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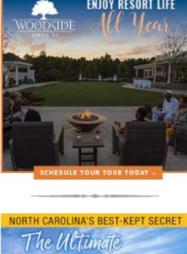
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June 13, 2019 Below: Small and beautiful; Big and walkable; Oh so Sweet; Water, Water; Glamping southern style; Music in the Mountains; Ag and Art; Our national treasures; summer fun; Explore Wrightsville Beach; Happy Birthday Michael Jackson.

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Summertime & Outdoor Living

Hi,

It's all about the great outdoors this month. For me, in the heartlands of South Carolina, the porch-sitting weather is perfect. Hoping you have equally delightful evenings.

This issue, we're sharing a great book on the National Parks and hope you'll take a virtual trip around the country before you plan your getaways. The festivals are outdoors, mostly. There's a good measure of music, food and attractions thrown in to keep things lively.

Glamping (such a clever mishmash of a word) is still in the news and as promised, this issue covers South Carolina campgrounds that cover that exalted title.

If you're in South Carolina, traveling along I-26 between Spartanburg and Columbia, please schedule time for a visit to Newberry. It's a treasure of a small town and you'll be amazed at the historic homes, cafe dining and walkable downtown.

Whatever you do, wherever you go this summer, do it with those you love. Travel is better when shared, although I have it on good authority that solo travel also gives you the opportunity to make new friends along the way - your way. The important thing is this - just keep traveling.

Til next time,



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Carolina Cuisine



Food fit for an Emperor

Tomatoes are ripening on our vines. Recipes are flowing among friends who know there's nothing better in the summer than any kind of homegrown beauty, from Better Boys to heirloom varieties.

In Little River, SC, (one of SC's most-preferred towns) Brentwood Restaurant offers fantastic food from Chef Eric Masson, and our featured recipe showcases both his talent, and the tasty fruit. Extra bonus: when you dine there, and you should, because it's fabulous, take note of the beautifully restored old home. Story is, there are ghosts here, but only the friendly sort. Try **Tomato Boursin Napoleons** today.

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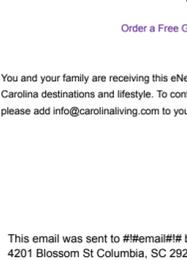
Water, Water, Everywhere

Beaufort Water Festival

We're providing a heads-up to give you time to get accommodations for this super good time in one of America's favorite southern towns. Races, entertainment, arts and crafts, celebrations on the waterfront, and lots of people watching will be on tap. When it's time to retreat for a quiet meal, there are great restaurants. Currently on our radar: Griffin Market, Breakwater and Old Bull Tavern.

July 12-21, 2019
[www.bfwaterfestival.com](#)
More about **Beaufort, SC.**

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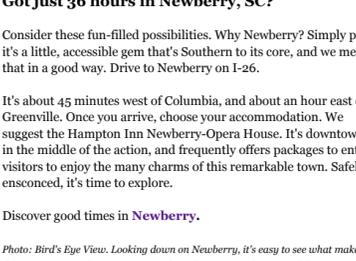
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In the city, or mountains, by a river, near a lake, or on a sandy beach. What's your pleasure? **Do share.**



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Road Trip



Got just 36 hours in Newberry, SC?

Consider these fun-filled possibilities. Why Newberry? Simply put, it's a little, accessible gem that's Southern to its core, and we mean that in a good way. Drive to Newberry on I-26.

It's about 45 minutes west of Columbia, and about an hour east of Greenville. Once you arrive, choose your accommodation. We suggest the Hampton Inn Newberry-Opera House. It's downtown, in the middle of the action, and frequently offers packages to entice visitors to enjoy the many charms of this remarkable town. Safely ensconced, it's time to explore.

Discover good times in **Newberry.**

Photo: Bird's Eye View. Looking down on Newberry, it's easy to see what makes this town so appealing to visitors and residents. Lovingly restored downtown, friendly people, plenty of green space and lots to enjoy. Photo credit: VisitNewberrySC.com

Making Music in the Mountains ...



2019 Brevard Music Center Summer Festival

Led by Artistic Director Keith Lockhart, the 2019 BMC summer music festival provides audiences with an exceptional array of performances by gifted young musicians and some of the most celebrated names in music - from classical superstars to pops, classical guitar and jazz legends, to acclaimed R&B and bluegrass artists - at their lakeside home in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina.

A few highlights:

- All Tchaikovsky
- The Temptations and The Four Tops
- The operas Susannah, Roméo et Juliette, and Die Fledermaus.
- *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, with popcorn and a live symphony orchestra.
- Brahms's Symphony No. 4, Mendelssohn's "Italian" Symphony, and Rachmaninoff's Symphony No. 2
- And their two week festival within a festival, where Aaron Copeland will be honored with symphonic and chamber works.

