



SUMTER MUSEUM

Presents its 15th Annual

Junior Cotillion Program

Fee includes:

4 Etiquette classes

5 Dance classes

Dinner/dance presentation

Copy of the etiquette book:

Fifty Things Every Young Lady Should Know by Kay West- for girls

Fifty Things Every Young Gentleman Should Know by John Bridges- for boys

Photo Link of Dinner Presentation

WHERE: Sumter Museum

Heritage Education Center (White Building)

122 N. Washington Street, Sumter, SC 29150

WHEN: 5 Week Program

Twice a week starting on Sunday, February 23, 2025

and ending with the dinner/dance Sunday, March 30, 2025

WHO: 7th Graders

COST: \$200 for Museum members

\$275 for non-members*

*(Includes a one-year family membership to the museum)

WHAT: your museum membership includes free admission to the museum, plus invitations to all exhibit openings and special events, as well as discounted tickets to the Oyster Roast and Shrimp Feast.

Registration opens online Friday, January 24th at 10:00am and is on a first come, first serve basis! All registrations must be completed online at

sumtermuseum.org/events

Space is limited to 30 students (15 girls and 15 boys).



SUMTER MUSEUM

Junior Cotillion Program

Class of 2025

The program is based on the curriculum of Teresa Kathryn Grisinger Reilly, noted author of two volumes of her comprehensive children's etiquette books *Girls and Boys at the Table* and *Teens at the Table*. Reilly stresses a practical and natural approach to etiquette training. The program is designed to reinforce good manners taught at home as well as teach nuances of fine dining and specific social situations. In addition to table manners and ballroom basics, the teens will learn tips on grooming, how to eat different foods, make introductions, write social correspondence, the art of conversation and the tricky tactics of gracefully managing cell phones and email. Classroom instruction will be under the guidance of Dotty Kolb and Susan W. Osteen. Boys will learn lessons on how to be a gentleman as well as the art of proper dressing for all occasions.

Dance will include basic ballroom and shag. Classes will be taught by Seth and Jennifer Reimer along with Melissa May and Whit Blanton. Seth is co-owner and general manager of Miss Libby's School of Dance and Jennifer is the artistic director for the Rising Stars, Miss Libby's competitive dance team. Melissa May and Whit Blanton are active with the Sumter Shag Club.

Class Attire for Boys: Button Downs/Khakis (No Jeans or T-Shirts)

Class Attire for Girls: Step above School/Dressy Casual (NO Short Skirts, Jeans or T-Shirts)

Skirts/dresses must be no less than 4 inches above the knee.

If a young lady's dress isn't the proper length, she may be asked to leave. Slacks are permissible.

<i>ETIQUETTE SCHEDULE</i>	<i>DANCE SCHEDULE</i>	<i>DINNER/DANCE</i>
Location: Sumter Museum- Heritage Building (White Building)	Location: Sumter Museum- Heritage Building (White Building)	Junior Cotillion Presentation Dinner and Dance
7:45 – 9:00pm	7:45 – 9:00pm	The O'Donnell House 120 E. Liberty Street
Class 1: Sunday, Feb. 23 rd Class 2: Monday, Feb. 24 th Class 3: Sunday, March 2 nd Class 4: Monday, March 3 rd	Class 5: Sunday, March 9 th Class 6: Monday, March 10 th Class 7: Sunday, March 23 rd Class 8: Monday, March 24 th Rehearsal: Sunday, March 30th at 4:15pm at The O'Donnell House	Sunday, March 30 th 6:00 to 9:00pm 6:00: Social and Class Photo 6:30pm Dinner
		<i>Dress: Coat and Tie/Sunday Best</i>

Please arrive on time for the class and pick-up your child promptly at the end of each session.

2025 Junior Cotillion Application

Space is limited to 15 girls and 15 boys.

You can reserve your child's spot beginning **Thurs. Jan. 24th at 10am.**

Registration is on a first come first serve basis.

Please ensure you have reviewed the class dates to confirm your child's availability to participate in the program prior to registering.

You will complete a digital version of this application online through Sumter Museum's Website. **Please visit www.sumtermuseum.org/events to complete your online registration.**

If you have any questions, please call the office at 803-775-0908.

Fees will be due with the completion of your online registration.

You may pay in full or choose an installment plan.

