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Teahouse aims to nourish and revitalize

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ST. THOMAS — E's Garden Tea House and Things, at the entrance of Garden Street in downtown Charlotte Amalie, recently opened its doors to the tea loving public and customers who want to relax.

Business owner, Judith Watlington-Edwin said her love of teas, the Garden Street neighborhood and the incentives being offered by the Economic Development Authority all contributed to her decision to pursue her vision — to open a teahouse in the Virgin Islands.

"I am committed to the idea of revitalizing the community," Watlington-Edwin said, and she plans to assist in the revitalization efforts one sip at a time.

Just a block from Post Office Square, E's Garden Tea house offers a soothing and quaint environment, reminiscent of sitting in a garden. The teahouse has 30 varieties of teas from companies in the mainland U.S. and an assortment of local herbal teas.

"My grandmother came from the old cultural tradition that tea healed everything, and my mother,

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Judith Watlington-Edwin, owner of E's Garden Tea House and Things, above right, serves a cup of tea to Marie Paul during the grand opening of her business April 2 on St. Thomas. Right, guests sample some of the 30 variety of teas available at the teahouse.



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