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## "Sweet Corn and Popcorn" A Special Event on Popcorn Sutton with Don Dudenbostel and Tom Jester at the Grill at Highlands Row

- WHAT: Dinner, Drinks, Lecture and Book Signing with Don Dudenbostel and Tom Jester on the legendary Popcorn Sutton
- DATE: Tuesday, May 1, 2012 Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Dinner begins at 7:00 p.m.
- LOCATION: The Grill at Highlands Row 4705 Old Kingston Pike Knoxville, TN 37919



A special evening at The Grill at Highlands Row on May 1 will pair an upscale Appalachian dinner with stories about the life of the colorful moonshiner Popcorn Sutton. Themed "Sweet Corn and Popcorn," the occasion marks the launch of a new book, *Popcorn Sutton: The Making and Marketing of a Hillbilly Hero*, with text by Tom Wilson Jester and photographs by Don Dudenbostel. The authors will share behind-the-scenes stories from their research and personal acquaintance with the famed brewer of white lightning. Books will be available for purchase and signings by the author.

The four-course meal begins with Fried Green Tomatoes and House Made Pimento Cheese, plus, for those who dare--a taste of Popcorn Sutton's Tennessee White Whiskey or a glass of wine for the less venturous. Other scrumptious items include a salad topped with bacon and cornbread crostini, all-natural fried chicken, greens, gravy, biscuits, strawberry pie. A special "tasting" accompanies each course, except dessert.

The program and book signing begins at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m.

A portion of the dinner and book sales will benefit the East Tennessee History Center, the permanent repository for the "Don Dudenbostel and Tom Jester Collection of Historical

Photographs and Recordings," featuring Popcorn Sutton and other stories and scenes from an Appalachia that is vanishing.

Tickets are \$75 each and cover both the dinner and the program. Space is limited to 80, and advance reservations and payment are needed. Call Lisa Belleman at 865-215-8883 or belleman@eastTN history.org. For more information, see <u>www.eastTNhistory.org</u>.

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