Payment Options

___ \$200 - I am a current Museum member and my child will be participating in the Junior Cotillion Program. (\$50 is non-refundable)

___ \$275 - I am signing up as a new Museum member and my child will be participating in the Junior Cotillion Program. **Member details will be completed during online registration* (\$75 is non-refundable)

___ 3 installment payment plan for current members.

1. \$50 non-refundable deposit is due at the time of registration.
2. \$100 - **2nd Payment due by February 21st.**
3. \$50 - **3rd Payment due by February March 7th.**

___ 3 installment payment plan for new members.

1. \$75 non-refundable deposit is due at the time of registration.
2. \$100 - **2nd Payment due by February 21st.**
3. \$100 - **3rd Payment due by March 7th.**

*** We are looking for volunteers to help prepare and serve the food for etiquette classes. Please see volunteer sheet in packet for more information.**

2025 Junior Cotillion

Example of online Volunteers Needed form

We are looking for volunteers to prepare (or purchase) dinner and assist and serve tables for the four etiquette classes. If you sign-up to bring food, please plan to have it at the museum by 7:45pm and stay to plate it. Food will be served around 8:30pm. Table assistants will need to stay at the museum for the entirety of the etiquette class and up to 15 minutes after for clean-up. You can volunteer as little as one class or help with all of the classes! This sheet will also be through the online registration. Feel free to purchase or make the food. A final volunteer list with complete instructions for each role will be emailed prior to the program's start.

Class #1- Sunday, February 23rd

Bread (small croissants) and Butter- _____

Lemonade- _____

Table Assistants: _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ / _____

Class #2- Monday, February 24th

Boneless Chicken Breast- _____ / _____

Green Beans- _____

Lemonade- _____

Table Assistants: _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ / _____

Class #3- Sunday, March 2nd

Potato Soup- _____

Salad (Suggest Iceberg Lettuce, Cheese, Carrots, Cucumbers/Ranch Dressing to be Passed at Table)- _____

Lemonade- _____

Table Assistants: _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ / _____

Class #4- Monday, March 3rd

Spaghetti with Butter (Parmesan to be Passed at Table)- _____ / _____

Breadsticks- _____

Lemonade- _____

Table Assistants: _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ / _____

Dance Class Volunteers- Help Supervise the Dance Class (Dad volunteers encouraged too!)

March 9th: _____ / _____ / _____ March 10th: _____ / _____ / _____

March 23rd: _____ / _____ / _____ March 24th: _____ / _____ / _____

Enjoy flower arrangements? Help with centerpieces for the Presentation Dinner: _____

Creative? Volunteer to create a scrapbook for the 2025 Class!: _____

Able to attend most classes? Serve as our Class Photographer!: _____

Thank you!

Junior Cotillion Presentation Sample Menu

*Dinner and Dance
O'Donnell House
Sunday, March 30, 2025
6:00 p.m.*

Appetizer

*Gourmet Cheese Board and Crackers
Bacon Wrapped Water Chestnuts*

Champagne/Sparkling Cider Toast

Soup

Creamy Roasted Red Pepper Soup with Parmesan Crusted Crouton

Salad

Mixed Greens with Cheese, Tomatoes, Cucumbers, and Croutons with Ranch Dressing

Remise en Bouche

Citrus Sorbet

Main Course

*Chicken Piccata with Lemon Cream Sauce over Buttered Orzo
Fresh Sautéed Green Beans*

Dessert

Brownie with Ice Cream

Dance Presentation

*Of Father/Daughter, Mother/Son, Waltz and Shag
Will be presented between courses*

Cash Bar

Coat and Tie

*The O'Donnell House
120 E. Liberty Street
Sumter, SC 29150*



2025 Junior Cotillion Presentation Dinner and Dance

The Presentation Dinner and Dance concludes the Junior Cotillion program and is **mandatory** for all students. Parents/guardians, siblings, and additional family members are invited.

It is not recommended for children under seven years of age.

Please complete one Presentation Dinner and Dance registration online for your child's guests. An example of information needed for registration is below. It is important we have proper titles and full names of all guests to ensure accurate place cards and mailing addresses for invitations.

Dinner fees (\$65.00 per guest) will be due at the time of Presentation Dinner and Dance registration.

Your child's meal is already included in the class fee.

This registration may be completed at the same time as the class registration or at a later date as long as it is received before March 10th.

A Special Thanks goes to The O'Donnell House for Hosting this Year's Presentation Dinner and Dance

2025 Junior Cotillion Presentation Dinner and Dance

Attire for Boys: Coat and Tie

Attire for Girls: Sunday Best

Junior Cotillion Participant's Name: _____
First Middle Last Suffix

____ Number attending the presentation at the O'Donnell House (**NOT** including Junior Cotillion participant). Parents/guardians, siblings, and additional family members are invited. Not recommended for children under seven years of age. No price difference due to age.

Please include full names and addresses of ALL GUESTS (including parents) attending as this is very important for invitations and place card settings.

Example: Mr. and Mrs. John Doe, III -or- Mrs. John Doe, III

Name _____ Address _____

Name _____ Address _____

Name _____ Address _____

Name _____ Address _____

Table Seating Preference with other Families?: Yes _____ No Preference _____

If yes, please list the individual or couple names here (we will try to accommodate): _____

**This form is an example of the information that will be on the online registration form and must be completed online with initial registration or no later than March 10, 2025.*