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The Food and Wine Project
Smithsonian's National Museum of American History

Food History Allows a Deeper, Broader Understanding of American History

The celebration of Julia Child's Centennial on Aug. 15, 2012, kicks off a major initiative by the National Museum of American History to create a center of all things food and wine in America. The museum envisions taking food and food history to the nation through its ongoing collecting efforts and a series of symposia and intellectual exchanges, online offerings and dynamic public programs.

The museum's first major exhibition on food, "FOOD: Transforming the American Table 1950 – 2000," opening Nov. 20, will serve as the foundation for this initiative. An advisory group will counsel the museum on ongoing collecting, research, programming and fundraising efforts. In 2015, following renovations, the museum's first floor will house a state-of-the-art demonstration kitchen.

2012 Food Programming

- Happy 100 Julia birthday celebration, Aug. 15
- "FOOD" fundraising dinner at RIS restaurant, Aug. 15 *(private event)*
- Talk and tour for Epicurious.com's "Healthy Lunchtime Challenge" school children winners and families, Aug. 19 *(private event)*
- Tour for Association of Food Journalists annual conference attendees, Sept. 6 *(private event)*
- "Outstanding in the Field" farm to table fundraiser, Oct. 1 *(private event)*
- Public program with America's Test Kitchen, Oct. 24
- "FOOD: Transforming the American Table 1950 – 2000," exhibition and companion website open to the public, Nov. 20

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