



Fandango

MOST ROMANTIC SEATING: TABLE BY THE FIREPLACE IN THE TERRACE ROOM

“Our restaurant consists of several rooms and they all have a little different feeling,” says Pierre Bain, who owns Fandango with his wife, Marietta. “By nature, it’s very warm and cozy.”

That inviting ambiance makes the Pacific Grove restaurant a popular place for proposals. Sometimes, grooms-to-be arrange for a photographer to document the evening; other times, they add a little romance with music.

“Not long ago, a gentleman brought in a flamenco guitarist to play by the table as he proposed,” Marietta says. “We were almost as nervous as he was.”

Such a personal connection between the restaurant’s staff and guests is part of what keeps clientele coming back again and again. In fact, many who get engaged there return to Fandango for their most important milestones.

“We have many, many couples that get engaged here and then come back every year to celebrate anniversaries and major holidays. When there’s a baby, they come in for the christening. Over the years, we get to know the couples, their children and their grandchildren,” says Marietta.