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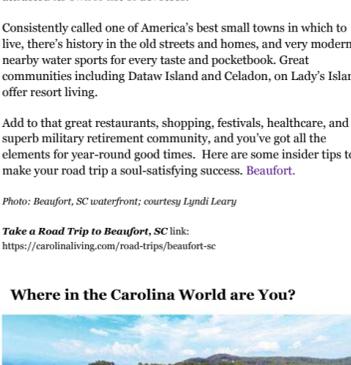
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Take a Road Trip to Beaufort, SC



Charming is an overused word, but it really applies to Beaufort – a town between tourist behemoths Charleston and Savannah that has attracted its own A-list of devotees.

Consistently called one of America's best small towns in which to live, there's history in the old streets and homes, and very modern nearby water sports for every taste and pocketbook. Great communities including Dataw Island and Celadon, on Lady's Island, offer resort living.

Add to that great restaurants, shopping, festivals, healthcare, and a superb military retirement community, and you've got all the elements for year-round good times. Here are some insider tips to make your road trip a soul-satisfying success. [Beaufort.](#)

Photo: Beaufort, SC waterfront; courtesy Lyndi Leary

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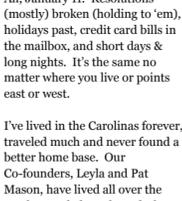
Where in the Carolina World are You?



It's one of the most spectacular sites for a wedding you'll ever find. Or perhaps a renewal of vows, or a baptism. Check it out on a Sunday, when non-denominational services are held, accompanied by talented local musicians and that awe-inspiring view.

Where are you?

Where in the Carolina World are You? link:
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Hi there,

Ah, January 11. Resolutions (mostly) broken (holding to 'em), holidays past, credit card bills in the mailbox, and short days & long nights. It's the same no matter where you live or points east or west.

I've lived in the Carolinas forever, traveled much and never found a better home base. Our Co-founders, Leyla and Pat Mason, have lived all over the north, traveled much, and after landing a great career change here in '83, quickly succumbed to the "easy living" southern ether. For sure, few Carolinians retire elsewhere.

What's in your future? For 2018, explore your options. Start with our [Road Trips](#) or peruse our [Adventures](#) for short takes on good times. If retirement is on your horizon – whatever that means to you – spend some quality time looking over [Carolinas retirement choices](#) and trends.

We hear it time and again. Beyond fab vacation experiences, the Carolinas win out over other worthy contenders for many reasons, among them: four seasons, mountains to ocean, friendly people, low cost of living, one day drive back to family and friends (and one day for them to reach you which will happen far more often).

Plan a visit soon, and let us help. Use our [ReloSmarts Service](#) if you've already made up your mind to make a move – or even if you are still exploring your options.

We welcome the New Year, always hopeful for the future.

Until next time,



Katherine Pettit
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Showcasing Carolina Life & Adventures

Photo: Sailing on Lake Murray, near Columbia, SC; courtesy LakeMurrayCountry.com

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Reasons to Move South
By Larry Gavrich, Founder & Editor, Home On The Course, LLC

There is no lonelier time for a golfer living north of the Mason-Dixon Line than January and February. Virtually all golf courses are closed, save for those few along the Gulfstream-warmed coasts of Connecticut and New York where, playing the game is possible if you can swing a club wearing a ski jacket, heavy sweater, or both. The rest of us will plop down in front of our televisions and feel bad enough watching all those pro golfers in shirtsleeves at the first PGA Tour event of the year, which started in January, at Kapalua on the Hawaiian island of Maui.

It doesn't have to be that way. You can actually play golf most every day during the droll days of winter by moving south, and more than pay for it with the money you will save in your annual costs of living. And with the new federal tax plan Congress recently approved, many of you in certain tax brackets and living in certain high-property tax areas will save even more.

