

USCB Lunch With Author Series

The Lunch With Author series is sponsored by the University of South Carolina Beaufort Continuing Education. Reservations are necessary, call 843-521-4147 or kingsley@gwm.sc.edu. All lunches are \$40 except the Dottie Frank luncheon and the special event luncheon with Susan Vreeland which are \$50. Lunches start at noon. Schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, November 14, 2007 **Colleton River Plantation Clubhouse, Bluffton**



Steve Berry returns! Residing in the top **10** of the NY Times best sellers list with each new book has become a common occurrence for this author of international suspense thrillers. His latest book, *The Alexandria Link*, revolves around the search for the legendary library of Alexandria with its 543,000 scrolls that was lost or destroyed by Christians, Muslims or war. Legends persist that if the link is found, secrets will unfold that would change the destiny of the Middle East. Surprises abound in Steve's books and we may have a little one for him.

Thursday, November 29, 2007 **Sea Pines Resort Conference Center, Hilton Head Island**



Dorothea Benton Frank comes back to debut her new Christmas novella, *The Christmas Pearl*. Who better than our queen of the Lowcountry to remember Christmas-Past and the special southern charm and love that went into baking oodles of homemade cookies and setting out lavish holiday dinners. Gullah magic abounds when the family matriarch brings her children home for an old fashioned Christmas. This book is the perfect gift from the heart for everyone on your Christmas list and everyone at lunch receives one.

Wednesday, December 12, 2007 **Granny's Day, Children's Authors, Dataw Island Clubhouse**



A panel of three authors and one illustrator:

Mary Alice Monroe has written her first children's book, *Turtle Summer: A Journal for My Daughter* which is graced with the fabulous photography of **Barbara J. Bergwerf**, nature photographer extraordinaire. **Melinda Long** loves pirates and her two books *How I Became a Pirate* and *Pirates Don't Change Diapers* attest to this childhood passion by becoming NY Times best sellers. **Margie W. Clary's** most recent book *A Gullah Alphabet* features the artwork of Dennis Brown. Her books highlight stories of the south is in *The Beacons of South Carolina*, *Make It Three*, *The Story of the CSS H. L. Hunley*, *Civil War Submarine*.

Thursday, January 31, 2008



Dockside Restaurant, Town of Port Royal - BONUS

Mark R. Jones, author of *Wicked Charleston*, *The Dark Side of the Holy City* and *Wicked Charleston, Vol. 2, Prostitutes, Politics and Prohibition*, promises a spicy luncheon, and I don't mean the seafood. Mark is a tour guide and historian whose ancestors arrived in the Lowcountry as early as 1695. His family tree includes Daniel Boone, Light Horse Harry Lee (father of Robert E.) and get this, Abraham Lincoln! From his website, "Being kin to Abraham Lincoln has not always been something to brag about in Charleston, since President Lincoln was the most hated man in the deep South until late into the 20th century."

Thursday, February 28, 2008



Country Club of Hilton Head, Hilton Head Plantation

Matt and Ted Lee took the top two awards at the 2007 James Beard Foundation Awards which is the food world's "Oscars" with their first cookbook, *The Lee Bros. Southern Cookbook: Stories and Recipes for Southerners and Would-Be Southerners*. This follows a season of accolades in 2006 with the Julia Child Award for First Book and Best American Cookbook Award from the International Ass'n. Of Culinary Professionals; Publishers Weekly included it in their Top 100 Books of 2006; The Food Network named it to their 25 All-Time Favorite Cookbooks; and *Gourmet* called it one of ten books published this year "destined to become classics."

Wednesday, March 19, 2008



Sea Pines Country Club, Hilton Head Island

Katherine Valentine is creator of the very popular Dorsetville Series which are folksy mysteries centered in New England but now Kate is a Southerner and her latest book takes place in Corbin's Creek in the red clay countryside of northeast Georgia. The next series will be centered in Beaufort and follow the trend of her former *Haunted Rectory* with demon chasing, exorcists and mystery. Kate's books always have a mystery but they fit very nicely in the inspirational section of a book store as well. You'll like her and her books as we extend our Lowcountry hospitality.

Thursday, April, 17, 2008



Moss Creek Plantation Clubhouse, Hilton Head

Identical Strangers: A Memoir of Twins Separated and Reunited is the debut book by **Paula Bernstein** and **Elyse Schein** and this unbelievable story will be told by the two authors who have just discovered each other and learned they were twin sisters. ABC 20/20, Good Morning America and CBS Sunday Morning have all invited them for guest appearances.

To complete this non-fiction day is biographer **Mary E. Miller**, whose book *Baroness of Hobcaw, The Life of Belle W. Baruch*, portrays the riveting life of an heiress, equestrienne, spy-hunter, patron of ecology and daughter of Bernard Baruch, the "Wolf of Wall Street". She preserved Hobcaw Barony, a vast South Carolina coastal property, and in her will left it in public trust for the purposes of research and conservation.

USCB SPECIAL EVENT LUNCHEON FOR ARTISTS AND READERS ALIKE:

Monday, March 10, 2008

Colleton River Plantation Clubhouse, Bluffton



Susan Vreeland, internationally renowned best-selling author and three-time winner of the Theodor Geisel Award for Fiction (the San Diego Book Award's highest honor), is known for historical fiction on art-related themes. She is the author of *Girl in Hyacinth Blue*, *The Passion of Artemisia*, *The Forest Lover*, and a collection of stories, *Life Studies*. Vreeland's works have been translated into twenty-five languages.

Vreeland focuses on one of the most well-known and accomplished Impressionist painters, Auguste Renoir, in her latest novel, *Luncheon of the Boating Party*. Instantly recognizable as one of the world's most beloved paintings, Renoir's *Luncheon of the Boating Party* portrays fourteen vibrant and fascinating individuals enjoying a summer Sunday along the Seine River.

In *Luncheon of the Boating Party*, Vreeland brings to vivid life the subjects in Renoir's painting. The fourteen animated characters include: a wealthy painter and collector of Impressionist paintings; a former lover of Renoir; a mime at the Folies Bergère; an avant-garde poet; a model for Degas as well as Renoir; a celebrated actress; a keen boating competitor; a former cavalry officer and war hero. All these people were Renoir's friends as well as models, their lives here deeply researched and compassionately rendered to enrich our enjoyment of the painting.