

# *the greenhouse tea*

## **PROUDLY SERVING KUSMI TEAS**

For 140 years, Kusmi Tea has been offering the world the finest in high quality tea blends. Pavel Kousmichoff, a son of a Russian peasant was given a small shop as a wedding gift, and thus the famous Kousmichoff Tea House was born. Family owned until 1975, the Kusmi business was sold to a family friend, who made the famous Russian teas blends known to rising generations.

## **A BRIEF HISTORY OF AFTERNOON TEA**

Charles the II and his wife Catharine of Braganza both grew up drinking tea, Charles while in exile at The Hague and Catharine in her home country of Portugal, where it was the preferred beverage of the time. In 1662, Catharine arrived in England to marry Charles II, bringing with her a casket of tea. Catharine became known as the tea-drinking queen — England's first. In England she invited her friends into her bedroom chamber to share tea with her.

During the 18th century tea gardens were a popular pastime. These events were an opportunity for ladies and gentlemen to take their tea together outdoors surrounded by entertainers. Tea gardens made tea even more fashionable to drink, while giving men and women a place to meet freely.

The taking of tea in the afternoon developed into a new social event some time in the late 1830's and early 1840's. It is said that the afternoon tea tradition was established by Anne, Duchess of Bedford. She requested that light sandwiches be brought to her in the late afternoon because she had a "sinking feeling" during that time because of the long gap between meals. She began to invite others to join her and thus became the tradition.

39 AFTERNOON TEA

55 CHAMPAGNE TEA

Includes one glass of Gaston Chicquet,  
“Blanc de Blancs,” Aÿ, Grand Cru,  
Champagne, France, NV

#### **GREEN TEAS**

Gunpowder Green Tea – China

Stimulant Factor \*

Antioxidant Factor \*\*

Green Darjeeling Arya Selected – India

Stimulant Factor \*

Antioxidant Factor \*\*

Lemongrass Green Tea – China

Stimulant Factor \*

Antioxidant Factor \*\*

#### **BLACK TEAS**

Darjeeling no. 37 – India

Stimulant Factor \*\*\*

Antioxidant Factor \*

Ceylon OP – Ceylon

Stimulant Factor \*\*\*

Antioxidant Factor \*

Earl Grey – Ceylon

Stimulant Factor \*\*\*

Antioxidant Factor \*

English Breakfast – Ceylon

Stimulant Factor \*\*\*

Antioxidant Factor \*

Decaffeinated Earl Grey – China

Antioxidant Factor \*

#### **HERBAL INFUSIONS**

Chamomile

Vervain

#### **ASSORTMENT OF TEA SANDWICHES, SCONES, PASTRIES AND CAKES**