Get the details.
Photo of True Blue Golf Club, Myrtle Beach, SC; by Larry Gavrich

Carolina Golf link:
<https://carolinainliving.com/lifestyle/golf/reasons-to-move-south-golf>

Let's Cocoon
What passes for winter in the Carolinas invites a bit of snuggling down with good books and movies.

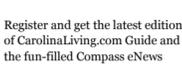
How about a Carolinas-themed marathon. Our favorites?

Favorite movies made in the Carolinas:
The Hunger Games
Dirty Dancing
The Big Chill
Deliverance
The Notebook

Favorite books with Carolinas settings:
A Walk in the Woods
Cold Mountain
The Secret Life of Bees
The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants
The Prince of Tides

Did we leave out one that you love? Let me know and we'll keep the list growing. KPettit@carolinainliving.com

Get the Guide.



Register and get the latest edition of [CarolinaLiving.com Guide](#) and the fun-filled [Compass eNews](#) twice a month... Learn all about the Carolinas thrills and frills.

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New Year's Resolutions

You know you made 'em. Now, how about sharing?

Here are mine. Less time chained to the computer. More time benefiting from new technology (to create less time chained to the computer).

What will you do differently in 2018? I've already kept one resolution: 12,000 steps a day on my Fitbit Charge 2. Feels great. And finally, more time spent with those we love. Whatcha got going in your world? Do share.

New Year's Resolutions link:
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Carolina Grown



Stone Pine Surprise
By Robert F. Polomski, Ph.D

Five years ago I purchased an Italian Stone pine (*Pinus pinea*) two days after Christmas. It was on the discounted table surrounded by poinsettias and rosemaries sheared into miniature Christmas trees.

This small pine with the soft powdery blue needles looked like a Colorado blue spruce under the rigid, sharp needles. The Italian stone pine resided in a festive decorative pot with a garnish of plastic red "berries." I was hooked.

I took it home and planted it in a well-drained location where it receives sun until mid-afternoon in the summertime. After two unusually bitterly cold winters where temperatures dropped to 8 degrees F, and hot, dry, humid summers with no supplemental irrigation, this Mediterranean native flourishes in my South Carolina foothills landscape.

This Italian stone pine morphed from a cute, short-necked blue conifer into a shaggy-looking green-needled attention-getting specimen that's at least 5 feet tall now. Throughout the summer and early fall Italian stone pine produces new shoots studded with short blue needles, which reminded me of its humble beginnings on the "50% off" table. I can't wait for it to reach reproductive maturity so I can harvest its delectable pignolia or pine nuts for pesto.

Interestingly, I've read comments from a variety of "experts" on the internet who nearly dissuaded me from growing this tree, which is widely planted in California and not expected to thrive east of the Mississippi, let alone in the southeast. Fortunately, Italian stone pines can't read.

Best of Carolina Grown Beauties
Learn more about Carolina gardening from Dr. Polomski's new book, Carolinas Month by Month Gardening.
Available wherever books are sold.
Photo by Robert F. Polomski, Ph.D

Carolina Grown link:
<https://carolinainliving.com/lifestyle/garden-carolina-grown>

A Treasure of a Home



Joseph Manigault House, Charleston, SC

It's not just the fine furniture, lovely gate temple overlooking the garden, or picturesque setting on one of America's favorite southern cities.

This is a home drenched in history and it shows. The former owners were descended from French Huguenots who fled European persecution in the 1600s. Once firmly ensconced in the new world, they prospered as rice planters and merchants. They also married well, which never hurts.

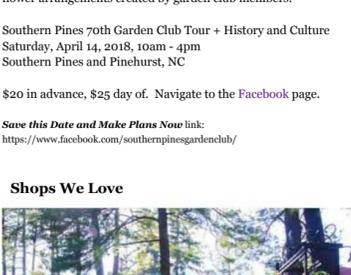
Among Joseph Manigault's in-laws was a signer of the Declaration of Independence, as well as wealthy farmers and connected aristocracy.

This house was designed by Joseph Manigault's brother Gabriel – a successful architect who also designed Charleston's City Hall, which is still in use.

