

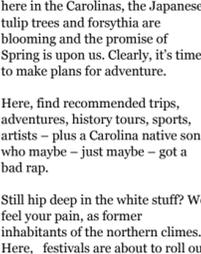
Now's the time for fun getaways and the great outdoors - Welcome!



February 23, 2017

Below: Light the way; Shoeless Joe; An artist's journey; Find your golf forever home; Artfields returns; Fort Dobbs; Entrepreneurs welcome; Now that's Italian; Run for their lives; Spring Fling

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A Few More Weeks



Hello, The Polar Vortex is still around, but here in the Carolinas, the Japanese tulip trees and Forsythia are blooming and the promise of Spring is upon us. Clearly, it's time to make plans for adventure.

Here, find recommended trips, adventures, history tours, sports, artists - plus a Carolina native son who maybe - just maybe - got a bad rap.

Still hip deep in the white stuff? We feel your pain, as former inhabitants of the northern climes. Here, festivals are about to roll out and the glorious Carolinas weather compels many to create outdoor rooms that are beyond plush, yet surrounded by nature.

With fabulous deals available, folks are looking to relocate, retire (or unretire) and, perhaps, acquire that Carolina vacation investment deal. Click here for links to Retirement Living and take a look at a recent Outdoor Living feature that will inspire you - promise!

Wishing you rewarding travels and just maybe, a new Carolina slice of heaven to call your own in 2017!

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The Forgotten War



Fort Dobbs

Remember when you studied the French and Indian War in school? No? Neither did we. Sure, a vague recollection was there, but that's about all.

Perhaps it's time to revisit what historians call "a tumultuous time in history," that was also known as the Seven Years War.

From 1754-1763 the battles raged and at Fort Dobbs, near Statesville, this global war that crossed five continents helped plant the seeds which became our Revolutionary War for Independence.

Today, Fort Dobbs is the only North Carolina historic site associated with this period. In fact, February 27 marks the anniversary when 30 soldiers fought with 70 Cherokee warriors for control of the area. Visit their website for information on hours and special events held throughout the year. Free admission, donations accepted.

Learn more about Fort Dobbs.

Request the Guide!



Updated town information, six fun new Carolina Adventures, and one heck of a good-looking feature showcasing gardens. Order yours today.

Click here for the official hold-in-your-hand Guide to Carolina lifestyle fun and adventure trips, plus real estate tips, tax & cost-of-living advantages, retirement opportunities and town profiles.

Just share your dream goals and we'll help lead you to smart Carolina life and times.

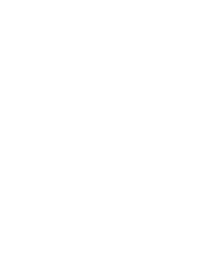
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Entrepreneurs welcome here. Want to start your own business in the Carolinas? You're not alone. Check out our Entrepreneurs info-filled article then share your business stories on Facebook.

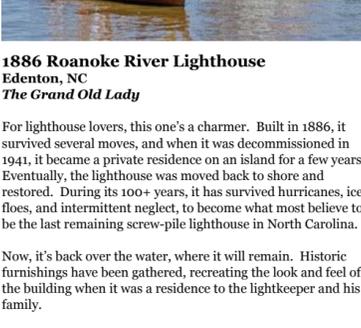
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Heading your way



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1886 Roanoke River Lighthouse Edenton, NC The Grand Old Lady

For lighthouse lovers, this one's a charmer. Built in 1886, it survived several moves, and when it was decommissioned in 1941, it became a private residence on an island for a few years. Eventually, the lighthouse was moved back to shore and restored. During its 100+ years, it has survived hurricanes, ice floes, and intermittent neglect, to become what most believe to be the last remaining screw-pile lighthouse in North Carolina.

Now, it's back over the water, where it will remain. Historic furnishings have been gathered, recreating the look and feel of the building when it was a residence to the lightkeeper and his family.

You may be surprised when you see it. Not your usual lighthouse, this one is a two story building, complete with porch.

