

From the Desk of the Concierge | Wednesday September 2nd–Tuesday September 8th

Meet Taylor Cummings. No, you are not experiencing Déjà vu. Taylor serves as an Event Coordinator in our Banquets Department and as a Front Desk Agent. Taylor comes to us through the great state of New Jersey. Later, she made her way south to The College of Charleston. Having earned a double major in Hospitality and Tourism, and Business Administration, along with a minor in Italian, this bright young lady, sported that cap and gown in 3 and half years. Besides tutoring her colleagues in Italian, she is always happy to extend her knowledge of the city to all our many guests.

Stop by our [Historic Charleston Market](#) Stone ground grits! Sweetgrass Baskets! Coconut Cake! Callie's Hot Little Biscuits! Jonathan Greene! South on King Street, east on Market and you are bound to bump right into the famous straw market. Local artists, craftsmen, basket weavers, potters! Remember to grab that mask.

Calling all SWEET TOOTHs! Wherever you turn there is a historic Church, true, but did you know on each street you will find the true temptations of a Holy City. Along Society is the famous Christopher Artisan Chocolatier (Almond croissants to die for – though please take a dark chocolate alligator for your cutie at home) , Jenni's Ice Cream on King (Beach Blossom Chiffon of course! Or Skillet Cinnamon Roll comes in close second!) Order our famous dessert drink at The Swamp Fox (Spicy Chocolate Martini) Kaminky's in the Market promises an escape from the sun. (a chocolate milk shake strong enough to tilt the Richter Scale)

Later, the RUTH AND BILL BAKER ART SALE, located on the first floor gallery of The Gibbes Museum of art will have the Baker exhibition and sale for all guest. Enjoy a treat from the café. Later tour the museum!

WHEN JAZZ WAS KING . . .Welcome back to The Historic Francis Marion Hotel! Bask in 95 years of history. Enjoy a Swamp Fox cocktail in our upper lobby while admiring the original chandeliers and plaster work. In 1996, the hotel was presented with the prestigious National Trust for Historic Preservation recognition for the award winning restoration.

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Historic Charleston Market



Christopher Artisan
Chocolatier



Gibbes Art Museum



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Charleston Gardens

Window boxes, trailing vines, jasmine, and crepe myrtle . . .Charleston beckons one over cobblestone streets, beneath wise old live oaks, and between historic home & churchyards. Visit Ms. Whaley’s garden on Church Street, Colonial Lake on Rutledge and The Gaillard Auditorium on Calhoun Street. (The Noisette garden introduces our famous South Carolina rose.)

Patriots Point the Yorktown Aircraft Carrier

Filming of the latest Hallmark Christmas special begins soon. Is it to be released during the unfurling of their 2020 season. Being no stranger to movies, one may recognize the aircraft carrier in “The Fighting Lady”, (1944) “Tora! Tora! Tora!”(1970) “Get Smart!”(1968) “Homeland”. (2012)“And Ghost Hunters” (2018)..



Gullah Tours

Please reserve this tour in advance. Time is of the essence and seats are limited. Mr. Alphonso Brown is a member of the prestigious Palmetto Guild, certified tour agents of Charleston County. Mr. Brown focuses on his heritage, the Gullah Tours. Growing up in a rural area adjacent to the county, Mr. Brown knows the rich diversity of the cultures within the Lowcountry. His knowledge is in depth and well researched.

Under the Almond Trees, Little Almond Blossoms

Looking for that very special something for that perfect little one? These Sister stores appeal to the generations. Baby gear, a baby, toddler boutiques, and toys peak the imagination. There is no doubt! You will not leave this shop empty handed. Located on 171 & 173 King Street.!



Edisto Island

A field trip for the photo albums!!! Botany Bay Heritage Preserve and Management is located 45 miles south of Charleston. Once a rice plantation, the site was destroyed by the Civil War. Opened by the state in 2008, this preserve contains close to 4600 acres of beach, tidal creeks, maritime forest for all to explore. Please no dogs, alcohol, or metal detectors. No items may be removed from property.

