

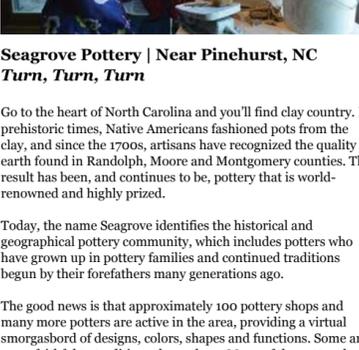


November 30, 2017 Below: Throw that pot; Mr. Mayor; Santa's little helper; Name that elk; Lovely libations; Everything old is new again; Holiday lights, Ride with Santa

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Carolina Adventures



Go to the heart of North Carolina and you'll find clay country. In prehistoric times, Native Americans fashioned pots from the clay, and since the 1700s, artisans have recognized the quality of earth found in Randolph, Moore and Montgomery counties. The result has been, and continues to be, pottery that is world-renowned and highly prized.

Today, the name Seagrove identifies the historical and geographical pottery community, which includes potters who have grown up in pottery families and continued traditions begun by their forefathers many generations ago.

The good news is that approximately 100 pottery shops and many more potters are active in the area, providing a virtual smorgasbord of designs, colors, shapes and functions. Some are more faithful to traditions than others. Many of the potters have their work in homes and galleries worldwide. Often have small studios where you can watch them work, and then, pick out a favored piece to bring home.

There are several pottery shops in the tiny town of Seagrove, which is also home to the NC Pottery Center. However, many potteries can be found in the rural area near the town. Maps are available that show potteries located along Highway 705, or its side roads. The Seagrove Area Potters Association will help visitors find those hard-working artisans. Ask and you can find pottery demonstrations, and perhaps a lesson or two in the ancient art of throwing a pot.

WOW Factor: It's overwhelming – and awe-inspiring. To find so many talented people, many of them working in much the same manner as their great-great grandparents did, is nothing short of humbling. The pots are gorgeous, and you will want to bring one or more of these beauties home. Do so, and help keep these remarkable traditions alive and available to the world.

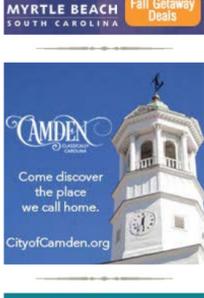
Hint: Plan, plan, plan. Contact the websites listed below, as well as area visitor centers. There are B&Bs and fun restaurants to enjoy during your visit, and the area is easily found from Pinchurst or environs.

Learn more at: www.heartofnorthcarolina.com/cities-and-towns [www.ncpotterycenter.org](http://ncpotterycenter.org) [www.discoverseagrove.com](http://discoverseagrove.com)

More Carolina Adventures.

Photo: Seagrove Pottery | Randolph County, NC

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Food, Family & Fun

Hello,

Can there be any rhyme or reason to folks who love their 19th Century antiques, yet put a sparkling white artificial Christmas tree on the porch? "Eclectic" comes to mind and I suppose that fits as well as anything in our home. Bet you have some similarities in your town, too.

We're all about tradition this month, starting with centuries-old pottery from Seagrove and continuing to antique train rides (with Santa of course), one of the best antique furniture haunts in the Carolinas, and holiday lights displays that bring a community together and entertain families from everywhere.

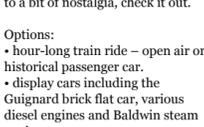
It's all part of the Carolinas attraction – history, whimsy, family, food and always, a dash of fun. As you're considering your next step in life's royal dance, discover a bit more about the Carolinas at CarolinaLiving.com.

Stumped on gift-giving this holiday season? Consider the gift of time. Volunteer to plant flower bulbs for an elderly friend. Cultivate a relationship with a youngster. Invite everyone you love over for a sumptuous feast. (You prepare the meat, they'll be happy to bring the sides. See Carolina Cuisine, below, for a show-stopping suggestion.)

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Where is Cameron, you ask?

Located near the center of North Carolina in Moore County, this small town is listed on the National Register of Historic Sites and has been voted the "Best Antique Area in North Carolina" by *Our State Magazine*. It's also been featured in *Southern Living*, among others.

Cameron's twelve antique stores enhance this picturesque small town that was built on the turpentine and dewberry industries. Now, nostalgia and an appreciation for the best of the past is driving this mall town's panache.

Walk along Carthage Street to see building styles popular in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Visit the stores and admire the furniture. Buy a special piece to take home. Have lunch at the Coffee Grind, McPherson's Store, or the Dewberry Deli and Soda Fountain. Now this is a day trip for grown-ups!

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Climb Aboard the Santa Train



The Rockton, Rion and Western

Near Columbia, SC and even closer to Winnsboro, you'll find the SC Railroad Museum, with great hands-on experiences as well. If you'd like to expose your little ones to a bit of nostalgia, check it out.

- Options:
- hour-long train ride – open air or historical passenger car.
- display cars including the Guignard brick flat car, various diesel engines and Baldwin steam engine 44
- walk-through display train featuring the 100 year old Norfolk business car, a Southern Post Office car, Nickel Plate caboose and more
- museum gallery with historical artifacts ranging from signals to photographs and more
- station gift shop and ticket office offers tee shirts, train hats, whistles, pins, patches and tons of items for the kids and the adult rail fan.

Sounds like fun, doesn't it? Check out scrm.org.

Climb Aboard the Santa Train link: <https://scrm.org/>

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Holiday Lights in SC
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Holiday Lights in NC
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Next issue. Great Carolina New Year's Eve Celebrations.

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