

About James Farmer



Since *Naples Tables* is all about celebrating style, food and fun, there could be no more appropriate speaker than James Farmer, a highly entertaining raconteur. Born and bred in the South, James is a professional gardener, floral and interior designer; cook; author and lifestyle expert. He is the author of six books, including his most recent, *A Place to Call Home*. In addition, James is editor-at-large for *Southern Living* magazine and a frequent guest on television and radio. The 2018 *Salonniere's* 100 which honors America's 100 best party hosts recently included James, along with such other notables as Oprah Winfrey, Bunny Williams, Cindy Crawford, Heidi Klum and

Reese Witherspoon, on its list. According to *Salonniere*, "Whether they're welcoming guests to support causes, advance ideas, unite people or simply bring joy to others, the *Salonniere* 100 honorees are American's most gifted and influential cultural connectors."

James's natural Southern grace and warm personality light up any room. Whether he's teaching how to plan the perfect summer picnic, using everyday items to create exquisite tabletops, creating drop-dead gorgeous flower arrangements and wreaths, or making his grandmother's skillet peach pie, Farmer masterfully guides his audience through the art of graceful living.

A comment from an Amazon purchaser sums it up: "A lot of people are jealous of James Farmer III. There seems to be nothing he cannot do when it comes to cooking, arranging, decorating, gardening, and being a genial, sho'nuff down home boy with a Southern accent that drips like molasses from the stalk!" She continues, "This is my third book of James Farmer's and it seems each page, each recipe, each flower design, every room that has his distinctive touch makes me want to leap into the photo and take up residence."