

MEET DONNA & ERIC

Merlin's Coffee

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Merlin's Coffee is easy to spot – the aroma alone will lead you right to their doorstep! Owners Donna and Eric Burns have been serving selections of signature blends and specialty flavors for 20 years in downtown Hanover.

Regular customers, some traveling an hour to reach their favorite blends, walk into the shop and are greeted with a warm hello and personalized welcome. This sense of belonging and community is why Donna and Eric decided to open their shop after working in other industries that didn't bring them the same satisfaction. They envisioned an eclectic, fun place where everyone could come and catch up with friends and neighbors.

Donna and Eric first gained their coffee expertise by working at a roasting company, where they handled office management and sales duties respectively. During this time, they learned the significance of sourcing organic beans, mastering the right roasting temperatures, and creating their own unique blends.





Eric is the mastermind behind the roasting and unique blends that customers have come to love. As the master roaster, he takes a lot of pride in bringing the best cup of coffee to customers. Local favorite blends include Thor's Hammer, as well as teas and custom decaffeinated options.

In addition to offering an in-person shop with indoor and outdoor seating, Merlin's also sells coffee blends by the pound online through their website, making their products available nationwide.



MERLIN'S COFFEE

10 S. Franklin Street
Hanover, PA 17331

Monday through Friday: 8am to 6pm
Saturday: 8am to 5pm
Sunday: 8am to 3pm

www.merlinscoffeeinc.com



DID YOU KNOW THAT IF YOU BUY ONE POUND OF MERLIN'S COFFEE YOU'LL RECEIVE ONE CUP OF COFFEE FOR FREE? CHOOSE FROM THEIR MANY CUSTOM BLENDS!

Of course, the question that's always asked is who's Merlin? After one visit you may be able to guess that Merlin was a beloved cat (and unofficial CEO). After passing away several years ago, he now keeps watch over visitors from his portrait on the wall. His face is just one of the numerous cat-themed decorations that adorn the shop, many of which were generously gifted by Donna and Eric's customers and friends.

Their love for Merlin and all cats goes beyond mere décor—they are known for sheltering cats who need homes as well as taking donations for the local no kill shelters. This caring persona is what they are most proud of (and known for)—they take an interest in every customer who walks in. During the pandemic it wasn't uncommon for them to personally make deliveries to their older customers who weren't able to get out during the shutdown.

While other businesses have come and gone in downtown Hanover, Donna and Eric are here to stay. Not only do they live nearby to stay connected to family, but they also stay connected to the family they've built through their business. ■

