

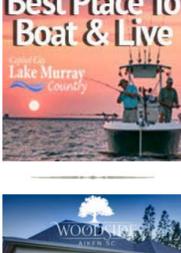
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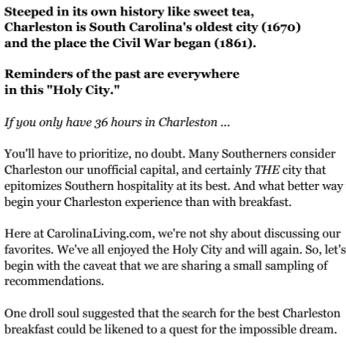


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### Take a Road Trip to Charleston, SC



Steeped in its own history like sweet tea, Charleston is South Carolina's oldest city (1670) and the place the Civil War began (1861).

Reminders of the past are everywhere in this "Holy City."

If you only have 36 hours in Charleston ...

You'll have to prioritize, no doubt. Many Southerners consider Charleston our unofficial capital, and certainly THE city that epitomizes Southern hospitality at its best. And what better way to begin your Charleston experience than with breakfast.

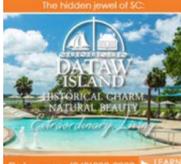
Here at CarolinaLiving.com, we're not shy about discussing our favorites. We've all enjoyed the Holy City and will again. So, let's begin with the caveat that we are sharing a small sampling of recommendations.

One droll soul suggested that the search for the best Charleston breakfast could be likened to a quest for the impossible dream.

That said, intrepid travelers must start somewhere, so take our insider tips and plan your visit.

**Charleston Road Trip**

Photo courtesy ExploreCharleston.com



### Where in the Carolina World are you?



As holiday celebrations go, this one's a doozy. Thousands gather downtown to enjoy great music, libations, snacks and fellow revelers. For crowd-lovers, you'll be energized. Those with a bit of claustrophobia may want to plan a visit here when the crowds go home and the history is easily accessible again.

Where are you?

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### Joy to the World

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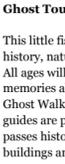
I admit it: I'm a dinosaur. I love to turn on the radio, especially this time of year when our area has one channel devoted to nothing but holiday music. Hoping you have that local access in ##city!#, and although you can tune into a variety of musical themes year round, it's also pleasant to opt in or out as the spirit moves.

Southerners love the holidays and we're still hosting outdoor parties that keep things casual. For our last COMPASS eNews of 2018, we want to focus on the Carolinas' more noted destinations, throwing in a bit of quirky, just for fun.

If 2019 is the year you're thinking of making a move, keep the Carolinas on your radar. Plan a visit or two, and check out the financial advantages you'll find here – low cost of living, favorable taxes and easy access to getaways (plus your family will love visiting you).

And if you should spot me driving and singing "Grandma got run over by a reindeer" at the top of my lungs, please don't judge. I'm sure you have your own seasonal guilty pleasures.

'Til next year,



Katherine Pettit  
Executive Editor  
CarolinaLiving.com  
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### Massacres, Murder and Mayhem



### Beaufort, North Carolina Ghost Tour

This little fishing town is full of history, nature and good times. All ages will create fantastic memories along the Beaufort Ghost Walk Tour, where the tour guides are pirates, and the path passes historically spooky buildings and grounds.

Don't expect "ghostly" encounters, but do anticipate learning so much about the adrenalin-pumping exploits of those who settled Eastern North Carolina more than 300 years ago, in 1709.

You may pass by Blackbeard's home, and you'll hear tales of the murders that rocked the small town for generations and learn about the ghost ships some say still troll the waters.

Discover more about this slightly spooky but very entertaining North Carolina adventure.

For travelers with a yen to experience more out of life, check out almost 80 more Carolina Adventures.

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### Carolina Creative



### Sukie plays dress-up.

### Jewelry Designer Erin McDermott and her Muse

Charlotte-based jewelry designer Erin McDermott, with Sukie, her faithful bulldog, by her side, creates imaginative, affordable jewelry that's fun to wear and with holidays approaching, a perfect resource for gifting your BFFs. Check her out, then visit her website and take a look at her Barcelona Blush earrings. Only for the bold and beautiful! More about Erin McDermott.

