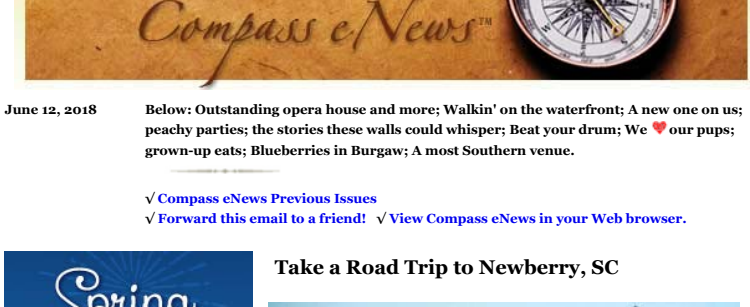


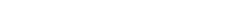
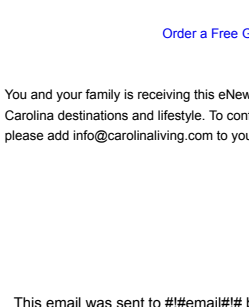
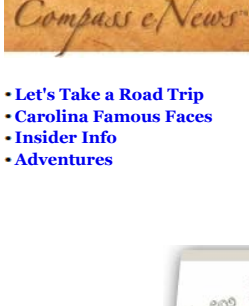
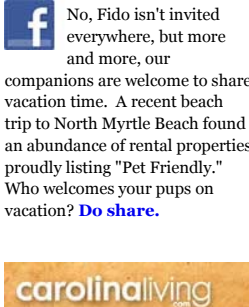
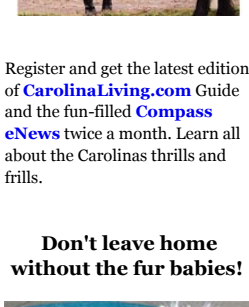
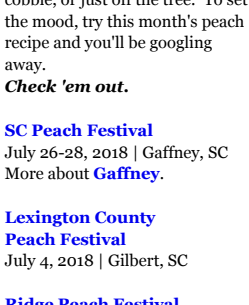
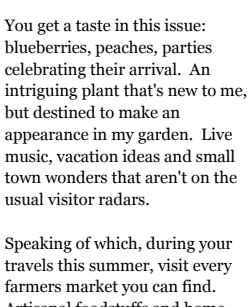
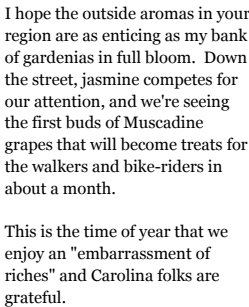
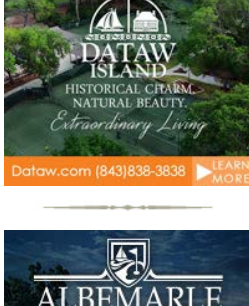
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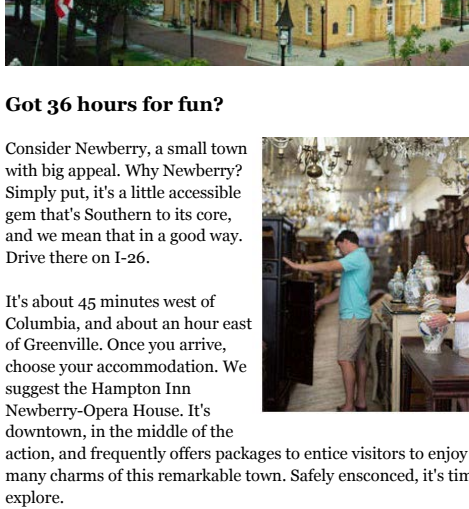


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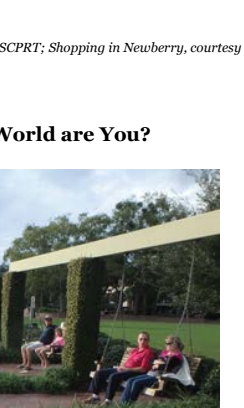


