

Southern Foodways Symposium

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Sam Doyle, 1906-1985. *Welcome Table*. Paint on metal. 26.25 x 43.5 in. Collection of the High Museum of Art, Atlanta, Georgia. T. Marshall Hahn Jr. Collection, 1996.174.

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The first Southern Foodways Symposium will be held in Oxford, Mississippi, May 1-3, 1998. This event will provide an opportunity for curious cooks, gourmands, and food writers alike to better appreciate the culture and foodways of the American South. On the University of Mississippi campus, culinary historians, folklorists, chefs, and passionate advocates of regional foods will gather for three days of lectures, tastings, and performances.

Augmenting the impressive list of speakers will be a series of informal lunches held in the tree-shrouded grove at the center of the Ole Miss campus. Featuring Southern specialties like golden-fried catfish and smoke-infused pork barbecue, these dinners will enable attendees to interact with the speakers.

Evening events include a private dinner party at Oxford's own award-winning City Grocery and a reading by Norma Jean Darden from her Broadway play, *Spoonbread and Strawberry Wine*. Regional product tastings and book signings will also be featured. The weekend festivities will close with brunch served in the grove as a gospel choir performs.

Hosts for the event are the **Center for the Study of Southern Culture** and the **Institute for Continuing Studies**. Primary sponsors are **Bryan Foods** and **Viking Range**, with **Ellen Rolfes Books** and **Mississippi Madness** providing supporting sponsorship. **The American Institute of Wine and Food** is an advisory sponsor.

Registration is \$195 for all events (\$185 for members of the American Institute of Wine and Food and Friends of the Center). With only 75 spaces available, early registration is highly recommended.

Schedule of Events

Friday

- 8:00-10:00 a.m. Registration at Barnard Observatory
- 10:00-10:30 a.m. Welcome – Bill Ferris
- 10:30-11:30 a.m. The Beginnings of Corn in the South
Betty Fussell
- 11:45-12:45 Lunch and Cooking Demonstration
Sponsored by Viking Range
The Grove
- 1:15-2:15 p.m. Evolution of Southern Cuisine: Relations in Black and White
Jessica Harris
- 2:15-2:30 p.m. Break
- 2:30-2:45 p.m. Life Story – T.B.A.

- 2:45-3:45 p.m. Evolution of Southern Cuisine: Poverty
Panel Discussion
- 3:45-4:00 p.m. Break
- 4:00-5:00 p.m. Evolution of Southern Cuisine: Kitchen as Cultural
Transformer
William Woys Weaver
- 6:30-8:00 p.m. Catfish Fry with Ed Scott
- 9:00 until Music on the Square

Saturday

- 9:00-10:00 a.m. Toward a History of Southern Food
John Martin Taylor
- 10:00-10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:15-10:30 a.m. Life Story – Lawrence Craig
- 10:30-11:30 a.m. Race, Class, and Food in the South
John Egerton
- 11:30-1:00 p.m. Lunch and Cooking Demonstration with Frank Stitt
Sponsored by Bryan Foods
The Grove
- 1:15-2:15 p.m. Southern Foodways and Community Identity
Richard Schweid
- 2:15-2:30 p.m. Break
- 2:30-3:00 p.m. Southern Wine: A Short Cultural History
Barbara Ensrud
- 3:00-3:45 p.m. Syllabus and Sin: Drinks and Drinking in the South
Leigh McWhite
- 5:00-6:30 p.m. Regional Product Tasting and Book Signing
Off Square Books
- 6:30-8:00 p.m. Dinner and Cocktails, City Grocery, Oxford Square
- 8:30-9:30 p.m. *Spoonbread and Strawberry Wine*, One Woman Show
Norma Jean Darden

Sunday

- 10:00-11:00 a.m. Chickens Are Dying So That Men Might Live!: A Look
at the Role of Foodways in the African American
Religious Experience
Bill Wiggins
- 11:30-1:30 p.m. Gospel Brunch Finale



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Lodging in Oxford

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn, located just off the Square. Call 601-234-3031 for reservations. Other accommodations include:

Alumni Center Hotel 601-234-2331 Barksdale-Isom House 601-236-5600
Best Western 601-234-9500 Comfort Inn 601-234-6000
Oliver-Britt House 601-234-8043 Ramada Inn 601-234-7013
Puddin' Place B&B 601-234-1250

Transportation

Persons who fly to the symposium should book their flights to and from Memphis (Tennessee) International Airport. Shuttle service can be arranged through the symposium office. Rental cars from all the major companies are available at the airport.

Registration

Registration includes all lectures, scheduled meals, and entertainment. For more information, contact Caroline Herring of the Institute for Continuing Studies at 601-232-1243, or via email at cherring@olemiss.edu. You may also contact symposium organizer John T. Edge at the Center for the Study of Southern Culture, 601-232-5993, or via e-mail at johnt@dixie-net.com.

Registration Form *(this form may be photocopied)*

Name _____

Business _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____

Shuttle service (\$50 round trip) will be arranged on an as needed basis. We will contact you after confirmation of your registration.

Registration Fee: \$195 \$185 *(American Institute of Wine and Food members and Friends of the Center)*

Check enclosed, made payable to the **University of Mississippi**

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Return form to: The University of Mississippi, Southern Foodways Symposium, P.O. Box 879, University, MS 38677



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