

Thee Matriarch Boutique Inn, Meeting and Special Events Venue

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Destination...Thee Matriarch, Beyond Heads In Beds South Carolina Couple's Bed & Breakfast Ranks among the Best Regional and National Boutique Inns

Orangeburg, SC, February 01, 2017: Thee Matriarch Boutique Inn, Meeting and Special Events Venue expands on the traditional bed and breakfast concept and is honored to be one of three B&B's featured in the Official South Carolina 2017 Visitors Guide *Discover South Carolina*, and ranked among an impressive list of 29 Best Romantic Getaways in SC by *VacationIdea* dream vacation magazine September 2015 issue. Also recognized as one of the 12 unforgettable vacations in SC as posted by the travel website, *Only In Your State.com* in the August 2015 issue. Thee Matriarch ranked alongside such hospitality stalwarts as The Sanctuary at Kiawah Island Golf Resort, Wild Dunes Resort, and The Inn at Palmetto Bluff. Thee Matriarch also garnered national ranking among The Top 7 Black-Owned Bed and Breakfast Inns as reported in the August 2014 online issue by *Black Enterprise*.

The husband and wife team, Chef Fred Holmes and Designer Rachelle Jamerson-Holmes are humbled by the accolades and recognition and shared that these rankings came "out of the blue". Rachelle recalls with a smile, "We had no idea that we were even being considered. So we were excited to see Thee Matriarch ranked among The Top #7 by a national publication as respected as *Black Enterprise*" and we were especially honored to know that our efforts are not only being recognized, but are also appreciated by our fellow South Carolinians, as evident by being chosen by *Only In Your State*. Our hearts are filled with joy, as our greatest reward and the measure of our success is by the lives we positively touch with a smile, kindness, southern hospitality, great food and excellent customer service."

According to Thee Matriarch's Chef Fred, "Our announcement is special because now the rest of the world will know what a gem we have here in historic downtown Orangeburg." Innkeepers Rachelle Jamerson-Holmes and Chef Fred Holmes are members of PAII [Professional Association of Innkeepers International] where Mrs. Jamerson-Holmes has been a featured guest speaker at the association's annual innkeeper's conference for the past two years.

ABOUT THEE MATRIARCH

Thee Matriarch Boutique Inn, Meeting and Special Events Venue opened in September 2012 and quickly became one of the top boutique inns in America. Thee Matriarch is privately owned and operated. Orangeburg's most charming boutique inn is nestled in the heart of historic downtown Orangeburg, SC and perfectly positioned along the SC National Heritage Corridor Trail. Thee Matriarch is conveniently located near the I-95 Corridor and Global Logistics Triangle (I-26, US301 & I-95).

Innkeepers Rachelle and Chef Fred invite you to experience Thee Matriarch "Where Business and Leisure Meet Southern Hospitality, Charm, Modern Luxuries and Savory Cuisine". Discover this hidden gem and enjoy an oasis

of themed guest retreats, the relaxing courtyard and balconies, savor home cooked breakfast, complimentary modern amenities, convenience to area attractions, and true Southern hospitality.

Behind the Name: Elegantly strong and tenaciously beautiful, Thee Matriarch exemplifies all of the fine attributes required to justify its name. The 100 year old home is named *Thee Matriarch* to pay homage to the remarkable women that have tremendously influenced the lives of the Innkeepers. Designer Rachelle has restored, designed, named and themed each retreat to honor those outstanding women.

Thee Matriarch appeals to the business and leisure traveler. Satisfying the need for a full service small to medium size venue with personal attention to detail for corporate retreats, seminars, family and class reunions, baby and bridal showers, intimate weddings and receptions. An ideal setting for a romantic getaway, family vacation, a BFF spa getaway or golf weekend. Thee Matriarch's Chef Fred crafts tantalizing cuisines of every genre for any occasion, offering on and off property catering services. Signature dishes and beverages include honey bourbon BBQ ribs, raspberry pulled pork, low country shrimp & grits, southern style chicken & waffles, creole gumbo, bread puddings and their refreshing *World Famous Island Tea, Island Lemonade and Island Punch*. Each bite will make your soul sing and yearn for more.

Thee Matriarch opens her doors monthly to the community for sheer fun and mouthwatering events in a relaxing environment. Events include 1st Fridays Lunch & Dinner, Top Chef Tuesdays Monthly Mixer, Interactive Mystery Dinner Theatre and Wine Tastings.

The Holmes' are excited to introduce their guest to the charisma and history of Orangeburg, the "Garden City". Featuring picturesque natural habitat, breathtaking gardens, museums, theater, art, antiques, golfing and relaxing spas. Experience the outdoors and enjoy the lakes, fishing, hiking, biking, walking trails, horseback riding, canoeing and bird watching. Venture out and take one of the Thee Matriarch's Day Trips and Tours and explore South Carolina beaches, dinner cruises, state parks, festivals and African American Historic Heritage guided tours.

ABOUT THE INNKEEPERS

Ambassadors for their community, the couples' love for people and SC fuels their enthusiasm to serve their guest with excellent customer service, attention to detail, and personal attention. Innkeepers Fashion and Interior Designer, Rachelle Jamerson-Holmes an Orangeburg native and Chef Fred Holmes, a Charleston native are also owners of Rachelle's Island and honored to embark upon the 25th Anniversary this year and Island Cruises & Tours travel agency located in downtown Orangeburg, SC. Rachelle was honored for her business savvy in 1995 by Main Street South Carolina. Rachelle's Island Boutique was recognized for the Master Merchant Award for downtown revitalization for the City of Orangeburg. In 1999, the U.S. Department of Commerce named Rachelle the National Minority Female Entrepreneur of the Year as recorded in the Congressional Record by Congressman James E. Clyburn. Also in the same year she received the Trailblazer Award from BB&T Bank. In 2012, Rachelle received the Chairman's Award for outstanding support and service from the Orangeburg County Chamber of Commerce. In addition, she and husband, Fred were featured in *Ebony Magazine* as one of the Top Weddings in 2005, *Success From Home* magazine in August 2007 as well as *Your Business At Home* magazine in October 2008.

For more information, to reserve your stay or an event at Thee Matriarch, visit www.TheeMatriarch.com, call 803.937.4271 or visit the Boutique Inn at 1170 Fischer St. Orangeburg, SC 29115. Follow the boutique inn on Google Plus, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Pinterest.