Take a Road Trip to Newberry, SC



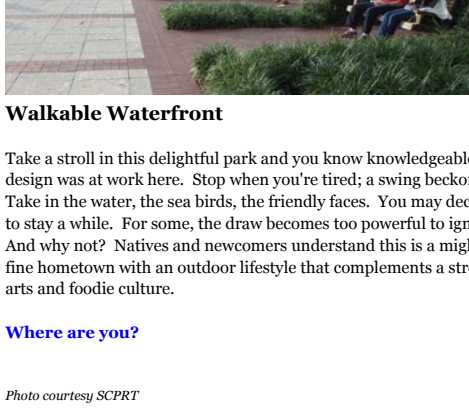
Got 36 hours for fun?

Consider Newberry, a small town with big appeal. 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 there on I-26.



Photos: Newberry Opera House, courtesy SCPRT; Shopping in Newberry, courtesy VisitNewberrySC.com

Where in the Carolina World are You?



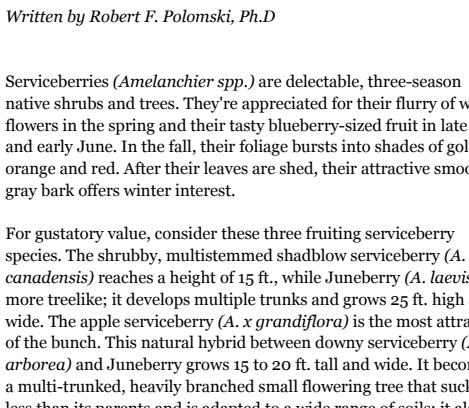
Walkable Waterfront

Take a stroll in this delightful park and you know knowledgeable design was at work here. Stop when you're tired; a swing beckons. Take in the water, the sea birds, the friendly faces. You may decide to stay a while. For some, the draw becomes too powerful to ignore. And why not? Natives and newcomers understand this is a mighty fine hometown with an outdoor lifestyle that complements a strong arts and foodie culture.

Where are you?

Photo courtesy SCPRT

Carolina Home Grown



Multi-Talented Taste Treat

Written by Robert F. Polomski, Ph.D

Serviceberries (Amelanchier spp.) are delectable, three-season native shrubs and trees. They're appreciated for their flurry of white flowers in the spring and their tasty blueberry-sized fruit in late May and early June. In the fall, their foliage bursts into shades of gold, orange and red. After their leaves are shed, their attractive smooth gray bark offers winter interest.

For gustatory value, consider these three fruiting serviceberry species. The shrubby, multistemmed shadblow serviceberry (A. canadensis) reaches a height of 15 ft., while Juneberry (A. laevis) is more tree-like; it develops multiple trunks and grows 25 ft. high and wide. The apple serviceberry (A. x grandiflora) is the most attractive of the bunch. This natural hybrid between downy serviceberry (A. arborea) and Juneberry grows 15 to 20 ft. tall and wide. It becomes a multi-trunked, heavily branched small flowering tree that suckers less than its parents and is adapted to a wide range of soil; it also tolerates some drought. Apple serviceberry produces larger clusters of fleecy-white flowers than other serviceberries. They give rise to red fruits, although they're not produced in great numbers.

Sadly, serviceberries are plagued with many of the insects and diseases that attack other members of the rose family; however, the damage is usually cosmetic rather than life-threatening. Also, the various species and cultivars are difficult to identify, particularly in mid-season.

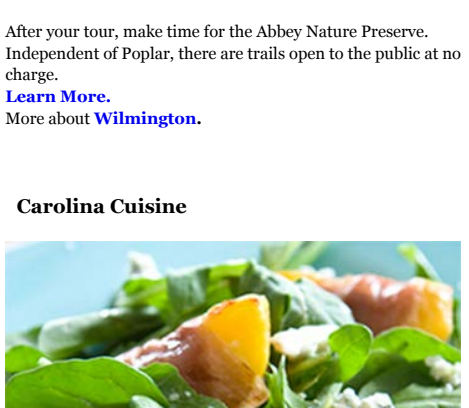
Nevertheless, if you want to pick the right serviceberry for your landscape, follow the fruit – provided the birds saved some for you.

