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UNDER THE COVER OF DARKNESS- MANTEO RESORT CELEBRATES EARTH HOUR

This Saturday, March 27 at 8:30 pm, Manteo Resort and the world will go dark – okay, darker – in celebration of Earth Hour.

Manteo Resort is a leader in embracing green initiatives and in honour of this year's Earth Hour has come up with a bright idea for a dark night. This world-class resort will go under the cover of darkness, turning off the lights throughout the entire restaurant and hotel from 8:30 – 9:30 pm.

For guests, Manteo Resort will be providing Earth Hour gift packs stocked with glow sticks and an invitation to join a candlelight celebration with hot chocolate and sweets in the hotel lobby from 8:30 – 9:30 pm on Saturday evening.

And for those seeking a romantic dining experience, Chef Bernard in the Wild Apple Restaurant has created a special “energy saving” menu which will be served by candlelight the entire evening. With Chef Bernard's interpretation of “wine country cuisine” and his belief that great food and wine spark good times and build memories, guests of the restaurant are guaranteed not only a meal that is “earth friendly” but delicious. The intimacy of this special evening provides a great atmosphere for people to connect with one another and Mother Earth.

Held on the last Saturday every March, Earth Hour was introduced in 2007 by the World Wildlife Fund in Sydney, Australia. Since then, the event has gone global with thousands of communities and nearly a billion people taking part in some way. With the goal to cut electricity consumption by five per cent for one hour, everyone around the globe is encouraged to turn off all lights at 8:30 pm, local time. Earth Hour serves as a reminder that people can live without that extra bit of power from time to time. A record breaking 121 countries and territories are taking part in 2010.

“For us, it's a fun way to engage and entertain our guests, while doing something good for the environment,” says Heather Schroeter of the Manteo Resort. *“As a hotel that prides itself in its environmental status, this goes hand in hand with our other initiatives.”*

Wild Apple Restaurant & Lounge is open seven days a week for breakfast, lunch and dinner and is located in Manteo Resort at 3762 Lakeshore Road, Kelowna, BC.

Manteo Resort Waterfront Hotel & Villas is located on the shores of Okanagan Lake, in Kelowna, BC. Minutes from championship golf and award-winning wineries and just an hour from powder skiing at Big White and Silver Star, Manteo Resort Waterfront Hotel and Villas is the premier Okanagan Lake resort destination.

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