Great gift ideas.

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### Get the Guide.

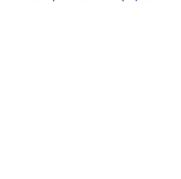


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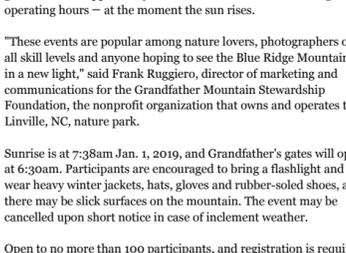
One of the many appealing aspects of living in the Carolinas is the four-season climate. Literally hundreds of new residents have told us it's part of our appeal. You can even enjoy a few winter sports if you like. There are several ice skating rinks and ski resorts in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Our family enjoys Beech Mountain, but Sugar Mountain has its devotees, too.

How do you do winter in the Carolinas? Please share, especially if it's the joy of spending New Year's Eve outdoors in a lighter sweater!



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### Go High to Welcome 2019



### Grandfather Mountain Hosts New Year's Sunrise

Ring in an epic New Year on Tuesday, Jan. 1, for the first sunrise of 2019 – atop Grandfather Mountain. This special event will allow guests the rare opportunity to visit Grandfather outside of regular operating hours – at the moment the sun rises.

"These events are popular among nature lovers, photographers of all skill levels and anyone hoping to see the Blue Ridge Mountains in a new light," said Frank Ruggiero, director of marketing and communications for the Grandfather Mountain Stewardship Foundation, the nonprofit organization that owns and operates the Linville, NC, nature park.

Sunrise is at 7:38am Jan. 1, 2019, and Grandfather's gates will open at 6:30am. Participants are encouraged to bring a flashlight and to wear heavy winter jackets, hats, gloves and rubber-soled shoes, as there may be slick surfaces on the mountain. The event may be cancelled upon short notice in case of inclement weather.

Open to no more than 100 participants, and registration is required. Contact Judi Sawyer at judi@grandfather.com

Photo courtesy of the Grandfather Mountain Stewardship Foundation

### Brandy Clements: Chair Caning & Seat Weaving



### Groveswood Gallery in Asheville

February 15-17 from 11am-4pm

Brandy Clements, of Silver River Center for Chair Caning – the nation's only fully dedicated chair caning school and museum – will be at Groveswood Gallery in Asheville, NC, on February 15-17 from 11am-4pm, demonstrating a variety of seat weaving techniques, including hand-woven chair caning (laced caning), Shaker tape weaving, Danish cord weaving, and more. This is a hands-on demonstration where visitors are encouraged to step up and learn a few weaving techniques. Bring a photo of your special chair and get advice on restorations, or just share your chair's story.

Brandy is a 4th generation chair caner and self-proclaimed "chair nerd." She's on a mission to bring the myth that chair caning is a dying art. She and her husband/business partner Dave Klingler have been weaving new lives into chairs for over 13 years, and have taught over 250 sessions at their school, located in the heart of Asheville's River Arts District. This event is free to attend and open to the public.

www.groveswood.com

Scheduled in conjunction with the National Arts & Crafts Conference, to be held at Grover Park Omni Inn.

More about creatively quirkily wonderful Asheville.

Photo Credit: David Simchok

### Carolina Home Grown



### The Holly-Days are Here

Fraser the holiday season upon us, I see the widespread popularity of Fraser fir, American hollies and poinsettias. Granted, each one of them has historical importance. However, when it comes to joining the rest of our landscape plants, only consider American holly (Ilex opaca). Poinsettias won't overwinter outdoors in our region, and Fraser fir will languish at lower altitudes east of the North Carolina mountains.

That's why I'm so fond of Mary Nell holly: we can appreciate its beauty year-round. While Mary Nell lacks needles, it has spiny leaves like American holly, but that's where the similarity ends. Mary Nell possesses dark green, glossy leaves with an array of symmetrical spines along the margins. The spiny leaves feel like plastic, and when they reflect the sun's rays, you succumb to the illusion that Mary Nell cannot be real.

