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A Subtle Variation on the Thanksgiving Theme Prefaces Founders Illumination

Virginia Beach, Va. (November 5, 2009) – Tradition and Thanksgiving, a cultural theme and variation, provides a culinary score for how to celebrate with creativity. Traditionally, Swan Terrace at The Founders Inn and Spa has offered turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy with culinary surprises for variety. This year, the traditional holiday meal will hit a high note at Swan Terrace Thursday, November 26, 11 am – 4:00 pm. Reservations are required. The cost for each adult is \$37, for children 5-12 it is \$15; children four and under dine free; ten percent discount for adults 55 and over. A 10% active duty and retired military discount will be offered with proper identification.

Thanksgiving tradition is central at Swan Terrace – with a slight variation on the theme. The bountiful selection of holiday favorites will start out with a choice of delicious salads. A charcuterie display offers a variety of smoked fish, pâté, and sausages with traditional garnishes. Vegetable crudités with buttermilk dressing and lush fruit displays and fruit dips add a dash of texture. Chilled seafood displays promise to satisfy seafood lovers with smoked baby shrimp and scallops, whole Atlantic salmon displays, and traditional garnishes.

Everything from butter-basted turkey made more succulent with giblet gravy and cranberry sauce, to home-style stuffing with cranberries and walnuts to fresh herb crusted steamship round of beef with horseradish and chive cream promise to make the experience feel close to home. Abundant spoonfuls of traditional side dishes - garlic mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, whipped sweet potatoes with marshmallows and rum

and glazed baby carrots – will provide substantive second and third helpings. Herb-crusted Tilapia with roasted tomato balsamic coulis and brown sugar glazed Virginia ham with orange marmalade are additional entrée choices. The chef promises desserts with sweet surprises.

Only days later, on Sunday, November 29, the annual Founders Illumination, free of charge to the community, will warm spirits in preparation for the Christmas countdown. It hosts authentic, antique horse and carriage rides and all types of entertainment beginning at noon. Swan Terrace buffet opens that day from 2:00pm – 8pm serving holiday favorites for the whole family. The cost is \$15.95 for adults, \$8.95 for children, 5 to 12; 4 and under free. In the past, Founders Illumination took place on the Saturday after Thanksgiving; this year it will happen on Sunday. 100,000 lights will twinkle starting at 6:00 pm.

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About The Founders Inn and Spa

Boasting old-world charm and the finest southern hospitality, The Founders Inn and Spa provides the appeal and warmth of a country inn, accented by beautiful antiques and historic artifacts, with a new \$5 million full-service resort spa, grand scale pool featuring a circular slide and interactive fountains, luxurious amenities and award-winning cuisine. The Inn's 240 guestrooms and suites include High Speed Internet access, generous workspace and views of 26 landscaped acres. Select rooms include gas fireplaces, and views of the lake and formal gardens. The Founders Inn and Spa is located at 5641 Indian River Road in Virginia Beach near exit 286B off Interstate 64 East. For reservations and additional information, please call 800-926-4466 or visit www.FoundersInn.com.

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