

PINEHURST, N.C. — Featuring acclaimed chefs from all corners of North Carolina, Pinehurst Resort announces the return of its popular Chef & Maker culinary series celebrating the South's best chefs and producers.

The 2018 Chef & Maker Series will highlight three award-winning North Carolina chefs showcasing their unique talents alongside a variety of artisan makers. The first weekend, May 4-6, features acclaimed Charlotte chef Paul Verica (The Stanley), then July 13-15, Wilmington chef Dean Neff (PinPoint Restaurant), and finally James Beard Award-winning chef Bill Smith (Crook's Corner) Sept. 14-16, who will also be doing a book-signing of "Crabs and Oysters : A Savor The South Cookbook."

Each weekend includes interactive discussions and demonstrations by award-winning makers. May's event will include Nancy Bruns of J.Q. Dickinson Salt- Works, a seventh-generation salt-making family, while in July Pinehurst will welcome Jael and Dan Rattigan of French Broad Chocolates. September brings Shannon Healey of Alley Twenty Six Tonic Syrup.

Packages start at \$399 per person and include two nights' accommodations at one of the resort's charming historic hotels, including The Carolina Hotel and The Holly Inn.

The weekends each kick off with the Pinehurst culinary team hosting dinners inspired by the cuisine of the featured chef. Events will include a farm-to-table celebration, a mountains-to-sea themed event and an oyster roast. The Friday night events will be open to the general public and tickets are available for \$70 per person at Pinehurst.com/events.

"The Chef & Maker series last year was a tremendous success, and we are delighted to host it again in 2018," says Pinehurst's Executive Chef Thierry Debailleul. "Pinehurst has a long and storied tradition serving as a festive and comfortable setting for unique culinary events, and we look forward to collaborating with some of the best chefs in the South."

For more information about the series, including chef bios, complete weekend itineraries and Chef & Maker package details, visit Pinehurst.com/ChefMaker or call 888-832-5890.

About Pinehurst:

Located in the sandhills of North Carolina, Pinehurst Resort & Country Club, established in 1895, is a 2,000-acre property featuring an award-winning spa, nine golf courses, tennis, and activities for the family. Widely known as the cradle of American golf, Pinehurst has hosted more single golf championships than any other site in America, including the U.S. Open, U.S. Women's Open, PGA Championship, the Ryder Cup, PGA TOUR Championship and many others. In 2024, it will again serve as the site for the U.S. Open. Please visit pinehurst.com or call 855-235-8507 for a complete list of events and activities.

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