



DAVENPORT HOUSE MUSEUM AND HSF PARTNER WITH LOCAL AUTHORS TO 'VIRTUALLY' LAUNCH NEW HISTORICAL COOKBOOK DURING PRESERVATION MONTH

SAVANNAH, GA – April 28, 2020 – Davenport House Museum (DHM) and Historic Savannah Foundation (HSF) are the beneficiaries of a significant gift – a cookbook by Savannah historian Christopher Hendricks and his mother Sue Hendricks. This new cookbook is inspired by colonial and early 19th century recipes and will be available in May, during Preservation Month.

This new book will enjoy a virtual launch on Tuesday May 26 via DHM's Facebook page which will be followed by a virtual cooking demonstration on Wednesday May 27 and virtual drinks and conversation with the authors on Thursday May 28. This exciting week at the end of Preservation Month will culminate in a Virtual Tour of Davenport House on Friday May 29.

Christopher and Sue Hendricks have put a new spin on time-tested recipes from Mary Randolph's famed 1824 bestselling cookbook, *The Virginia House-Wife*. For their book, *Old Southern Cookery: Mary Randolph's Recipes from America's First Regional Cookbook Adapted for Today's Kitchen*, the Hendricks family has chosen the best of the original recipes to show how home cooks can use contemporary methods and ingredients to prepare delicious dishes. Christopher E. Hendricks is a Professor in the Department of History at Georgia Southern University's Armstrong Campus. The generous authors are donating all profits from the sale of their book to support the work and mission of Davenport House Museum.

On May 10, in a launch preview, Christopher and Sue will give readers some insight into their thought and decision-making processes when it came to writing the book and updating recipes. Through social media, Davenport House and HSF will offer a "video teaser" of the pair talking about the cooking and writing they did as the book went from an idea to a finished product.

The beautifully illustrated book contains forewords written by HSF Davenport House Museum Director Jamie Credle and former HSF President & CEO Daniel Carey. Each recipe includes the original version and the updated, modern version. The cookbook is priced at \$26.95 (plus delivery) and can pre-ordered via the Davenport House at shop@davenportmuseum.org

Those who order books directly from DHM can specify they'd like the author to sign them before they are shipped. For those whose books are unsigned, they need only wait a few months until the official book launch party this fall, where Sue and Christopher will personally sign books and enjoy meeting their readers. The details for that event will be released shortly, and it will likely be held in early November.

"I am very pleased to have been able to partner with Davenport House Museum and Historic Savannah Foundation on this project. The book means a great deal to my mother and to me, and there is much more we'd like to share about how the project came to be. We're really excited about the upcoming opportunities to interact with our readers, though everything must be virtual for now. The day will come when we can personally meet and thank everyone who has supported us, and that is certainly an occasion to look forward to," Christopher said.

To learn more about Historic Savannah Foundation and the Davenport House Museum, please visit www.davenportmuseum.org/ www.myHSF.org

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