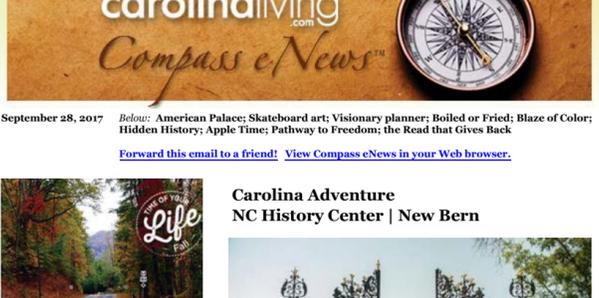


Now's the time for fun getaways and the great outdoors - Welcome!

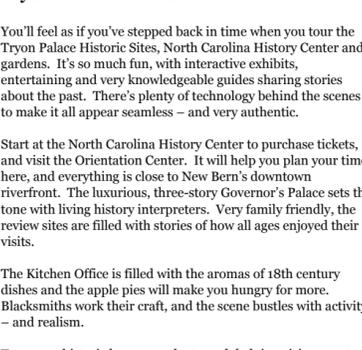


September 28, 2017 Below: American Palace; Skateboard art; Visionary planner; Boiled or Fried; Blaze of Color; Hidden History; Apple Time; Pathway to Freedom; and the Read that Gives Back

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Carolina Adventure NC History Center | New Bern



You'll feel as if you've stepped back in time when you tour the Tryon Palace Historic Sites, North Carolina History Center and gardens. It's so much fun, with interactive exhibits, entertaining and very knowledgeable guides sharing stories about the past. There's plenty of technology behind the scenes to make it all appear seamless - and very authentic.

Start at the North Carolina History Center to purchase tickets, and visit the Orientation Center. It will help you plan your time here, and everything is close to New Bern's downtown riverfront. The luxurious, three-story Governor's Palace sets the tone with living history interpreters. Very family friendly, the review sites are filled with stories of how all ages enjoyed their visits.

The Kitchen Office is filled with the aromas of 18th century dishes and the apple pies will make you hungry for more. Blacksmiths work their craft, and the scene bustles with activity - and realism.

Two more historic homes can be toured, helping visitors capture the way life was for local families. Take the guided tours, and don't hesitate to ask questions. These interpreters know their history. (One reviewer on Trip Advisor suggests asking about the plaques that visited New Bern in its early days - proving that life wasn't always a bed of roses in the big houses.)

And speaking of flowers, take plenty of time to enjoy the gardens, patterned after the formal garden style of 18th century Britain. In the fall, mums add remarkable color, while springtime brings tulips to brighten the scenery.

WOW Factor: It all depends on your preference. History enthusiasts will love the old homes, and the Pepsi Family Center, where visitors travel back to 1835 in a time machine and sail a ship, harvest turpentine, cook an old recipe, knit a quilt or help produce the town newspaper.

Budding botanists will swoon over the gardens - from the perfectly patterned Latham Garden, to the bountiful Kitchen Garden where you can inhale the same aromas that were found on dining tables so long ago.

Hint: Grab a strawberry lemonade and light lunch at Lawson's Landing Café at Tryon Palace. Plan for being both indoors and outside. You can easily spend a half day visiting the History Center, buildings and gardens. Don't leave the children behind. It really works for the entire family.

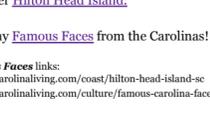
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https://www.tryonpalace.org/ https://carolinainliving.com/adventures

Carolina Creative



Tara Locklear - Nothing is wasted!

Inspired by mid-century adornment, Tara Locklear creates wearable works of art that are inventive and memorable (for ladies and gentlemen). A graduate of East Carolina University with a BFA in Metal Design, her work is composed from industrial and repurposed elements. The result? Modern costume jewelry which is creative and imaginative.

Ms. Locklear has been an instructor at Penland School of Crafts, and her work has been enthusiastically received there and at other galleries, including the Smithsonian and American Craft Council Craft shows, and in public collections such as the Racine Art Museum. She has given lectures about her process at Pratt Design School in NYC and the Society for Contemporary Craft, in Pittsburgh.

Tara Locklear is a resident of Raleigh, NC where she works in her studio. Find samples of her work at www.Tara-Locklear.com

Read about more Carolina Creatives (and their work).

Penland School of Crafts is an international center for craft education dedicated to helping people live creative lives. Located in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina, Penland offers workshops in books and paper, clay, drawing, glass, iron, metals, photography, printmaking and letterpress, textiles, and wood. The school also offers artists' residencies, community collaboration programs, and a gallery and information center. Penland.org

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Famous Faces

Charles E. Fraser

June 13, 1929 - December 15, 2002

Developer of Sea Pines Plantation. Charles Fraser was a real estate pioneer who combined his love of history and the environment into a vision which transformed a tree-covered, sparsely populated barrier island off the coast of South Carolina into Sea Pines Plantation on Hilton Head Island.



