



# Master of the BrickHouse

Arthur Zimmerman was an environmental engineering major at the University of Colorado-Boulder when an internship in the environmental health and safety department of Coors Brewing Co. changed the course of his career.

"I got a tour from the head brewer, and it occurred to me that brewing would be a great career," Zimmerman said. "I could use my science background, work with people, be creative and not have to sit behind a desk."

With an eye toward brewing, Zimmerman changed his major to biochemistry and, after graduation, took a position at Funkwerks, a small brewery in Fort Collins, Colo., where he learned the brewing process and tested countless combinations. He then completed the Master Brewers Program at University of California at Davis before returning to Colorado for a position at Avery Brewing in Boulder.

Not long afterward, Zimmerman learned of the availability of the brewmaster position at BrickHouse Brewery and Restaurant in Patchogue, which of-

fered him the chance to be in charge and brew his own recipes.

Zimmerman had plenty of practice for the role.

"I have been home-brewing since college, before I could even legally drink," he said, noting many beers available on the marketplace lacked "the intense flavors and complexity I was looking for."

BrickHouse's first brew made from a Zimmerman recipe is Main Street Mocha Porter, which features coffee and chocolate flavors and represents a collaboration with Roast Coffee & Tea Trading Co. in Patchogue.

"I believe in staying local and working with other businesses in the community," Zimmerman said. "It leads to better ingredients and flavors, and it generates a lot of press."

Other creations in the works include Direwolf, a double India pale ale with honey, and Rhapsody Raspberry Brown, featuring raspberry puree.

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**Name**  
**ARTHUR ZIMMERMAN**

**Title**  
**BREWMASTER**

**Firm**  
**BRICKHOUSE BREWERY AND RESTAURANT**

**Favorite Pastimes**  
**Rock-climbing, snowboarding, sitting down with a good beer and a book**

**Recently read book**  
**'THE NAME OF THE WIND'**  
 by Patrick Rothfuss  
**"It's my type of book: science fiction, with an interesting, roguish hero."**

**Favorite beer from a major brewery**  
**BATCH 19 BY COORS**  
**"It's a hoppy lager."**