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History of Silverbow Inn

Silverbow Inn stakes claim to the historic Messerschmidt Building in the heart of downtown Juneau. Originally built in 1898 as a bakery, a three story concrete building was added to the historic façade in 1914, which is now associated with the famous Silverbow Inn. Originally, the first floor was a retail bakery, with an apartment above, where Austrian immigrant Gus Messerschmidt lived.

In March of 1997, Jill Ramiel and Ken Alper purchased the building and embarked on a three-month remodel to bring the bakery back to its glory days. A full shipping container arrived from Seattle, stocked with bagel making equipment. On June 4, 1997, Alaska's first traditional bagel bakery opened and a downtown social hub was reborn.

Combined, the inn and bakery/café elements provide for an all-encompassing hotel destination, continuing to develop Silverbow Inn as one of the strongest modern escapes in the Juneau, if not Alaska, hospitality scene.

Silverbow Bakery & Café has the unique distinction as Alaska's oldest continuously operating bakery and remains one of the largest kitchens in Juneau. Interestingly, Ramiel and Alper reside above the bakery, as did Messerschmidt, and it has rumored that early risers may witness his friendly hauntings.