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Charleston Magazine Highlights the City's Defining Moments in the February History Issue

January 30, 2009 – **Charleston, South Carolina** – With *Charleston* magazine's February History issue, editors challenged local historians and contributors to sift through more than three centuries of the city's dramatic past. From times of war and natural disasters to breakthroughs in agriculture and civil rights to a cultural renaissance and the nation's first preservation movement, this month's issue pays tribute to a selection of historical events that have helped create the Charleston we know today.

While celebrated writers Mike Coker, Harlan Greene, Stephen Hoffius, and Suzannah Smith Miles remind us of what Charleston has endured in the feature "Charleston 101: Defining Moments That Shaped Our City," this month's Point/Counterpoint and Charleston Green columns focus on some of the challenging issues we face in the future.

In "Bridge to Freedom," learn of the amazing feats of Underground Railroad "conductor" Harriet Tubman as she led slaves to freedom just south of Charleston along the banks of the Combahee River. A bridge now bears her name and commemorates her involvement with the raid, where she was instrumental in the liberation of more than 700 slaves.

In this month's On the Road, take a trip with contributing editor Sandy Lang to Murrells Inlet for a glimpse at the charms, culture, and delicious dining that awaits just up the coast in this seafood paradise. Read about Ken Vendrinski's newest endeavor, Trattoria Lucca, and why writer Patricia Agnew recommends visiting this Italian gem tucked into a downtown neighborhood. Lastly, discover the history of one of the Lowcountry's most lauded delicacies as nationally recognized author Damon Lee Fowler tells the storied past of the oyster.

Also, make 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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