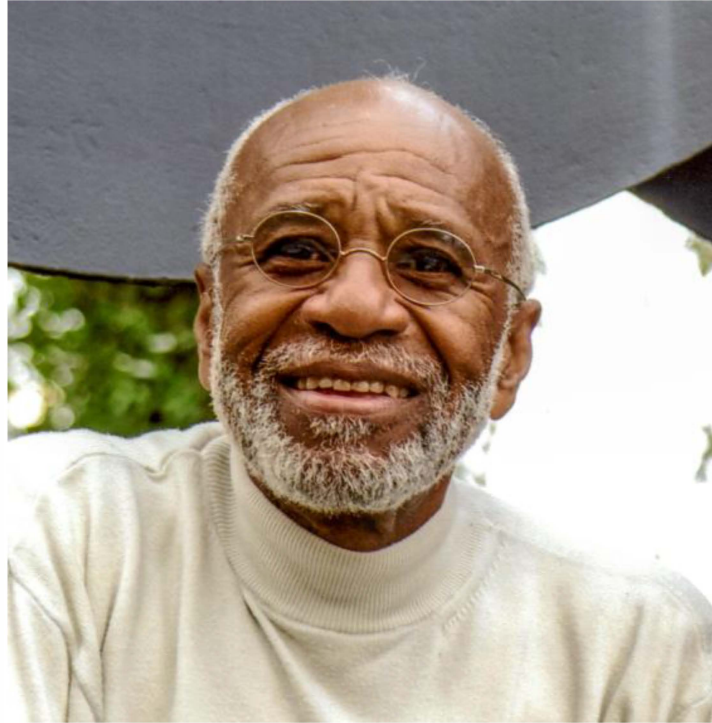


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Otis Laury



Otis Laury is a native of Charleston, and a graduate of Charleston High School and WVSU. He is an accomplished entrepreneur, chef, and founder of Laury's Restaurant in Charleston. In addition, Laury served as the executive chef at the West Virginia Governor's Mansion for 16 years under Governors Gaston Caperton, Cecil Underwood and Bob Wise.

He is an avid art collector and award-winning artist in his own right, receiving recognition from the Huntington Museum of Art's Exhibition 180 among others. In addition, Laury serves on the Charleston Beautification Board, the Governor's Mansion Preservation Board and the Collectors Club of the Clay Center for the Arts and Sciences.

Laury also volunteers his time cooking Christmas meals for Manna Meal, in addition to volunteering at the Roark-Sullivan Lifeway Center. In addition, Laury also donates dinner for six at his home to local charity and non-profit groups to auction off as a fundraiser. Laury has been named a Distinguished West Virginian and has been recognized by the Charleston Community Music Association.