Almost destroyed in the 1920s to make way for a gas station, it was thankfully purchased by the Charleston Museum in 1933, and can be toured individually, or as part of a package including the museum and another historic home. The guides are praised for their wit, knowledge and passion for the home.

Discover more.
A Treasure of a Home link:
<http://www.charlestonmuseum.org/>

Save this Date and Make Plans Now.



Take an entire day to experience the six private homes with remarkable gardens (and history), renowned Sandhills Community College gardens, two historic properties, the Given Memorial Library of Pinehurst, the expansive greenhouses of Pinehurst Resort, community plant sales at the horticulture gardens at Sandhills Community College and The Weymouth Center and discounts at local restaurants. In the homes, you'll see incredible flower arrangements created by garden club members.

Southern Pines 70th Garden Club Tour + History and Culture Saturday, April 14, 2018, 10am - 4pm
Southern Pines and Pinehurst, NC

\$20 in advance, \$25 day of. Navigate to the [Facebook](#) page.

Save this Date and Make Plans link:
<https://www.facebook.com/southernpinesgardenclub/>

Shops We Love



Grovewood Arts & Crafts Village

Some retail establishments are more than bricks and mortar, and definitely not designed for online perusing. These havens of inquiry and delights are quirky, majestic, inspired, lovely and practical – or not. (Does it really have to be useful? We think not.)

In the spirit of sharing our favorite finds, we offer an occasional foray into the wonderful world of shopping. (Don't roll your eyes, fellows. I've had to drag my spouse out of a Coleman store at Myrtle Beach and a no-name hardware store in the North Carolina mountains. You like stuff, too.)

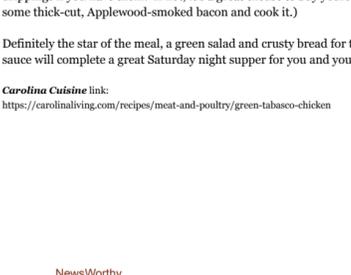
Grovewood Village, in Asheville, is adjacent to Grove Park Omni Inn. Founded by Edith Vanderbilt, this is guaranteed to offer something for everyone, from remarkable arts and crafts, to enchanting grounds and even an antique car museum.

Check it out [online](#) and you'll be inspired to visit. Enjoy!

Got a favorite shopping destination in the Carolinas? Let us know KPettit@carolinainliving.com and we'll include in a future issue.

Shops We Love link:
<https://www.grovewood.com/>

Carolina Cuisine



Seasoned in the South

A tried and true cookbook from Bill Smith, chef of Crook's Corner in Chapel Hill, NC, *Seasoned in the South* has been around long enough to acquire quite a following among those who appreciate Chef Smith's "sumptuous take on Southern comfort food."

That following extends far beyond Carolina borders. He is the only James Beard Foundation "America's Classic Restaurant" chef ever to have been named a final-five finalist for Best Chef in the Southeast – twice!

Green Tabasco™ Chicken makes a tasty meal with enough spice and flavor to kick your taste buds up – just a notch. (Use the bacon drippings if you have them. If not, it's a great excuse to buy yourself some thick-cut, Applewood-smoked bacon and cook it.)

Definitely the star of the meal, a green salad and crusty bread for the sauce will complete a great Saturday night supper for you and yours.

Carolina Cuisine link:
<https://carolinainliving.com/recipes/meat-and-poultry/green-tabasco-chicken>

Seasoned in the South link:
<https://www.cooks-corner.com/book>

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Calling All Outdoor Enthusiasts!

Find everything you need for the great outdoors at the Carolina Outdoor Expo January 26 - 28 at the Greenville Convention Center! Enjoy seminars from top saltwater and freshwater fishing guides from across North Carolina, hunting guides from across the country, and more than 100 vendors offering the latest in outdoor sports products! [Details.](#)
<http://carolinaoutdoorsexpo.com/>



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