

# TG News

RALEIGH

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## Tea



**Sikkim Temi** - *The tiny Indian state of Sikkim boasts but a single small tea garden, known as Temi. Nestled in tightly against the mighty southern stretch of the Himalayas, Temi produces superb teas of a character that resembles those of its*

*neighbor, Darjeeling. Sikkim Temi produces a bright gold cup, sweet vegetal and muscatel highlights, with a dry finish.*

**Tasting notes:** While this first-flush resembles its aforementioned neighbor, Darjeeling, under closer examination there is one distinct difference: briskness. Sikkim Temi possesses a much calmer profile—i.e., the palate is not attacked with a bite. The dry finish provides a clean, sweeping effect, filling the mouth with a light vegetal sweetness.

## Product

### Miraculous Tea Maker

This gadget is a terrific tea brewing apparatus. We use it daily in the shop without fail. Never once has tea come through the filter nor has it leaked. Great for making iced teas!



## Employee



### Selena Beckman-Harned, Tea Consultant

**Favorite Teas:** Japanese Kabuse-cha, Green Coconut and Chocolate Chili.  
**What Got You Into Tea:** My Russian roommate in college; we started a tea club.

**Favorite tea-drinking memory:** Participating in a tea ceremony in Japan.

**Parting words:** "Tea is about companionship and conversation. Share a pot with someone you love; slow down, sip, and talk."

## Events

Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm

TEA TASTING,  
FEATURING

*Darjeeling*

(\$10/person, call for more info)

## Word

**muscatel** - sweet floral aroma typical to the muscat grape (often found in Darjeeling teas)

## Trivia

### The Sense of Taste

Your mouth can only taste five flavors: sweet, sour, bitter, salty, and umami (savory, meaty, brothy). It is the nose that picks up the other flavors and nuances that we attribute to food and beverages.

## Popular

### Spring Teas

Sikkim Temi

Darjeeling Terai Kamala

### Teaware

Capresso Water Kettle

(Ask a tea consultant for more info)

## Online

 TeaGschwendner Raleigh

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