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**Bruce Richardson named Tea Master  
for the Boston Tea Party Ships<sup>sm</sup> & Museum**

**Boston, MA. December 9, 2011...** Bruce Richardson, one of America's best-known experts and sommeliers, has been named the official Tea Master for the new Boston Tea Party Ships<sup>sm</sup> & Museum. For over 20 years, Richardson has traveled the world discovering and learning everything there is to know about tea. His travels led him to writing, photographing, and sharing his experiences at tea events across the country.

As Tea Master for the Boston Tea Party Ships<sup>sm</sup> & Museum, Richardson will be in charge of designing a line of historic teas for sale in the gift shop. The historic teas will be based on the tea that was thrown into the Boston Harbor in 1773. All the East India Company tea aboard the ships docked in Boston Harbor on the evening of December 16, 1773 was produced in China, not India. Benjamin Woods Labaree's *The Boston Tea Party* reports that the three tea ships contained 240 chests of Bohea, 15 of Congou, and 10 of Souchong, which were all black teas, and 60 of Singlo and 15 of Hyson, both green teas. Richardson is also designing the menu and foods for the 100-seat tearoom located in the museum.

Bruce Richardson, a noted tea historian, has written over a dozen books on tea. His first, *A Year of Teas at the Elmwood Inn*, sold over 50,000 copies and is a favorite resource for tearoom owners across the country. Soon after, *A Tea for All Seasons* and *The Tea Table* were published. Following his first few books, Bruce decided to explore the British tea industry. His connections led him to write and publish his next series of books, *The Rooms of Britain*, *The Great Tea Rooms of America*, and *Looking Deeply into Tea*. Richardson served as editor for the 2011 edition of *The Book of Tea*, the story of Okakura Kakuzo, former Asian Arts Director of the Museum of Fine Arts Boston. Additionally, he serves on the Editorial Board for Fresh Cup magazine and is a regular columnist for TeaTime magazine.

**About The Boston Tea Party Ships<sup>sm</sup> & Museum**

The Boston Tea Party Ships<sup>sm</sup> & Museum is dedicated to accurately reliving the historic night of December 16, 1773, in Boston Harbor and was the catalyst to the American Revolution. Established in 1973, the museum is owned by Historic Tours of America® who is restoring and expanding the Boston Tea Party Ships<sup>sm</sup> & Museum to open in June 2012. The new museum and the three ships involved, the *Dartmouth*, the *Beaver*, and the *Eleanor*, will allow visitors to travel back in time to learn about the courageous acts of those who forever changed our history.



**Photo Caption:**

Bruce Richardson, a leading expert and one of America's best-known advocates of tea, has been named the official Tea Master for the new Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum. For over 20 years Richardson has been heavily involved in the tea industry. He has traveled the world discovering and learning everything there is to know about tea, which led him to writing, photographing, and sharing his experiences at tea events across the country. To learn more about the museum and the tearoom please visit <http://www.bostonteatartyship.com/tea-blog>