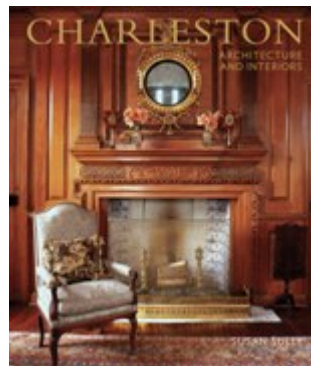




731 Meeting Street
P.O. Box 21479
Charleston, SC 29413
Ph: (843)-722-7145
Fax: (843) -722-7142

August 22, 2007
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Kayla Droney
Telephone: (843) - 722-7145
Cell: (843) – 532-8421
Fax: (843) – 722-7142



Historic Houses for Habitat:

Author/Photographer Susan Sully will premiere her new book, *Charleston: Architecture and Interiors* with a lecture and silent auction on Wednesday, October 24th to benefit Charleston Habitat for Humanity

Susan Sully will present an illustrated lecture based on her newest book, *Charleston: Architecture and Interiors*, benefiting Charleston Habitat for Humanity, on Wednesday, October 24th at 7:30, at the College of Charleston School of the Arts building (54 St. Philips St., Room 309, 3rd Floor). There will be a reception from 6:00 to 7:30, with wine and light hors d'oeuvres, during which the author/photographer will sign books and offer a silent auction of photographs from the book. The cost of attending the lecture and reception is \$25.00. Fifty-percent of all proceeds will be donated to Charleston Habitat for Humanity.

Charleston: Architecture and Interiors, published by Gibbs Smith and edited by Charleston's Pete Wyrick, is Ms. Sully's second book about Charleston architecture and decorative arts. Her first volume on the subject, *Charleston Style*, was a best-selling design book, featured in *House Beautiful*, *World of Interiors*, and *Ladies Home Journal*. "There are so many wonderful houses in Charleston, and so many that have been restored and redecorated since I wrote my first book in 1998, that I could not resist writing another," says Ms. Sully.

Ms. Sully, who recently began photographing her own books, was also eager to photograph Charleston's houses. "Looking through a camera provides me with a completely different way of experiencing the architecture of rooms and their contents," says Sully. "Focusing in closely on an antique tea set dazzled by the morning light, capturing the soft beauty of a chandelier reflected in

the fading mercury of an old mirror—these are the things I might have missed before I started taking my own pictures.”

Ms. Sully’s lecture will open with images of five houses with brilliantly colored rooms, furnished to period, that illustrate major historical styles associated with antebellum Charleston, from the Georgian to the Greek Revival. The second part of the lecture will explore the spirit of eclecticism that evolved in Charleston following the Civil War, with examples ranging from the traditional to the exotic and the modern. The final part of the lecture will feature five houses and gardens that express quintessential aspects of Charleston’s character: charm, romance, elegance, preservation, and hospitality.

For more information about the lecture, contact Kayla Droney at Charleston Habitat for Humanity. Phone (843) 722-7145; Cell: (843) 532-8421; Kayla@charlestonhabitat.org

For more information about *Charleston: Architecture and Interiors*, to request a review copy, or schedule an interview with Susan Sully, contact Courtney Rottgering: Phone: (801) 927-2140; crottgering@gibbs-smith.com

####

Susan Sully is a best-selling style author whose publications include *The Southern Cottage: From the Blue Ridge Mountains to the Florida Keys*; *Casa Florida: Spanish Style Houses from Winter Park to Coral Gables*; and *New Orleans Style: Past and Present*. *Charleston: Architecture and Interiors*, published by Gibbs Smith in September 2007, is her sixth book about Southern style. A graduate of Yale University with a degree in art history, Susan lectures frequently on the subject of regional architecture and design at organizations including Sotheby's Institute, the Smithsonian's National Building Museum, and Historic Charleston Foundation. She writes about the decorative arts and architecture for publications including *Town & Country*, *Art and Antiques*, and *The New York Times*. A former Charlestonian, Susan now lives in Asheville, North Carolina and New Orleans, Louisiana with her husband, artist Thomas Sully. She is currently writing and photographing a new book for Rizzoli entitled *The Southern Cosmopolitan: Redefining Southern Style*.

Charleston Habitat for Humanity provides affordable homeownership opportunities for working families of moderate income in the cities of Charleston and North Charleston. Families can qualify for either new homes or home repair programs. Financial and in-kind support comes from homeowner principal mortgage payments; contributions from individuals, businesses, grants and foundations; sales from the Charleston Habitat for Humanity ReStore; and volunteer labor on our construction site. For more information, visit www.charlestonhabitat.org.