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“I fully believe that the closer you are to the source of the oyster the better they taste,” said Patrick Stubbers, who owns Seabear with Noah Brendel and Peter Dale. “I believe in the UGA hatchery because they are committed to sustainable oyster cultivation.”

Located in the Bottleworks on Prince Avenue in Athens, Seabear opened in 2014 and is expected to produce between 5 million and 6 million spat, or harvesters to farm single oysters that can be sold on the half-shell. It is intended to help establish an oyster aquaculture industry, allowing restaurants in Athens to place orders for fresh oysters on the half shell, even though they are 200 miles away.

Athens Restaurant Invests in Georgia Oysters on the Half-Shell

Seabear is a silver sponsor of the first Oyster Roast for a Reason, a fundraiser for the hatchery held in November 2016.

The hatchery, built at the UGA Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant Shellfish Research Lab on Skidaway, is the first of its kind in Georgia. It is intended to help establish an oyster aquaculture industry, allowing harvesters to farm single oysters that can be sold on the half-shell. The hatchery is expected to produce 3.5 million spat, 6 million spat, or 1 million spat, or spat, by year 2018, while extraction will be approximately 0.1 million spat, or spat, annually.
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Adrian Robinson and his wife, Mary McRae, were among the earliest members of the State Botanical Garden Board of Advisors. John's mother, Margaret Mobley, who lives in Sea Island, is a charter member of the board when it formed in 1985.

Adrian and John met as children and were in school together in Athens until second grade when Charlotteberry renamed the family moved to Augusta. Years later, after graduating from college, they reconnected during a World Ball and married a few years later.

"It's all about our mothers," said Adrian Robinson, an advisory board member since 2016. "They loved this botanical garden and worked so hard. They truly put their heart and soul into it."
Wells Fargo Helps Fund New and Growing Businesses

Wells Fargo Vice President Ryan Hammock (center) and underwriter Katie Smith rolled into Athens with the company’s horse-drawn stagecoach to present a $50,000 check to Allan Adams (right), state director of the UGA Small Business Development Center (SBDC), and Eric Bonaparte (left), SBDC director of major sponsorships. The money supports the SBDC StartSmart program to help local entrepreneurs across Georgia and the SBDC StartSmart program in Augusta. StartSmart is a multi-week training program for new business owners and GrowSmart is a multi-week training program for business owners ready to accelerate the growth of their business.
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