It became one of the first projects to combine golf and real estate development in a planned community; to use covenants and deed restrictions to protect the environment; and one of the first communities which promoted inter-generational recreation. He graduated from the University of Georgia and Yale Law School, but abandoned practice to spend a lifetime creating magnificent communities, including Kiawah Island Resort, near Charleston.

His friend, Margaret Greer, said, "He was a genius. You couldn't crawl into that mind." His brother, Joseph B. Fraser, called him "one of a kind," adding, "There aren't many people out there with his vision." He was honored by the Urban Land Institute as a recipient of a Heritage Award, one of only five ever presented by that renowned organization.

For those who've visited Hilton Head Island, the design is based on a Mediterranean village. What many don't know is that the design of the marina at Harbour Town was changed to save an ancient live oak, which came to be known as the Liberty Oak. Mr. Fraser died at age 73, as a result of a boating accident in the Turks and Caicos Islands. He is survived by his wife, Mary, and two daughters, and is buried next to that tree he loved so dearly.

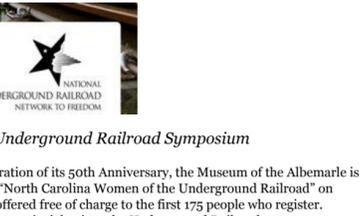
Discover Hilton Head Island.

So many Famous Faces from the Carolinas! Great Stories.

Famous Faces links:

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Map your Fall Color Tour



When and where are leaf colors at their peak?

Much thanks to the folks at Appalachian State University who have provided all leaf-lovers with a handy guide to when and where we'll find peak colors. The leaves are beginning to change everywhere. For the best color, you'll need to be up high in early October, and lower by the end of the month.

Check it out!

Map your Fall Color Tour link: https://biology.appstate.edu/fall-color-report/fall-color-map-north-carolina

The way things were



Visit the Spartanburg Regional History Museum

This little gem might have gone undetected except it began to surface on our radar. A comment here, Trip Advisor report there, a bit of sleuthing on our part. If you're in the upstate of SC, there are a number of great museums to visit and we plan to do our part in sharing the news about them. Today, however, we're here to talk about this regional beauty, found in the Chapman Cultural Center in Spartanburg.

You'll spend an hour or two learning about the early days of the area's Spanish explorers, the fascinating military history, beginning with the fight for American Independence, and the way folks lived a hundred years ago and more.

Amateur photographers will love the collection of maps, some showing how the states were configured "back then." Antique maps are also for sale - a great find for holiday gift-giving. Also, the decorative arts gallery features a great collection of furniture of the area (look for the beautiful half-penny inlay designs).

Get the details here.

Parakeet Artwork: You can purchase this reproduction of the extinct Carolina Parakeet in the museum's gift shop.

The way things were link: https://www.spartanburghhistory.org/museum.php

Carolina Cuisine

Now, you may think this is a plug for only apples, but most orchards have multiple fruits for your dining pleasure. To prove our point, we're suggesting you give Asian pears a try. They're delicious, and "pai" so nicely with sharp cheese. No walnuts? Pecans are plentiful in the Carolinas and freeze beautifully. We've already ordered ours for the holidays.

Whatever your pleasure give Asian Pear, Walnut and Cherry Salad with Bleu Cheese a try, because it's a lovely roasted chicken. Yum.

Carolina Cuisine link: https://carolinainliving.com/recipes/sides-salads/asian-pear-walnut-and-cherry-salad-with-bleu-cheese

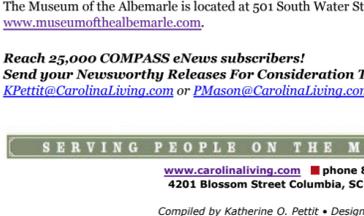


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Giving Back

Arcadia Publishing & The History Press are committed to supporting local communities. They are donating 100% of the proceeds from the online sales of their Texas, Louisiana and Florida books during the month of September to the American Red Cross Foundation.

Jack Joseph, Director of Direct to Consumer Sales, states, "As part of our company's mission to act as passionate community supporters, we feel it is essential to do whatever we can to provide support to members of these communities in times of need." These titles can be found online at www.arcadiapublishing.com.



North Carolina Women of the Underground Railroad Symposium

Elizabeth City, NC: As part of the celebration of its 50th Anniversary, the Museum of the Albemarle is hosting a two-day symposium entitled "North Carolina Women of the Underground Railroad" on October 5-7. The symposium is being offered free of charge to the first 175 people who register. Nationally known speakers will provide new insights into the Underground Railroad.

On the evening of October 5th, Dr. Rex M. Ellis, Deputy Director of the Smithsonian's Museum of African American History and Culture, will speak on the Underground Railroad from a national perspective. Separate registration is required for the evening lecture. Tickets include dinner and drinks before the lecture with an opportunity to meet Dr. Ellis.

The Museum of the Albemarle is located at 501 South Water Street, Elizabeth City, NC. www.museumofthealbemarle.com.

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