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Building upon the success of the inaugural Southern Foodways Symposium held in May 1998, a second gathering, during which conferees will be invited to explore **The Creolization of Southern Cuisine**, will be held **October 29-31, 1999** on the University of Mississippi campus in Oxford. This event will provide an exciting opportunity for cooks, chefs, food writers, and inquisitive eaters alike to come to a better understanding of Southern cuisine and, in turn, Southern culture.

Lectures, to be held in Barnard Observatory, the restored antebellum headquarters of the Center for the Study of Southern Culture, will be complemented by a series of informal lunches served in the sylvan grove at the heart of the Ole Miss campus. Featured foods will include retired farmer Ed Scott's sandy-brown fried catfish, Chef John Folse's modern interpretations of traditional Louisiana cooking, and burbling kettles of pilau, the prized stew of the South Carolina Lowcountry.

Evening events include a book signing, regional food and drink tastings, and a performance of *NYAM*, a folk opera performed by author and National Public Radio personality, Vertamae Grosvenor. Festivities will close with a dinner on the grounds, served as a gospel choir performs.

Among the featured speakers will be Jessica Harris, author of *The Africa Cookbook* and an expert on the foodways of the African diaspora; Ronni Lundy, author of *Butterbeans to Blackberries*, and an authority on the foodways of the Hillbilly diaspora; Damon Lee Fowler, author of *Classical Southern Cooking*; Leah Chase, author and proprietor of New Orleans' famed Dooky Chase restaurant; and John Martin Taylor, Lowcountry foodways scholar and author. Along with speakers from other regions of the South, including the Mississippi Delta, they will lead symposium attendees in an examination of the myriad cultures and cuisines that melded to form what we now think of as Southern cuisine.

Host for the event is the Center for the Study of Southern Culture. Supporting sponsors include the American Center for Wine, Food and the Arts, the Georgia Pecan Commission, G.P. Putnam's Sons, publishers of *A Gracious Plenty: Recipes and Recollections from the American South*, the Southern Peanut Farmers Federation, and Viking Range.

Based upon input from attendees at last year's symposium, registration will again be limited to 90 persons. Those planning to attend are advised to register early in order to secure a space.

For details on the program, contact symposium director John T. Edge by e-mail at [johnt@dixie-net.com](mailto:johnt@dixie-net.com). Registration, priced at \$250, including all meals, events, and amenities, except lodging, is now in progress and may be accomplished by contacting symposium coordinator Molly McGehee at **662-232-5993** or e-mail at [mcgehee@olemiss.edu](mailto:mcgehee@olemiss.edu). E-mail inquiries are preferred. The mailing address is: The Center for the Study of Southern Culture, Barnard Observatory, University, MS 38677. The fax number for the Center is 662-232-5814.

We hope to see you in October!

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