



Gitta Quercia-Naumann

Tapas y mas, museums restaurant Naumanns in Lingenbacher-hof

Founder and Owner

Sector	Gastronomy, catering
Region	North Rhine Westphalia
Employees	40
Nomination as an ambassador	<p>Gitta Quercia-Naumann worked for 10 years as a call operator for the German post-office. During this time she discovered that her professional interest lay in a different area. It was at this point that she then retrained to become a florist.</p> <p>In the time it took for her to take her master exam, she and her team took part at various garden exhibitions in Berlin, Frankfurt and Dusseldorf where they won several silver and bronze medals.</p> <p>After parental leave in 1993 and her successfully completed qualification as a florist, she set up a market stall. She managed this company which sold ready-made work pieces until 2002 (a concept that was very original and exclusive at that time).</p> <p>In 2001 (when she was 47 years old) she opened her own Spanish restaurant with 70 covers - Tapas y mas. She had no previous experience in the gastronomy sector. She opened the restaurant in Engelskirchen, her hometown with 20,000 inhabitants (and not Cologne which is only 30km away) as she wanted to be there for her children.</p> <p>Due her further education and continual trainings she has successfully marketed her restaurant so that even in these hard times her customers are coming more than 150 km to eat in her restaurant. Today she is still one of the few Tapas specialists in Germany and she is invited to cook shows or exhibitions.</p> <p>Since February 2009 she also runs the Museum restaurants Naumanns Lingenbacher-Hof – a new situation for her as the restaurant is visited by many of the museum's 120,000 annual visitors.</p> <p>Young women unfortunately often have the feeling that they are equal to men and all doors are open to them. She knows that this is not the case and therefore she tries to change these structures in Germany and other countries.</p> <p>She is a board member of the economic Lounge Formula F Gummersbach, Naturearena Bergisches Land, the Engelsverein, Engelskirchen and a member of the Friends of Käte Ahlmann Foundation.</p>
About the company	The Restaurant Tapas y Mas is active in the tapas business since 1999. The restaurant also offers a catering service with authentic Spanish food. The Lingenbacher Hof, which Gitta has managed since 2008, offers German cuisine und "bergisch" specialities.
Further information	www.tapasymas.de www.lingenbacher-hof.de