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**THE INN AT LITTLE WASHINGTON RELEASES NEW DESIGN BOOK BY
CHEF/PROPRIETOR PATRICK O'CONNELL**

Washington, VA – (January XX, 2015) – This April, Patrick O'Connell, Executive Chef/Proprietor of The Inn at Little Washington is pleased to announce the release of his first design book, "The Inn at Little Washington: A Magnificent Obsession."

The book tells the story of the Inn's remarkable 36-year transformation from a rural garage to the sumptuous country house hotel it is today. Readers are taken on a beautiful journey through each of the property's interiors and painstakingly restored architecture.

The internationally acclaimed Inn at Little Washington opened as a single restaurant in 1978 and has expanded to include not only the original main building, but also an entire village of cottages, guesthouses and gardens. Designed in collaboration with Joyce Conwy Evans, a London stage and set designer, the Inn has become a culmination O'Connell life's work.

In her foreword, Martha Stewart lauds the sumptuously detailed book, "*One will spend hours going through this book studying the small details and marveling the large picture.*"

"And one will come to realize that the same fine honing of complex recipes to create simple, elegant, delicious meals that are served in the Inn's dining rooms is the same fine honing of the elements of good taste that have gone into the making of one of America's finest inns."

Lavishly photographed, and enhanced by Conway Evan's watercolor renderings, this book features luxurious guest rooms, stunning bathrooms, exquisite tabletop vignettes, floral arrangements and displays of art that will inspire home design enthusiasts and professional decorators alike.

Located in the tiny hamlet Washington, Virginia, The Inn is a secluded, whimsical retreat for those seeking countryside luxury. The 26-acre campus includes lush formal gardens, vegetable gardens and greenhouses, which grow most of The Inn's produce in season. The

Inn's grounds are also home to a flock of sheep, two llamas and a brood of chickens. Lavishly photographed and enhanced by Conwy Evans's watercolor renderings, this gorgeous book features luxurious guest rooms, stunning bathrooms, exquisite tabletop vignettes, floral arrangements, and displays of art, which will inspire every home decorator.

ABOUT THE AUTHORS: Nestled at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains, The Inn at Little Washington has been a culinary landmark in the United States since 1978, when the Chef and Proprietor **Patrick O'Connell** opened the restaurant in a former gas station. The 2014 Forbes Travel Guide awarded two Five Star Awards the Inn at Little Washington for the 24th year in a row and the restaurant is the longest-tenured AAA Five Diamond-rated restaurant in America. It also received the 2014 Wine Spectator Grand Award for the 18th consecutive year and earned The Washington Post's Dining Guide's highest rating of four stars. Additionally, the Washington, D.C. Zagat Survey awarded high marks to The Inn in the categories of Food, Décor and Service with a near perfect score of 29, 29, and 29. **Derry Moore** photographs for Architectural Digest and other magazines, and is the author of *In House*, *Rooms*, and *The Englishman's Room*. **Gordon Beall** specializes in architecture and interior design. His photographs appear frequently in publications such as *Architectural Digest*.

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BOOK DETAILS

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