

What's in a name?

“So, why is it called Red Cedar Café?”

Both the Blain and Simcoe families have lived on Bainbridge Island for over 30 years. Prior to that, they resided in parts of Oregon and California.

We wanted a name that represented our families, our connection and commitment to the area, and the beautiful flora found in the expanse of the Pacific Northwest.

Wesley Blain, co-owner and chef, spent many family vacations camping and traveling all through California, Oregon, Idaho, Washington and parts of Canada. These adventures created long-lasting memories that he treasures and uses to influence his dishes.

Alan Simcoe, co-owner and musician, has also had his share of adventures in the PNW, though his connection to cedar comes from his luthier profession. Alan uses many kinds of woods in the making of his guitars, but the smell of the cedar is his favorite. When his daughters were little they would collect the cedar shavings, now his grand-kids do the same.