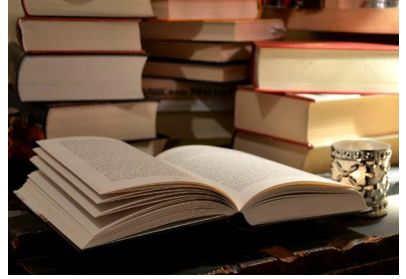
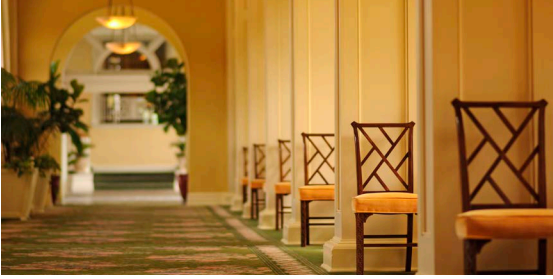




Writers' weekend

OMNI  HOTELS & RESORTS

writers' weekend



As a Virginia landmark with such a close relationship with our state's history and traditions, we are proud to host our inaugural Writers' Weekend. We've invited multiple Virginia authors to share their expertise and experience.

Join us for this weekend of lectures, live demos, book signings and fine dining at America's first resort.

highland maple festival

Minutes from the front steps of The Omni Homestead lies our neighboring county of Highland, best known as Virginia's "Little Switzerland." Highland County represents one of the last unspoiled rural communities in the Alleghenies. When spring temperatures arrive in mid-March, residents celebrate the "opening of the trees" at the Highland County Maple Festival, dedicated to the maple syrup farming process. For two weekends local farmers open their homes to visitors as "sugar camps" where they reveal the processes of tree tapping, sap collection and syrup making.

For more information on visiting the Highland Maple Festival visit our **Concierge** for a brochure or visit www.highlandcounty.org



weekend schedule

Saturday, March 21

10am Writer's Session - Mollie Cox Bryan
Commonwealth Room

11am Writer's Session - Lynn Seldon
Commonwealth Room

12pm Writer's Session - Kendra Bailey Morris
Dominion Room

1pm – 5pm Book signing & sale with:

Beau Beasley | Mollie Cox Bryan | Kendra Bailey Morris
Lynn Seldon | C. Brian Kelley

Millie Snyder | Shields Jarrett | Bob Brown

Commonwealth Room

Sunday, March 22

10am Writer's Session - Beau Beasley
The Homestead Angler, Cottage Row

about the authors



Lynn Seldon got his start as a writer while stationed in Germany as a young Army officer looking for some excitement and a creative outlet. During his weekend jaunts throughout Europe, he decided to start writing about his travel experiences. In addition to his first novel, *Virginia's Ring*, Lynn has written several travel books as well as for outlets such as *Southern Living*, *TrailBlazer*, *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, *Charleston Post & Courier* and many more.

Writer's Session: How *Virginia's Ring* Rang Up Sales

Lynn Seldon's endorsement from Pat Conroy, creative crowdfunding, and self-publishing with CreateSpace proved to be a great combination for his first novel.





Mollie Cox Bryan writes the Cumberland Creek Scrapbooking Mysteries. *Scrapbook of Secrets*, the first in the series, was nominated for an Agatha Award for Best First Novel of 2012 and was selected by B & N as a mystery to watch. The rest of the books in the series are: *Scrapped*, *Death of an Irish Diva*, *Scrappy Summer* and *Crafty Christmas*. She is also the author of *Mrs. Rowe's Restaurant Cookbook*.

Adding Murder to Your Resume

Interested in mystery writing? Find out the essential elements to craft a mystery.



Kendra Bailey Morris is a Richmond based cookbook author, food writer, culinary instructor, and cooking show host. She has been featured in *Parade magazine*, *Parents magazine*, *Better Homes and Gardens*, *CNN*, *Garden and Gun magazine*, *Taste of the South magazine*, and the *Richmond Times Dispatch*. She has served as a judge for the James Beard Awards, and is a regular instructor at the Southern Season Cooking School.

Culinary Demonstration

Learn valuable tips, tricks and recipe ideas for soul warming crockpot cooking, from slow cooker appetizers, creative chili's, stews and roasts to homemade desserts.



Beau Beasley's first book, *Fly Fishing Virginia: A No Nonsense Guide to Top Waters*, won the prestigious Excellence-in-Craft Award in 2009. His second book, *Fly Fishing the Mid-Atlantic*, covers 45 fresh and salt waters across seven states. Beau is the Mid-Atlantic states field editor for *Eastern Fly Fishing*, a contributing editor for *Fly Fish America*, and an editor-at-large for *Southern Trout*.

Writer's Session: Effective Fly Patterns for the Old Dominion

Join us at The Homestead Angler on Cottage Row and learn the most effective fly patterns and lures for native Virginia species.



maple bourbon dinner

Inspired by the Maple Festival, our culinary team has created an intimate dining event with maple-inspired dishes paired with bourbon cocktails featuring Woodford Reserve. Join us for an evening of unique tastes and intriguing insights.

Reception begins at **6:30pm** in the **Dominion Room**
Reservations Required at Ext 57741

1st course

Maple Sugar Dusted Diver Scallop

Apple Bacon Risotto | Vanilla Scented Riesling Cream

2nd course

Pan Seared Foie Gras

Crème Brûlée French Toast | Pear Compote
Maple Bourbon Glacé

3rd course

Cherry Braised Duck Leg

Crispy Maple Brussels Sprouts

4th course

New York Strip Steak au Poivre

Potato & Fennel Gratin | Maple Roasted Root Vegetables
Bourbon Peppercorn Sauce

dessert

Banana Pudding

Pecan Praline | Caramelized Bananas | Chocolate Pudding
Maple Bourbon Ice Cream

