

# Insiders Tour of Charleston

October 25 – 27

We are thrilled to offer an opportunity for Founders' Circle members to have an insider's trip to Charleston, South Carolina.

We have **20** spaces and registration will be on a first come first served basis – we anticipate selling out. Please make sure to **SAVE THE DATE**. Registration will be posted on our website in August along with additional details.

## Accommodations & Cost

We know many of our members have homes in the Charleston area. Therefore, we are **NOT** including accommodations as part of the fee for the trip. *You are responsible for booking your own hotel/accommodations.* We have provided suggestions of where to stay along with the prevailing rates below. Should you need assistance booking your room, please contact [whitney.feld@gmail.com](mailto:whitney.feld@gmail.com).

The Planters Inn \$399 - \$499

The Bennett \$529-\$729

Charleston Place \$559

Dewberry \$599

Additionally, we expect members to coordinate their own travel from Charlotte to Charleston. We will provide the list of registrants should folks want to carpool. The approximate budget is broken out below. The trip will cost \$325 per person (Excluding accommodations & dinners)

## Details & Itinerary

### **Friday, October 25**

We ask that all participants arrive in Charleston no later than 1:00 p.m.

#### **1:30 PM – 3:00 PM: American College of Building Arts**

- \$6 million state-of-the-art campus opened in October 2016 to create artisans for the world.
- Fosters exceptional craftsmanship with a focus on preservation. ACBA is the only school in the country that merges a core curriculum in the liberal arts with rigorous training in traditional building arts. Can focus on seven craft specializations including, timber, framing, plaster, masonry, architectural carpentry, forged architectural ironwork, architectural stone carving, and classical architecture and design

#### **3:30 PM – 5:00 PM: Gibbes Museum of Art**

- Meet & Greet with Angela Mack, Executive Director of the Gibbes

- Curator tour of the Gibbes with a focus on their collection of Sweet Grass Baskets. Discussion on how Charleston’s heritage continues to impact contemporary art (specifically Craft & Design)
- Specifically, focus on master sweet grass basket weaver, [Mary Jackson](#)
  - Separate opportunity to meet Mary Jackson in 2020
- *\*May get to meet Charles Williams and/or Fletcher Williams III*

**5:30 PM:** City Gallery

- Opening reception “We the People” by Mary Whyte
  - *Not specifically focused on Craft & Design but the opening of the year (according to all the local galleries in Charleston)*

**8:00 PM:** Dinner at Circa 1886

- Can order off the entire menu. Each guest responsible for making their own selections and paying for their own dinner.

**Saturday, October 26**

**8:30 AM:** Callie’s Hot Little Biscuit

- Breakfast to go at Callie’s on Meeting Street

**9:00 AM – 11:00 PM:** Gullah Tour with Alphonso Brown

- Customized tour for the Mint Museum to include indigo dying, sweet grass, and wrought iron. Specific focus on the work of Philip Simmons.

**11:30 AM:** Lunch at Baker & Brewer

**2:00 PM – 5:30 PM:** Transportation to Artists’ Studios (Order of Studio Visits May Vary)

- **Studio 1:** [Mary Edna Fraser](#): Batik
- **Studio 2:** [Kaminer Haislip](#): Silversmith
- **Studio 3:** **Barbara Manigo**: Master sweetgrass basket weaver

**BREAK**

**7:00 PM:** Cocktail reception at Private Home South of Broad/Downtown Gallery (TBD)

**DINNER ON YOUR OWN**

*Happy to provide a list of recommended restaurants or help with booking.*

## **Sunday, October 27**

**10:30 AM – 12:30 : Signature Tour of Drayton Hall (Boxed Lunch included)**

- Tour of the Steven and Laura Gates Exhibit
- Discussion of internationally significant furniture, artwork, manuscripts, and archaeological finds
- 1hr guided house tour