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Holiday Tea to be  
Served at State Museum

Columbia, S.C. – Holiday revelers are cordially invited to a festive holiday tea by nationally renowned silver expert Dawn E. Corley, better known as “The Charleston Silver Lady,” Sunday, Dec. 18 at 2 p.m. at the South Carolina State Museum.

Corley will present a holiday program about the elegant ritual of afternoon tea in America, illustrated by gorgeous displays of antique china and porcelain, silver and seasonal decorations from her extensive personal collection. The talk will be followed by a merry array of tea party fare: an assortment of savory tea sandwiches and delicate pastries, tea cakes and desserts. Also on hand, of course, is a selection of hot and cold teas provided by the Cornwallis House Tea Company of Winnsboro.

Cost for the holiday tea and program is \$40 general public, \$35 State Museum members.

“We are so excited to offer this holiday tea with the Charleston Silver Lady,” said State Museum Programs Manager Celeste Wszola. “This is a custom long past due for a revival! Our guests will experience a delicious oasis of calm and elegance in the midst of all the hurly burly that surrounds the holidays in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

“Dawn is a great source of inspiration and authenticity. And she’s no stranger to the hundreds of guests who have attended the Museum Road Show at the State Museum over the last decade,” said Wszola. “She is much sought after as an appraiser of fine

silver and antique jewelry and has presented programs to U.S. presidents and the Joint Chiefs of Staff, as well as hundreds of private organizations and groups.”

For information and to register for the program, call 803-898-4952, e-mail [publicprograms@scmuseum.org](mailto:publicprograms@scmuseum.org), or visit the Museum’s Web site at [southcarolinastatemuseum.org](http://southcarolinastatemuseum.org).

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#### CUTLINE FOR SILVER PROGRAM

For an enchanting Holiday Tea, gorgeous displays of antique china and porcelain, silver and seasonal decorations, and an assortment of savory tea sandwiches and delicate pastries, tea cakes and desserts will join a selection of hot and cold teas and a lecture by the internationally known “Charleston Silver Lady,” Dawn Corley, at the South Carolina State Museum Dec. 18 at 2 p.m. Visit [southcarolinastatemuseum.org](http://southcarolinastatemuseum.org) or call (803) 898-4952 for ticket prices and details.

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