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Woodlands Mansion transitions from late afternoon to early evening

A LOWCOUNTRY ICON REBORN

Imagine a mansion worthy of Gatsby, with the style and grace of Downton Abbey and Southern charm reminiscent of Gone with the Wind's Tara. Now imagine your corporate retreat, daughter's wedding or family reunion being the exclusive event for an entire weekend in this picturesque setting. No imagination required. One of the Charleston area's premier properties, Woodlands Mansion, has reopened with new ownership and a new business model.

The Mobil Five-Star, AAA Five Diamond Award winning Woodlands Resort & Inn closed last September when the property was sold to local businessman Tom Limehouse. The impeccably restored 18 bedroom 1906 Greek revival mansion sits on eleven parkland acres of azaleas and camellias beneath towering pines, moss draped

oaks, dogwoods and magnolias only 30 minutes from downtown Charleston.

While many wondered what would become of the historic property, Limehouse recently chose to reopen with an emphasis on corporate events and weddings. "With Charleston's growing economy and thriving destination wedding industry, the demand for luxury event venues is increasing. The ability to reserve the entire estate for an evening, a weekend or longer should make Woodlands Mansion very attractive to both destination brides and corporate planners. This rebirth will allow Woodlands to continue its long and storied history of intimate gatherings and grand celebrations," Limehouse said.

Accommodations are again available for overnight guests provided the estate has not been

reserved for a private event. The entire mansion is still furnished as it was when a resort including the eighteen individually decorated bedrooms. Now, however, it combines those luxuries with the tranquility of a bed and breakfast creating what can only be described as a casually refined elegance.

The mansion itself is an ideal event space because of the wide variety of venue options such as the grand dining room, private dining room, private board room, enclosed courtyard and large drawing rooms. Though Limehouse has no plans to reopen the restaurant, catering is available from a select list of Charleston's finest. Additionally, a separate Pavilion building with two adjoining covered porches, adjacent large brick patio and pond view can accommodate functions of 200 guests.

The possibilities are truly endless.