Bring your friends and join them lakeside, share a picnic on the lawn and under the stars, or relax in an intimate music hall. Eighty performances and events in a backdrop that shows why the Appalachians are among our most revered locations. **Brevard Music Festival.**

Photo courtesy Brevard Music Center Summer Institute & Festival

Carolina Grown



The Sweetbay Magnolia: Attention Grabber

Written by Robert F. Polomski, Ph.D., Extension Specialist Horticulture/Adjunct Asst. Prof. Clemson University

For years I've been a devotee of **sweetbay magnolia** (*Magnolia virginiana*), an underused deciduous to evergreen small tree that can be found growing in the wild in bogs and swamps in the Carolinas. Sweetbay has attractive bicolor leaves that are bright green on top and silver-white on the bottom. They're also pleasantly aromatic. I tell my students, sweetbay is one of those plants that you need to reach out and touch.

Sweetbay typically blooms from May to June and often into September bearing 3- to 5-inch wide, creamy-white lemon-scented blooms. Cucumber-like fruit develop shortly after the flowers fade. When these pods dry, they split open to reveal bright red oval seeds. To me, these beautiful gems offer ornamental interest; to wildlife, these high fat content seeds offer sustenance to migratory birds.

You'll often find sweetbay as a multi-stemmed small tree, attaining a mature height of 30 to 50 ft. and spread of 20 to 25 ft. Best suited in full sun to partial shade, use sweetbay as a stand-alone, attention-grabbing specimen, in a border, or close to a patio or other outdoor space. Obviously, sweetbay is a perfect candidate for rain gardens or low-lying areas of your landscape (colloquially known as "hog wallows").

Although sweetbay has been in the trade since the 17th century, it still wallows in obscurity. A few selections of sweetbay may increase its popularity. Consider 'Jim Wilson' *Moonglow* for its cold tolerance and leaves with silvery-blue on the undersides, 'Mattie Mae Smith' with yellow-margined leaves, and 'Santa Rosa' (pictured) with large, lustrous dark green leaves.

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.

Photo by Robert F. Polomski, Ph.D

Our National Treasures

Lassoing the Sun

Note: There are more than a dozen national parks and sites in the Carolinas.

North Carolina. South Carolina.

Visit them all, but before you go, read this inspiring book by one man who spent a year traveling.

Mark Woods shares his account of his incredible, year-long journey visiting America's National Parks.

In 2011, Woods won the Eugene C. Pulliam Fellowship, a \$75,000 award given annually to one writer in the country with a proposal to spend one year in America's national parks, looking ahead to the centennial and beyond. In 2012, he visited one park a month, starting with a sunrise in Acadia and ending with a sunset in Haleakala.

What was intended to be a book about the future of the national parks turned into something much bigger. *Lassoing The Sun* is more than just a memoir - it is a book about family, the parks, the legacies we inherit, and the ones we leave behind. With the backdrop of America's parks, Woods has given readers an immensely profound story about life and what it truly means to be alive.

"The guy is so good. And he has such a fresh way of looking at things. I was just thrilled by the way he plans to move the discussion forward." - Jim Dwyer, Pulitzer Prize winner

Find online at **Amazon** and at fine bookstores everywhere, including **Barnes & Noble.**



Let's Go Glamping



Best Campgrounds in SC
Last issue, NC, today, her southern sister. It's not really roughing it when the campgrounds have great amenities and beautiful views. Plus, the family togetherness time is nothing short of priceless. Mountain camping always guaranteed beautiful images for the family photo album. Here are the top five, according to [TripleBlaze.com](#)

- Rank | Campground | Location*
1. Edisto Beach State Park | Edisto Island, SC
 2. Cherry Hill Recreation Area | Mountain Rest, SC
 3. Cheraw State Park | Cheraw, South Carolina
 4. Calhoun Falls State Recreation Area | Calhoun Falls, SC
 5. Woods Ferry Recreation Area | Chester County, SC

Photo Credit: Olde English District

Handmade and Homegrown



What perfect family fun. Welcome to the **South Carolina Ag + Art Tour**, a free, self-guided tour of designated farms in South Carolina featuring local artisans and farmer's markets. You will see, first-hand, where your food comes from, watch artists in action and purchase their works, dance to the melodies of bluegrass and folksongs, and learn more about rural life.

Every weekend in June
Saturdays 10 am - 4:00 pm
Sundays 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

NewsWorthy

Let's go to the Beach!

Wrightsville Beach, NC, near Wilmington - voted one of the "South's Best Beaches" by *Southern Living* magazine readers - is as welcoming to families and travelers as ever with its post-Hurricane Florence renovations, crystal blue waters and active island lifestyle.

Check it out.

Photo Credit: Wilmington and Beaches CVB

Not Bad at All

Don't you want to go to his birthday party? Now this is the way to turn 60!

Mike Jackson, the owner of Point Lookout vineyards, a fabulous mountaintop winery in Hendersonville with amazing views, is celebrating his 60th birthday with a ticketed concert at the winery. Mike's full name is Michael Jackson, so he's bringing in "Who's the Bad," one of the top Michael Jackson tribute bands in the U.S. The date is Saturday, June 22.

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