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## **‘A Taste of Culture’ tour returns to Venice’s Cultural Campus**

Residents and visitors to downtown Venice can sample the area’s best cuisine, visit the finest cultural attractions and dance the night away, all in one night during “A Taste of Culture” tour, 6 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 7, 2012.

“A Taste of Culture” is a progressive dinner that gives guests a chance to tour each campus facility, talk with the great staff, learn about the exciting programs offered for the upcoming season and enjoy a delicious meal along the way.

“The first progressive dinner last year was such a huge success that we had to turn some folks away,” said Dorian Mattox, Venice Community Center program coordinator. “People had so much fun walking to each stop on the tour, eating a fantastic meal along the way while learning what a great community Venice is makes this event very popular.”

The first stop is at the Venice Archives, 351 Nassau Street South, where there will be a tour of the building and a first course of tasty hors d’oeuvres and adult beverages. For the next course, guests take a short walk to the Venice Library, 300 S. Nokomis Ave., where they will explore the library and sample delicious salads. The third course includes a tour of the Venice Community Center, 326 Nokomis Avenue South, and a sumptuous dinner prepared by Java Catering. The final course is just a short walk away at the Venice Art Center, 390 Nokomis Avenue South, and includes dessert and champagne. The evening concludes back at the Venice Community Center with after-dinner refreshments and dancing to the music of Take Two.

Tickets are \$50 per person and can be purchased at the Venice Art Center, 941-485-7136, Venice Archives, 941-486-2487, and Venice Library, 941-861-1330. Cash, checks, VISA and MC are accepted.

Guests should check in at the Venice Archives at 6 p.m. All food and beverages during the progressive dinner portion of the evening are included in the ticket price. There will be a full liquor cash bar at the dance.

For more information, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 or visit [www.scgov.net](http://www.scgov.net), keyword “Venice Community Center” then click on “tickets.”

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