In addition to the spectacular leaves, Mary Nell produces a beautiful display of white flowers in the Spring that attract an assortment of pollinators. The heavy clusters of red berries in the Fall draw attention from people, birds, and other wildlife.

The piece de resistance of Mary Nell is her dense, Christmas tree-like pyramidal form. During her formative years, Mary Nell needs some pruning to reduce or remove the random wayward branches that spring up like cowlicks. Eventually, as this holly matures to a height of 15 to 20 ft. with a 10 ft. spread, less pruning will be necessary to maintain its tight, symmetrical form.

For full sun to part shade, consider using Mary Nell in a privacy screen or hedge. I like to see Mary Nell as a stand-alone specimen or accent plant that draws admiring looks year-round.

Discover 50 luscious and lovely plants.

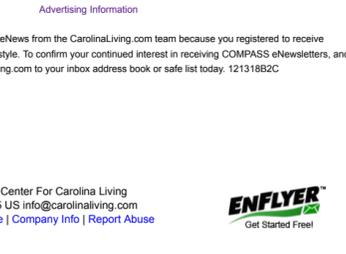


Learn more about Carolina gardening from Dr. Polomski's new book, Carolinas Month by Month Gardening.

Available wherever books are sold.

Photos by Robert F. Polomski, Ph.D

### Carolina Cuisine



### Oh, for a perfectly poached pear

In homage to my late sister's favorite fruit (and a dandy holiday dessert that doesn't put you into a sugar daze) try Poached Pears with Amaretti sauce, from Abingdon Manor, one of the more delightful Inns you'll ever want to visit, in the quaint turn-of-the-century village of Latta, SC.

The dessert is pretty as a picture and full of flavor. No, you don't have to make it a holiday-only treat, but it sure looks and tastes like a celebration. As for the manor, it's one of a select few Four Diamond Inns and Restaurants in the area. Visit, and you'll feel as if you've stepped into an English Country Hotel. Perfection.

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### Sideways Farm and Brewery Cultivates a Different Way Forward

Sideways Farm & Brewery, in rural Etowah, NC, is surrounded by dozens of craft producers in the brewing-rich towns of Hendersonville, Brevard and Asheville. This brewery stands out for a farm-based commitment to growing its own ingredients.

A typical Sideways tasting menu features anywhere from 12-14 small batch, seasonal brews highlighting products cultivated on property – as well as sourced from local suppliers – by owners Jon and Carriann Schneider. A sampling includes rosemary, figs, lemongrass, pumpkins and sage.

The tasting room experience stands out, as well. Beers are grouped into tastings and poured from 750-milliliter bottles. The tasting bar, made from a black walnut tree that grew on the property, is U-shaped and patterned after the tasting bar at Burnshirt Vineyards in nearby Hendersonville.

"It's much more like a winery tasting experience," Carriann says. "Our idea is to take beer back to its agricultural roots. Most breweries are set up in an industrial area. We want to bring people to a farm to see where we grow and harvest what goes into their beer."

www.SidewaysFarm.com



### Club of the Year Datarow Island

Beaufort, SC: Datarow Island has been named the South Carolina Golf Association's 2018 Club of the Year!

Since 2013, the South Carolina Golf Association (SCGA) has bestowed this coveted award annually in recognition of clubs that are committed to growing the game through amateur golf by hosting Championships, Seminars, charity events & anything else that supports the growth of the game.

Datarow island and their Director of Golf, Dave Britton, have long supported growing the game, supporting events at the Amateur level as well as the collegiate level and high school levels.

Datarow Island is a private community in Beaufort, South Carolina, featuring two 18-hole golf courses by architects Tom Fazio and Arthur Hills. The community also features a tennis facility that was recently recognized as one of the top four in the country by the U.S. Tennis Association, croquet lawns, bocce courts, an indoor and outdoor pools, a fitness center, yoga studio, art studio, community docks, and an unrivaled range of social activities. www.datarow.com

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