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Corley Mill House and Garden

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- Sheila Hall, co-owner



Scott Hall

Corley Mill House and Garden branches out with Scott Hall Catering and Bone-In Barbeque at BullStreet

Known for its visual charm and exceptional catering, the historic, white-columned Corley Mill House and Garden in Lexington is home to one of the most innovative family businesses in the Midlands, helmed by executive chef Scott Hall, his sister Stephanie, and his parents, Sheila and Steve Hall.

The venue’s point of distinction is the unique, scratch-made catering style of chef Scott Hall, whose catering clientele includes the Columbia Museum of Art gala, Palmetto Health, BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina, and ABC Columbia anchor Alicia Barnes. Hall has appeared on the Cooking Channel, Bravo, the Travel Channel, Food Network Europe, Food Network Canada, and in GQ.

Chef Scott Hall is also the owner of the newly announced, brick and mortar Bone-In Barbeque restaurant, set to open in fall 2017 adjacent to Spirit Communications Park in the BullStreet neighborhood.

The restaurant will be the premier Southern

eclectic barbeque destination in Columbia, S.C. It is an evolution of Hall’s Bone-In Artisan BBQ on Wheels food truck, which serves selected events at Corley Mill House, smokes its brisket and pork for 14 hours and bakes focaccia buns fresh daily. The food truck was chosen one of the top 20 in the U.S. by Smithsonian magazine.

“Brides and event planners love Scott,” Sheila

Hall says. “Because he studied theater and cooked in New York City for years, he brings a special skill level and creativity to our catering, whether it’s a casual event or a very formal affair.”

The 1908 house has oak floors, elaborate fireplaces, a ballroom, two outdoor decks, a lovely, well-maintained garden and a working farm, making it seem like an escape to the country, though it is just 10 minutes from Columbia or Lexington.

A true family operation, the 7,000-square-foot Corley Mill House and Garden hosts weddings, rehearsal dinners, bridal brunches, anniversary gatherings, birthday parties and business meetings.

The business got its start in 1997 when Sheila and Steve, who ran a florist business at the time, were delivering flowers to the church across the road. They saw a for sale sign in front of the old house, which had good bones but was in a state of disrepair.

“My husband could do that work,” owner Sheila Hall says. “I called the real estate agent that night.” And the rest is history.



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