Discover more glorious plants, trees and flowers here.



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

Are you ready for Adventure?



78 ways to have fun in the Carolinas.

May we suggest the Drumming Circle in Asheville?

This is an adventure for folks who want to be where the action is. People who love to smile at strangers and meet like-minded souls adore this ritual. The drumming begins between 5 and 6pm on Fridays, and continues until about 10pm, including a few short breaks. As one Trip Advisor reviewer shared: It's the most fun you can have with your clothes on – Asheville's ultimate local vibe. Drumming Circle.

77 more adventure ideas.

Photo courtesy ExploreAsheville.com

Historic Homes to Visit



Poplar Grove

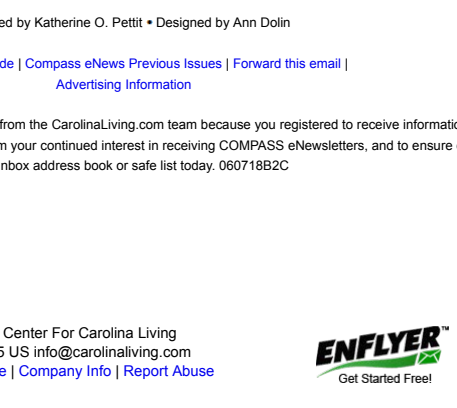
This historic property has a bit of everything, so take the entire family and plan a visit. Found near Wilmington, North Carolina, Poplar Grove is a former sweet potato and peanut plantation. The original manor house was restored and opened to the public as a museum in 1980 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The 15 remaining acres include outbuildings in addition to the home, which was in the Foy family for six generations, from 1759 to 1971.

Insider tips to plan your visit:

- It's part of the Gullah-Geechee Corridor.
During summer, a Farmers Market with food, artisans and crafts is open on Wednesday morning
Visit rescue horses who call Poplar Manor home, and there are friendly farm animals, as well.

After your tour, make time for the Abbey Nature Preserve. Independent of Poplar, there are trails open to the public no charge. Learn More. More about Wilmington.

Carolina Cuisine



Just Peachy!

It's peach season again and the farmers tell us this is juicy and especially delicious this year. Of course you should make a peach cobbler – it makes my spouse swoon – but for healthier fare, Argula Salad with SC Peaches and Blue Cheese wins the prize. The slightly bitter bite of the greens, with divinely inspired fruit and salty satisfaction. Yes, it's heavenly. And healthy. Now's the season to explore a fruit that grows abundantly in South Carolina. You're gonna love this one.

Many thanks to the South Carolina Peach Council, an association of growers, packers, researchers, allied industry, and produce buyers who seek to protect and advance the production and marketing of peaches in South Carolina. Their site shares recipes as well as information on what's happening in the peach world. www.sepeach.org



We're singing the Blues

North Carolina Blueberry Festival June 15-16, 2018 Historic downtown Burgaw, NC, near Wilmington, NC

The North Carolina Blueberry Festival features family entertainment while keeping the bountiful blueberry at center stage. It's one of Southeastern North Carolina's premier family events, and includes a car show, a street fair, recipe contest, barbeque cook-off, a 5K run, special exhibits, and more. Details.

Let's Have a Party

Merchants Hall

Located in the heart of Historic Downtown Charleston at 36 North Market Street, Merchants Hall is an ideal venue for elegant weddings and soirées in America's favorite city. Built in the mid-1850s, it was originally J.C.H. Clausen and Company, a wholesaler of crackers, cakes, candies and other goods. Long-standing wood columns and authentic exposed brick walls preserve the building's historic character. The original windows overlook Charleston's bustling City Market, with views of the majestic U.S. Custom House and famed steeples of the Holy City's cathedrals. Merchants Hall features an expansive 2,800 square foot ballroom, stunning crystal chandeliers throughout, soaring 12-foot ceilings, a warming kitchen, a spacious bridal or host suite, custom-built bar carts, an optional stage and the finest furnishings and luxurious finishes. www.merchantshallchs.com More about Charleston.

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