

Chef Sarah Wong wins a grant to attend a 2-day workshop at Revival Meats in Houston, Texas – November, 2010

Chef Sarah attends a workshop in Houston at Revival Meats, hosted Christoph & Isabell Wiesner from Austria. Christoph is the president of the Austrian Mangalitsa Breeders Association and is an expert breeder and butcher. Isabell is tremendously knowledgeable in all the various techniques for cooking and curing this heirloom variety of pig that has a history that dates back to 1860. Morgan Weber owns Revival Meats, and is a rancher that raises mangalitsa and other heirloom varieties like the Red Duroc. The workshop covered the special seam butchering techniques used by Mangalitsa processors and various traditional Austrian cured meats, sausages, and terrines. Christoph & Isabell shared their knowledge of the breed, husbandry techniques, and special cooking applications over the course of two days. The class was attended by an enthusiastic group of local butchers, charcutiers and chefs. Mangalitsa is currently being promoted by many local Seattle Restaurants such as The Herbfarm & Joule and is being spearheaded by Heath Putnam, a passionate educator for the breed.

