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Battenkill Kitchen Inc. Holds Grand Opening

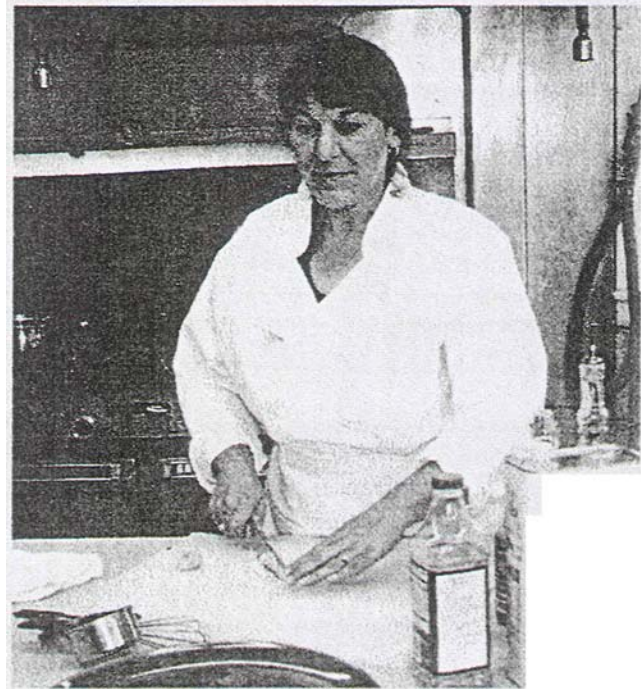
By Meaghan Wilkins
 SALEM - A ribbon cutting ceremony was held this past Saturday to mark the official grand opening of Battenkill Kitchen Inc. The ceremony was followed by cooking demonstrations and tastings.

President of Battenkill Kitchen, Inc. (BKI) Will Lennon welcomed the visitors to the kitchen and explained a little bit about the work that has been put into creating this project. Following Mr. Lennon's welcome, JoAnn Trinkle, Vice Chair of the Washington County Board of Supervisors, congratulated those involved with the kitchen on behalf of the County. Salem Town Supervisor Bruce Ferguson and Mayor Brian Tift, who were also present, held the honor

of cutting the ribbon to officially open the kitchen. Other local officials who attended were Seth Pitts, Salem Town Councilman; and Jon McClellan, Salem Village Trustee.

Following the ribbon cutting, Mary Anne Marschauser had her honey mustard sauce available for sampling and demonstrated how to make a glaze with the sauce that was used on a baked ham. Visitors to the kitchen enjoyed the "kick" of the honey mustard sauce and the flavor it added to the ham.

According to the BKI newsletter, the Battenkill Kitchen; Inc. is an 800-square foot shared use kitchen with a variety of commercial food processing equipment located at the Historic



Mary Anne Marschauser demonstrating how to make her Honey Mustard Glaze,

Photo by Meaghan Wilkins

Salem Courthouse, The facility and is open for producers, individuals and local growers to create, process and package food products. The kitchen is a NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets approved site and can be rented out on an hourly basis

The goals of BKI are: To assist individuals, local growers, and pro-

ducers in the creation and packaging of food products; To provide a commercial kitchen for individual use and special community events; and To use the kitchen as a teaching platform for the membership and the community

If you would like more information about the kitchen please contact Will Lennon at 854-3095.



LEFT. Pictured left to right are Mary Anne Marschauser, BKI Secretary; Supervisor Bruce Ferguson; Mayor Brian Tift and Will Lennon, BKI President conducting the official ribbon cutting.