

Screen Door

1722 Routh St.
(in One Arts Plaza)
No phone number or
Web site at press time

Keys to the Door: Owner Scott Jones, executive chef Fitzgerald Dodd.

Down-Home Dishing: We do declare, there is little more comforting than the

Southern delights at Scott Jones' Screen Door. You may recognize his name as the man who gave us the beloved Café Italia on Lovers Lane, but Jones has now set his sites southward — and a bit homeward. The Louisiana-born restaurateur tells us, "I always thought bacon was a vegetable," of his mother's homespun recipes. Now, his very own ballroom-style dining room, brimming with the same charm and hospitality of an Old South mansion (with a bit of a modern air), is set to open early next month. Frankly, we can't wait: chandeliers and uniformed waiters in a truly Southern space, reminiscent of the days with porch swings, iced tea and the smells of home cooking wafting through — what else? — the screen door. Executive chef Fitzgerald Dodd, whose career includes stints at Hotel ZaZa, Rosewood Crescent Hotel and Voltaire, is dishing out the classics, everything from smoked-chicken potpie to collard greens to pheasant and dumplings. And here's where it gets chic: The cornbread, for example, is in the form of chips, alongside a helping of butterbean hummus. Who says you can't go home again — with a twist. *Shannon Crain*

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