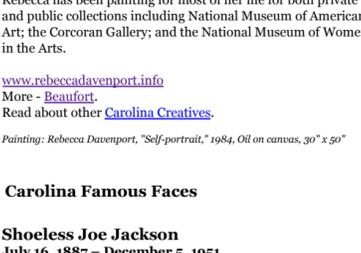
In season, a very unique way to see the lighthouse is from the bay, aboard the Liber-Tea, an eco-friendly, electric pontoon. Captain Mark Thesier, of Edenton Bay Cruises will show you the sights and give you some interesting history along the way.

WOW Factor: It's a lighthouse at the edge of Albemarle Sound. You've probably never seen anything quite like it. For those with a fear of heights, it's no problem to climb these 21 steps. The porch offers a great viewing area and the interior feels quite cozy. The fact that it has survived makes it worthy of a visit. There is an interpreter to answer questions and share stories.

Hint: The water depth is 8-10 feet below the lighthouse, which is easily accessible by land.. The lighthouse is open for touring from 10am-4pm. You won't see the actual light; it's presently on display at the Historic Edenton Visitor Center. You can rent the building for a very unique party small wedding, or gathering of family or friends. Robert.Hopkins@NCDCCR.gov, 252.482.2637.

Learn more about Edenton. www.edentonbaycruises.com Check out 50+ Adventures.

Carolina Creatives



Rebecca Davenport Born June, 1943

In the Lowcountry of South Carolina you are either a "Come Here" or a "Been Here." It's a blending of new and old that gracefully changes into "Belong Here." Rebecca Davenport is one of the transplants who truly belongs here and has committed herself and her artistic endeavors to benefit Beaufort, SC.

Although born in Alexandria, Virginia and living her formative years on a farm in Fauquier County, Rebecca's art has transported her from rural to New York City and all places in-between until she chose to belong in this colorful town by the sea.

She's a graduate of Pratt Institute and received her MFA from the University of North Carolina Greensboro. Her paintings draw on her extensive knowledge of rural Appalachian life as she weaves stories of light and darkness onto her canvases.

Her upcoming shows touch on her diverse talent with Carnival pieces featured in the Cabel Hayward exhibit appropriately named "Slightly Askew" at the City Gallery, Charleston, SC (March 24 to mid-May) and the "Still Lives" exhibition at the OCAF Center in Watkinsville, GA (April 7 - end of May).

"Painting is my speech," says the artist. Her paintings reflect that speech in the weary faces and throwaway items that provide an alternative way of seeing things we often overlook.

Rebecca has been painting for most of her life for both private and public collections including National Museum of American Art; the Corcoran Gallery; and the National Museum of Women in the Arts.

www.rebeccadavenport.info More - Beaufort.

Read about other Carolina Creatives.

Painting: Rebecca Davenport, "Self-portrait," 1984, Oil on canvas, 30" x 30"

Carolina Famous Faces

Shoeless Joe Jackson July 16, 1887 - December 5, 1951



"I copied Jackson's style because I thought he was the greatest hitter I had ever seen... He's the guy who made me a hitter." - Babe Ruth

Joseph Jefferson Jackson was born near Greenville, in Pickens County, South Carolina, the son of a sharecropper. By the time he was seven, he was working at a textiles mill. He never went to school, a fact which haunted him throughout his lifetime. (He sometimes asked his wife to sign his name on documents.)

When he was 13, he was invited to play on the company baseball team. The soon became a celebrity, with his pitching and batting skills. Legend says he got his nickname after removing his worn cleats which had caused blisters on his foot. He hit the ball and ran the bases in his socks, and a heckler called him a "shoeless son of a gun." The name stuck.

In 1908, he married and began his professional baseball career with the Philadelphia Athletics. He played for a number of teams, and in 1911, his batting average was second only to Ty Cobb. He was traded to the Chicago White Sox in 1915, and two years later, they won the World Series. In 1919, he was suspended along with seven other White Sox players after being accused of throwing the previous World Series. The baseball world's rising star had been tarnished, although in 1921, a Chicago jury acquitted all eight players of any wrong-doing.

