



2020 Annual Meeting of Members
Thursday, April 16 – April 17, 2020 | Charleston, South Carolina

About Charleston:

What makes Charleston so special is its combination of subtropical weather, hint of Caribbean influence, seaside location, and preservation of its history. The city started as “Charles Town”—in honor of King Charles II of England. It was formally adopted as “Charleston” in 1783 when the city was incorporated. Like many port cities prosperity was great but didn’t come without challenges. Its southern location made it a primary port of entry for the slave trade as well it was a primary location of attack during the Revolutionary War. The problems of slavery came to a head in Charleston when Confederate artillery fired the first shots at the Union garrison at Fort Sumter resulting in the start of the Civil War. The 20th century saw organizations buying up historic houses and turning them into museums and preserving the past. And now in the 21st century Charleston’s focus has been bringing back the early southern and low country foods and pursuing lost flavors that went missing as the American diet opted for food with a longer shelf life.