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Friday, December 2, 11 am - 2 pm
COOKBOOK SIGNING EVENT
GOAT HILL MUSEUM STORE, inside the State Capitol



Three Montgomery residents signing their cookbooks at the Capitol

Three Montgomery residents are visiting the Goat Hill Museum Store on Friday, December 2 from 11 am – 2 pm to sign their cookbooks. With the Year of Alabama Food coming in 2012, it's a good way to spotlight the talented cooks in Montgomery and what great gifts their cookbooks are for the holidays.

Martha Hawkins will be signing her memoir and cookbook, *Finding Martha's Place: My Journey Through Sin, Salvation, and Lots of Soul Food*. Hawkins is best known for her restaurant Martha's Place, formerly located on Sayre Street. Southern Foodways Alliance recently featured Hawkins' story on its website. Next month she is reopening Martha's Place in the Somerset shopping center on the Atlanta Highway. More about Hawkins and her book can be found online at: galatea.meccahosting.com/~a000677f.

Mark Leslie, author of *Beyond the Past: Recipes, Language and Life with an Italian Family*, will sign his book and talk about his inspiration for writing the cookbook. Leslie spent several years in Italy and enrolled in a cooking and language school. After a few summers living with an Italian family and learning about Italian cooking, Mark was moved to write about these experiences. The book has received wide acclaim, most recently on NBC's The Today Show with Hoda and Kathy Lee. For more information on Leslie and his book, visit www.beyondthepasta.com.

Lastly, Cecil McMillan will be there promoting the 10th and final printing of the *Blue Moon Revisited*, an essential cookbook for Montgomery residents. The last owner of the famous Blue Moon Inn restaurant in Montgomery, McMillan first published the cookbook in 1979, a year after the restaurant closed. While his book has been around for some time, it is still seen as an outstanding collection of southern recipes.

The Goat Hill Museum Store is located inside the historic Alabama State Capitol's Union Street entrance. Contact the museum store at 334.353.4969 for more information.

The museum store is managed by the Alabama Historical Commission. Store profits go towards continued efforts to preserve Alabama's historic places.

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