Shoeless Joe spent several decades proclaiming his innocence. In recent years, new facts have surfaced that cast significant doubt on his supposed guilt. The seven other accused players eventually said Jackson was not involved. Journalists have researched and published articles through the years confirming his innocence, although because of the original ruling, he was never named to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

According to Wikipedia: In 1933, the Jacksons moved to Greenville, South Carolina. Jackson and his wife opened "Joe Jackson's Liquor Store," which they operated until his death. Legend holds that Ty Cobb and sportswriter Grantland Rice entered the store, with Jackson showing no sign of recognition towards Cobb. After making his purchase, the incredulous Cobb finally asked Jackson, "Don't you know me, Joe?" Jackson replied, "Sure, I know you, Ty, but I wasn't sure you wanted to know me. A lot of them don't."

He died of a heart attack in 1951. His wife died the same year. His former home has become the Shoeless Joe Jackson Baseball Museum and Library.

www.shoelessjoejackson.com More about Greenville.

Other Carolina Famous Faces.

Your Golf Community Home: The Search is On.



By Larry Gavrich, Founder & Editor, Home On The Course, LLC

It's a busy life, and although many baby boomers are thinking ahead to a time when they won't work, at least not fulltime, and will play as much golf as they want, the office still beckons for a few years longer.

At some point, though, those who will relocate in retirement will actually need to lay eyes on prospective locations; no right-minded couple will ever identify and purchase a golf community home on the Internet alone.

For those who want to get the party started now, we offer a few long-weekend itineraries of visits to golf communities across all price ranges in the coastal, lake and mountain regions of the Carolinas.

Discover six+ Carolina golf communities worth a look, from mountains to sea.

Image by Larry Gavrich: Champion Hills, Hendersonville, NC.

World-Class Creativity



Artfields

The dates are set to celebrate the enormous talent of Southeastern artists for the fifth year in a row. ArtFields@ will return to Lake City, SC, April 21-29, 2017, transforming this agricultural town into an art destination brimming over with 400 juried art works from 12 states.

Plans are underway to make the fifth year of the South's biggest art competition bigger than ever. Once again, art and art lovers will take over the town, as original works are showcased in 30-plus venues that include historic buildings, shops, cafes and offices. Meanwhile, organizers are conjuring new and exciting programming designed to engage visitors of all ages.

Artists who reside in 12 Southeastern states - Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia - are invited to enter original works. You are invited to enjoy all that eye candy. Artfieldssc.org

Carolina Cuisine

Baby, it's not cold outside, but here in the South, we still enjoy our soups and pastas to take that tiny little chill off. For something a bit different, try Tortelloni alla Stefania, a rich and delicious pasta dish from Il Giorgino, a delightful Italian Eatery in Columbia, SC.

When you visit Coia Town, put it on your must-dine-there list. Until then, try this beauty at home. As pretty as it is yummy, add a loaf of Italian bread, fresh arugula salad, good Italian wine, and your significant other and you're set for one lovely evening at home!

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Only \$99 per couple for Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday check-in or \$199 per couple for Friday & Saturday check-in. Limited number of reservations, available. RSVP Here.



All-American Marathon March

Fort Bragg and Fayetteville, NC will host the fourth annual All-American Marathon and "Mike-to-Mike" Half Marathon, on March 26th, 2017. Alongside these two popular races, the All-American Family 5K will also be offered. Each course has been certified by the USA Track and Field Association and the marathon portion is a qualifier for the Boston Marathon.

On race day, members of the military, wounded warriors, and runners from around the United States will begin their race near the Airborne Trooper Statue "Iron Mike" at the Airborne & Special Operations Museum. They will then pass through many scenic areas in the community before heading to Fort Bragg. Each run will be lined with flag-bearing spectators cheering on the runners. The Wear Blue Mile, which honors fallen service members, is noted as one of the most moving components of the race.

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