

Southern Settings: Competitive Tablescaping at the Verdier House

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A new manner of fundraising will be held in an old venue when the Verdier House Museum introduces Southern Settings, a tablescaping which will bring regional and one international table-top designers together. It will benefit Historic Beaufort Foundation's fundraising campaign to paint the ca. 1804 Verdier House.

Setting a beautiful table is an art, and in recent years the art has become competitive with contests from coast to coast. Participants, both professional and amateur, use all combinations of china, crystal, linens, silver, floral arrangements and other accoutrement to creatively and intentionally arrange a tabletop to convey a specific theme, mood or experience. Southern Settings tabletops will be decorated to acknowledge the South's influence as well as to reflect the Verdier family's French heritage.

The eight designers represent local, regional, and international design firms. They are Paige Minear of The Pink Clutch, Atlanta; Emily Johnson of Fashion Foie Gras, London England; Jennifer Ferrell of Riverside Design, Charleston; and Michiel Perry of Black Southern Belle, Hampton. Also, Lisa Castle of York Cottage Antiques, Aiken; Kathryn Lott, a Southern Living Contributing Editor; and local designers Lisa Mykleby of M Home and Design and Ann Higgins of Scout Southern Market and Design.

The two-day event begins with a Private Preview reception with Catering by Debbi Covington on Friday, March 23, 6 pm – 8 pm. Southern hors d'oeuvres with a French twist and a signature cocktail, the Verdier 75, will be featured. Tickets are \$40 for non-members, \$35 for members and are limited. Call 843-379-3331 or go online to www.historicbeaufort.org to make reservations.

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The exhibit opens to the public Saturday, March 24th, with an Open House that includes a self-guided tour of the house as well as the tablescapes. Hours are 10 am – 3 pm. Admission is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. Tickets may be purchased in advance at 843-379-3331 or online at www.historicbeaufort.org

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Tickets will also be available at the door.