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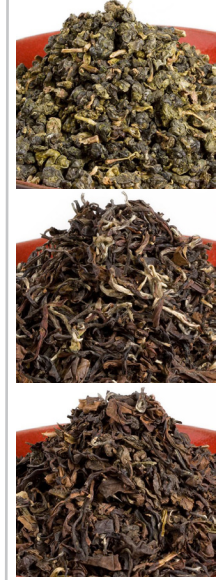
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*Celebrate Mother's Day with tea!  
Our tea consultants can help you find the perfect gift.*

*Pictured above: flowering tea, flowering tea pot, and rose bud herbal tea.*

## Tea



Oolongs. What are these exactly? An easy way to describe them is as a tea midway between green and blacks. However, this is a grand over-simplification. Oolongs have some of the most complex flavors among teas. They range in oxidation from 10-70%, providing plenty of room for variety (as you can see from to your left). Lighter oolongs will often possess floral, sweet, buttery, and oftentimes a light creamy feel in the mouth. Darker ones will often feel very earthy, having richer, fuller tones in the mouth that leave a cleaner finish across the palate.

*Pictured left: Sumatra Oolong Barisan and Formosa Superior Taifu & Ming Xiang Oolongs.*

## Events

**Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**  
**TEA TASTING,**  
**FEATURING** **O** **OLONGS**  
*(\$10/person, call for more info)*

## Word

**re-steep** - the oolong leaves can be brewed 3-4 times, often improving with each infusion.

## Trivia

**The Price of Tea**  
There are oolong teas (e.g., Tie Guan Yin) that sell for thousands, sometimes tens of thousands of dollars! In the United States, you can find the same great quality with slight imperfections that start at \$9!

## Employee



**Lora Markoch, Tea Consultant**  
*Favorite Teas:* Earl Grey, recently Assam Ananda and Sikkim Temi.  
*What Got You Into Tea:* I had an interest in traditional English Afternoon Teas about 10 years ago and started my own Traveling Tea Room business.  
*Parting words:* I tell my customers that tea is a personal journey. We don't like the same things and that's OK. Come on in and see me. I'd love to help!

## Online

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