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## Giving Thanks: 17th -Century Food Traditions at Mission San Luis

TALLAHASSEE — The Friends of Mission San Luis invite the public to experience food traditions from the 17<sup>th</sup> century during Thanksgiving weekend at Mission San Luis. All cultures are grateful for a good harvest, and the Apalachee and Spanish residents of Mission San Luis were no exception. Join us for a celebration of holiday feasting during *Giving Thanks* at Mission San Luis on Friday, November 28 and Saturday, November 29 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Costumed interpreters bring the Mission's unique culinary history to life, smoking meat and fish on the barbacoa, demonstrating the use of native and European plants from the Mission's gardens and fields and making preparations for the feast. Learn how people and foods from the New and Old Worlds came together to create a unique cuisine.

Mission San Luis was the western capital of Spanish Florida from 1656 to 1704. Today the Mission recreates this world through costumed interpreters, reconstructed buildings, exhibits and archaeological demonstrations. The site is a National Historic Landmark and recipient of a 2006 Preserve America Presidential Award. Mission San Luis is located at 2020 Mission Road in Tallahassee, FL. The site is open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and admission is free. It is managed by the Florida Department of State's Bureau of Archaeological Research. For more information on Mission San Luis, call 850.487.3711 or visit www.missionsanluis.org.

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