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Manitou Springs Chick Crawl Announces First 2010 Event!

Guided Girls' Nite Out event combines food, wine and a unique tour of Manitou's hippest shopping hotspots for Valentines Day shopping and planning!

The "Coolest Small Town in America"---known for its unique, eccentric and yes, even weird events---is happy to announce the first of four 2010 Manitou Springs Chick Crawls! A Girls' Nite Out that is "Manitou" to the core, the next Manitou Springs Chick Crawl is scheduled for Friday, February 5, at 6:00 p.m. This event is quickly becoming one of the region's most fun and best value "night on the town" events. Founder Sara Keller and other local shopping and dining gurus will lead the group literally from one end of downtown to the other, sampling appetizers, wines and desserts while browsing through several one-of-a-kind shops. Participants will have the opportunity to create a Valentine's Day wish-list at each stop, and will be given information on Valentine's Day lodging and dining specials in Manitou Springs. A new addition to this Chick Crawl is that husbands and significant others can drop off participants and then head over to the Red Mountain Bar and Grill at the Cliff House to join in "just for fun" poker games along with appetizer and drink specials while they wait!

The crawl begins at *D'Vine Wines* of Manitou Springs (Manitou's own winery) and features savory treats from the lovely folks at *Edward Jones* (financial planning) and then moves to *Twigs* (a clothing and home décor boutique) *Salus* (organic, pure bath and body products). From there, the chicks move down Manitou Avenue to *Mountain Living Studio* (two-story gallery featuring the work of over 150 Colorado artists). Next they will saunter over to *Spice of Life* (an ingredients emporium) and *Green Horse Gallery* (an artist owned gallery). Across the street, the chicks will join *Safron* (a treasure trove of both vintage and cutting edge jewelry and clothing). Our next to last stop is *The Girl of the Golden West* (deluxe western wear and accessories). The night completes by joining spouses and significant others at the *Red Mountain Bar and Grill at the Cliff House* where all participants can compare notes on shopping and dining in Manitou Springs, share their Valentine's Day wish-lists, and talk about making reservations for lodging and dining in Manitou Springs for Valentine's Day.

Tickets are \$30 per chick and space is limited. To reserve space for you and your peeps, go to www.80829.com and click on the Chick Crawl link. For more information, call Susan Wolbrueck at 685-2475 or email her at susan@caferace.com

Manitou Springs has its roots as a health resort and an artists' colony and boasts a diverse population; support for the culinary, holistic, visual, literary and performing arts; and a colorful history. Manitou was recently lauded as one of the coolest small towns in the country by *Budget Travel* magazine. It is the purpose of the Central Manitou Springs Business Improvement District to be a strong collaboration of business, government and community. Merchants in the district work together to insure a long-term goal of a clean, safe, vibrant visitor destination area reflective of its historic heritage that is attractive and welcoming to both visitors and residents, and contributes to the economic prosperity of Manitou Springs.

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