



MEMBER milestones

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ATLANTA

Mary S. Moore, founder and owner of The Cook's Warehouse, received the prestigious 2013 ICON Award for Individual Career Accomplishment. The ICON Awards are a program founded and staged by AmericasMart Atlanta and are sponsored exclusively by the Gift & Home Trade Association (GHATA) and Sandow Media.

Carolyn O'Neil is the author of the new book *Slim Down South* (with the editors of *Southern Living Magazine*) to be published December 2013 by Oxmoor House. *Slim Down South* features 150 fresh and delicious recipes for Southern foods and is *Southern Living's* first healthy Southern cookbook.

Kathleen Perry is very pleased to introduce Chef's Duster by *the everyday gourmet*, the first of its kind tool inventions manufactured and distributed in partnership with R.S.V.P. Int'l (Seattle), and is available at Idei.org Dame-to-Dame and gourmet specialty shops.

AUSTIN

Iliana de la Vega, the co-owner of El Naranjo restaurant, debuted a new weekly Spanish radio show, *Español* on Radio Mujer Austin. The show features traditions with a focus on health problem prevention, particularly as they relate to children.

Valerie Broussard, Forager at the W Austonian, received the Brandel Fellowship from the Women Chefs of Austin, interning in the kitchen at Chez Panisse, and Panisse supplier Bob Cannard's Sonoma. **Dame Mary Margaret Pack** for a visit to the restaurant and The French Laundry garden.

Tracy Claros, founder of The Sticky Toffee Pudding Company, picked up her 4th *softi*™ award (Specialty Outstanding Food Innovation) in 7 years at the Summer Fancy Food show. The award went to the company's "Chocolate Tiffin" dessert bar. This year's finalists were selected from a record number of 2,573 entries. Tracy also participated in a Local Producer Loan Program Summit sponsored by Whole Foods Market Chicago.

BOSTON

Mary Ann Esposito, host of PBS show *Ciao Italia*, completed her 25th year of production. This year she will receive the Premio Artusi Award and the Order of the Star of Italy for her work in the field of regional Italian food. The St. Martins Press published her recent book, *Ciao Italia Classics*.

Lee Napoli, Boston's chapter president and pastry maven, opened her first bakery-café, Bread + Butter on the Rose Kennedy Greenway in historic North End. A

constant trail of customers are rejoicing in her flaky croissants, warm buttery scones, soft and gooey pecan rolls and a show stopper called "Queen's Pastry." Savory sandwiches on fresh baked bread, unique entrées and her Chocolee Chocolates are also featured.

CHARLESTON

Grande Dame **Nathalie Dupree**, a James Beard Award-winning author, has been honored by the internationally renowned l'Académie Culinaire de France (ACF) as recipient of its prestigious 2013 Dame de L'Année Award. As ACF Woman of the Year, Dupree joins the ranks of culinary luminaries beginning with 1998 honoree Julia Child.



Nathalie Dupree

CHICAGO

Carrie Nahabedian, a James Beard award-winning chef, and partner-cousin Michael Nahabedian announce the opening of their new restaurant Brindille located in Chicago River North. Carrie created the "refined Parisian" menu to reflect her love of France.



Carrie Nahabedian

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DALLAS

Dotty Griffith was named a Living Legend of



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Georgina Kostas

and Lycee Notre Dame Du Roc. She will be working in France at Auberge de la Diligence (<http://www.diligence.fr>), a restaurant that has been awarded one Michelin Star and features organic sustainable produce grown on site.

Gracie Cavnar's children's book *Eat It! Food Adventures with Marco Polo* has received numerous awards including recognition from the Purple Dragonfly Book Awards, International Book Awards, National Indie Excellence Awards, San Francisco Book Festival, IBPA Benjamin Franklin Awards, Next Generation Indie Book Awards, Mom's Choice Awards, New York Book Festival and New England Book Festival.

LOS ANGELES

Anne Willan celebrates the release of her memoir, *One Souffle at a Time: A Memoir of Food and France*, which includes recipes (St. Martin's Press, September 2013). She will be sharing unpublished stories and additional recipes throughout the fall with co-author Amy Friedman. For more information, please visit: <http://lavarenne.com/events/>.



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