



The Lowcountry Rice Culture Forum
Charleston, South Carolina
12-14 September 2013

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Forum Sessions:

Thursday, 12 September 2013

Culinary Institute of Charleston, Palmer Campus Auditorium

5:00 Reception

6:00 Program

Welcome

Mr. Jonathan Green, The Lowcountry Rice Culture Project

Michael Carmel, CEC, CCE, M.Ad.Ed., The Culinary Institute of Charleston Culinary Department Chair

Session I: Informal Discussion of Rice with Cooking Demonstrations

Dr. David Shields, University of South Carolina, and Carolina Gold Rice Foundation, moderator

- Chef Michael Carmel, Department Head, Culinary Institute of Charleston
- Chef Kevin Mitchell, Instructor, Culinary Institute of Charleston

Performance by Sanders Clyde dance troupe of "Rice Dance."

Close: Mr. Jonathan Green

Friday, 13 September 2013

College of Charleston, Stern Center

8:00 to 9:00 am Registration & Coffee

9:00 to 9:15 am Welcome & Opening

Mr. Jonathan Green, The Lowcountry Rice Culture Project

Dean Amy McCandless, Graduate School, College of Charleston

9:15 to 10:30 am

Session Introduction: Nicolas Butler, Charleston County Public Library

Session II: Economics of Lowcountry Rice over Time

Dr. George McDaniel, Drayton Hall, moderator

- "From Food to Commodity: the Origins of Rice Culture in Early Carolina", Dr. Max Edelson, University of Virginia
- "Law and the Expansion of Rice Agriculture in the South Carolina Lowcountry", Lee Bowden, University of Virginia
- "The Fall of the Rice Kingdom", Dr. James Tuten, Juniata College

10:30 to 11:00 am Refreshments and Conversation

11:00 to 12:30 pm

Session Introduction: Dwight McInvaill, Director, Georgetown County Library

Session III: Historical Overview of Rice in the Lowcountry

Dr. Dan Littlefield, University of South Carolina, moderator

- "The Work of Our Hands: Mangrove Rice Production in Coastal Guinea", Dr. Edda Fields-Black, Carnegie Mellon University
- "Leveling the Fields: Environmental Relationships between Inland and Tidal Rice Culture in the South Carolina Lowcountry", Dr. Hayden Smith, College of Charleston
- "Market Preparation of Carolina Rice: An Illustrated History of Innovation in the Rice Kingdom," Dr. Richard Porcher, Citadel & Carolina Gold Rice Foundation (co-author William Robert Judd)

12:30 to 2:00 pm Lunch on Own

1:00 to 2:00 SC Educational TVs "When Rice Was King" will play in auditorium

2:00 to 3:30 pm

Session Introduction: Mr. Jonathan Green, The Lowcountry Rice Culture Project
Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor (GGCHC) Presents:

Session IV: Rice Connections to West Africa: Cultural & Personal

Ron Daise, Chairman GGCHC Commission, moderator

El Hadj Ibrahima Fall, Nelson Mandela University, Conakry, Republic of Guinea

3:30 to 4:00 pm Refreshments and Conversation

4:00 to 5:30pm —Open to the Public

Welcome: Dr. Leslie King-Hammond, Center for Race & Culture, Maryland Institute College of Art

Session V: Keynote Presentation

Dr. Bernie Powers, College of Charleston, introduction of speaker & moderator for Q&A

- “Carolina Gold”, Dr. Louis Nelson, University of Virginia

Close of Day: Ms. Dena Davis, Association for the Study of African American Life & Culture

Dinner on Own

Saturday, 14 September 2013

9:00 am Arrive at Middleton Place

9:00 am to 11:30 am

Session VI: Middleton Place Tours at Own Pace

Check in at Visitor Kiosk at Main Entrance

Mr. Tracey Todd, VP Museums, has organized tours and special activities, including participation in the rice harvest, demonstrations on rice processing and other pertinent plantation related activities.

- Sharon Cooper-Murray: Story telling at Eliza’s Cabin
- Nakia Wigfall: Sweet Grass Basket demonstration and discussion

11:30 Gather at Pavilion for lunch

Welcome: Tracey Todd, VP Museums, Middleton Place

Mr. Charles Duell, Middleton Place & Carolina Gold Rice Foundation

12:00 to 1:30 pm Traditional Southern Lunch

12:30 Presentation

Session Introduction Dr. Valinda Littlefield, University of South Carolina

Session VII: Keynote

- “Carolina's Gold: The Rice AND The People”, Dr. Jessica B. Harris, State University of New York

1:30 to 3:00 pm

Session Introduction: Thomas Tisdale, author, publisher, and lawyer

Session VIII: State of Research and Use of the Rice Fields in the Lowcountry

Dr. Simon Lewis, College of Charleston, moderator

- “The Archaeology of Rice: Digging for the Roots of Cultivation”, Mr. Andrew Agha, Archaeological Research Collective, Inc., Charles Town Landing
- “Where Birds and Rice Fields Coexist”, Ms. Pamela Corwin, SCDNR
- "SRI - Grow Backyard Rice Just Like Garden Tomatoes", Glenn Roberts, Anson Mills & Carolina Gold Rice Foundation

3:00 pm Close of Symposium: Jonathan Green & Dwight McInvaill

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