neighborhood space perfect for families and date nights.

FAVORITE PIZZAS?

TONY: I love pepperoni. I'll try other things but love pepperoni.

CAROLYN: I like tomato sauce and fresh arugula. I like to have my salad on top of my pizza.

Spark Pizza is located at 8110 164th Ave. N.E., Redmond