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## **State Museum to Host Holiday Table Trimmings Event**

*'Charleston Silver Lady' will show guests how to create the perfect holiday party*

**COLUMBIA, S.C., November 1, 2016** – The South Carolina State Museum will give guests a one of a kind experience with nationally recognized silver expert Dawn Corley, known as the “Charleston Silver Lady,” Tuesday Nov. 15 from 7 until 9 p.m. Guests will get an intimate look at how to create a classic holiday party or dinner with all the trimmings.

Corley will give talks on how to make any table the talk of the holiday season. Guests will get to see two special table tops designed by Corley herself with pieces dating back to the 18th century. Corley will also give live demonstrations of flower arrangements to form two unique centerpieces as well as create a holiday table set up from scratch. Guests will also learn how to master a holiday setting without having a vast antique collection.

“This the perfect event for you to get all your holiday gathering ideas,” said Celeste Wszola, State Museum programs manager. “Corley’s presentations are always very popular because guests are able to see unique treasures and pieces among her collection and learn the fascinating stories about the people who once owned them.”

A descendent of one of Charleston's colonial silversmiths, Corley has spent a lifetime collecting and gathering silver from South Carolina. Her particular focus is on Charleston and the 18th and 19th centuries. Corley has given presentations to U.S. presidents, the Pentagon, the Family Circle Cup and hundreds of other groups around the nation. She has been featured in such magazines as Southern Living, National Geographic, Veranda and South Carolina Home and Garden. She has also been featured on local and national television, including HGTV's "If Walls Could Talk," on subjects related to her antiques.

Tickets are \$50 for general public and \$40 for members and includes light refreshments. Space is limited for this event. Guests are encouraged to purchase their tickets online at [scmuseum.org](http://scmuseum.org).

***About the South Carolina State Museum:*** *As the state’s largest and most comprehensive museum, the South Carolina State Museum, offers a unique, entertaining and educational experience to visitors throughout its 225,000 square foot facility located in the heart of downtown Columbia’s Congaree Vista. The State Museum is housed in one of its greatest artifacts, an 1894 old textile mill full of character and charm. In addition to beautiful meeting spaces throughout the facility, guests can explore outer space in one of the largest planetariums in the Southeast, watch an interactive 4D movie and look through a vintage telescope in a one-of-a-kind observatory. These exciting opportunities are all in addition to the four floors of South Carolina art, cultural history, natural history and science/technology that guests can experience. For more information about the museum, visit [scmuseum.org](http://scmuseum.org).*

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