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Charleston Magazine Highlights Horticultural Pursuits in the April 2009 Garden Issue

April 1, 2009 - **Charleston, South Carolina** - *Charleston* magazine is pleased to announce its April 2009 issue, filled with inspiration for garden-enthusiasts and novices alike. "Whether you suffer from garden envy or are a regular planning pro, this issue has something for the amateur horticulturist in all of us," says editor-in-chief Darcy Shankland. "So dig in!" Readers will enjoy an inside look at a Sullivan's Island home that boasts seamless indoor/outdoor living spaces, learn about plants indigenous to the Lowcountry through a collection of antique prints, and discover a local nonprofit transforming gardening into giving.

"Living on Island Time" spotlights a family residence on Sullivan's Island that rivals even the lushest Caribbean compound. The Browns wanted to create an environment that "brings the outdoors in and the indoors out," and senior editor Melissa Bigner tours the home to reveal the secrets behind the serene spot.

Combining both education and aesthetic beauty, "Charleston's Botanical Treasures," features priceless illustrations of local flora as well as the scientific—and artistic—information behind the prints. From the most favorable living conditions for the plants to detailed biographies on each artist, the collection unearths the stories behind the fruits and flowers that locals see daily.

And to ensure readers don't grow green-thumb envy, "The Fruits of Their Labor" brings the focus back to giving by spotlighting a local charity. The volunteers of Fields to Families pick produce from area farms that have a surplus of vegetables to make certain soup kitchens and shelters can dish out fresh and nutritious food.

Also be sure to visit *Charleston* magazine's newly designed website at www.charlestonmag.com to find updated and expanded content, including a restaurant guide, recipe database, event calendar, and editor-in-chief Darcy Shankland's not-to-be-missed weekly blog of Editor's Picks.

Charleston magazine reflects the city, her people, culture, traditions, architecture, and natural beauty. Our continued goal is to cover the evolution of this diverse community – its local icons, pressing issues, style, food, entertainment, and more – while preserving its historic traditions. For more information or to subscribe, call (843) 971-9811 or log on to www.charlestonmag.com. Charleston magazine is available at area newsstands for a cover price of \$4.95.

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