

## WORKSHOPS & LECTURES DAY

### THURSDAY, APRIL 30

**9:00 am – 9:45 am**

**Robert Mills Court House**, 607 Broad Street, Camden - *Registration (pick up Festival tickets) and Continental Breakfast*; breakfast included in Basic Registration

**10:00 am – Noon**

*Grant Writing Seminar for Non-profits*  
**Robert Mills Court House**, 607 Broad Street - Included in Basic Registration. Please register early  
Dr. Randy L. Akers, Executive Director, the Humanities Council<sup>SC</sup>

**Noon – 1:00 pm**

*Lunch for Seminar Participants*  
**Robert Mills Court House**, 607 Broad Street  
Included with Basic Registration; must be pre-registered for morning and/or afternoon seminar.

**1:00 pm – 3:00 pm**

*Public Speaking for Non-Profit Executives*  
**Robert Mills Court House**, 607 Broad Street  
Presented by Buckley School of Public Speaking/ Jana Daley - Included in Basic Registration. Please register early

**1:00 pm – 5 pm**

**FREE - History of Kershaw County Talk & Book Signing** - Presented by authors Joan and Glen Inabinet  
**Kershaw County Historical Society Headquarters** - The Bonds Conway House, 811 Fair Street

**4:00 pm 7:00 pm**

*Stroll and Browse in Camden's historic Downtown District*

- Uncover treasures in Camden's antique shops, museums and galleries - Check festival packet for maps, coupons, merchant information, and other events.
- Dine in upscale and down-home Southern eateries

### HORSE & HISTORY TOURING DAY

#### FRIDAY, MAY 1

**8:00 am – 9:45 am**

*Registration, pick up tickets and Continental Breakfast*  
**The National Steeplechase Museum**, 200 Knights Hill Road

- Overlooking Springdale Race Course, watch a morning training session with Kip Elser, former steeplechase jockey and owner of Kirkwood Stables
- Breakfast included in Basic Registration

**10:00am – 4:00 pm**

**FREE - National Steeplechase Museum & Gift Shop 200 Knights Hill Rd, Camden**

- Visit the only museum in the United States dedicated to telling the story of steeple chasing through film, photography, memorabilia, and interactive exhibits

**10:00 am – 4: pm**

**(Ticketed Tour; please register early)**  
**Guided Bus Tour of Horse Country & Historic Districts**  
**Begins at the National Steeplechase Museum, 200 Knights Hill Road**

**NOON - Lunch for Tour Group on the Mill Pond**; Historic Boykin, SC  
Lunch cost included with tour ticket.

### ALL AROUND CAMDEN TOWN

*Enjoy museums and more at your own pace.*

#### SATURDAY, MAY 2

**7:30am – 5:00pm**

*Nationwide Celebration of Books and Independent Bookstores*  
**FREE - Books on Broad, 944 Broad Street**

**8:00 am – Noon**

**FREE - Kershaw County Farmers Market, Revolutionary War Park, 222 Broad Street**

- THE Saturday morning gathering place with local produce, artisans, Farm-to-Table festivities, live entertainment, demonstrations and more.

**9:00 am – 4:00 pm**

**FREE - Camden Archives & Museum, 1314 Broad Street**

- 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Camden's Carnegie Library
- "The Best Gun Collection in the South". Visit with collector Ross Beard
- The Little Brown Dog: The Boykin Spaniel Story. Let South Carolina's State Dog be your guide for a special tour.
- Reconciliation Sculpture Garden and conversation with sculptress Maria Kirby-Smith

**10:00 to 5:00 pm**

**FREE - Historic Camden Revolutionary War Park, 222 Broad Street**

- Walk these hallowed grounds

**1:30 pm to 3 pm**

- Signup for guided tours of Joseph Kershaw House

**2:30 – 4:00**

**FREE - Historic Camden Revolutionary War Park, 222 Broad Street**

*Meet the Author Davie Beard- Postcards of Kershaw County*

He will discuss his extraordinary collection of photos and postcards at McCaa's Tavern.

**3:00 pm - 4:30pm**

*"The Way It Was" in the Old Kitchen House*

Bloomsbury Inn Bed & Breakfast, 1707 Lyttleton Street

**2:45 Shuttle to Bloomsbury from Camden Archives & Museum, 1314 Broad Street (No visitor parking at Bloomsbury)**

- Features Bloomsbury owner, Katherine Brown
- Cooking demonstration from the era of Mary Boykin Chesnut.
- Included in Basic registration, however space is limited.

*For festival information and assistance during the weekend call our Kershaw County Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center*

**803-432-2557**

**7:30 - 5:00pm**

Nationwide Celebration of Books and Independent Bookstores

**FREE - Books on Broad  
944 Broad Street**

Readings, book signings and conversation with local and regional authors and artists, including:

1. Tom Poland – 10am – Noon
2. Sam Morton – 1pm – 2:30pm
3. Stephen Chesley – 2:30pm – 4pm
4. Kathryn Lovatt – 4pm – 5pm

**5:00 pm – 7:00**

**FREE - Derby Party at Salud's –  
Salud's @ TenEleven Galleria, 1011  
Broad Street**

Will Camden's UPSTART win this year's Kentucky Derby? Catch the thrill live! Join locals view the race on the big screen Light complimentary fare with cash bar.

**SUNDAY, MAY 3**

**Sunday Morning Worship Services**

- Visitors welcome at over 200 churches in Kershaw County
- Church Directory included in Festival Packet

**3:00 pm**

**FREE - Spring Concert at Rectory  
Square (corner of Lyttleton and  
Chestnut Streets)**

- Featuring the Camden Community Concert Band
- Bring your own chair or blanket. (In case of rain, the concert will be held at Wood Auditorium, Fine Arts Center, and 810 Lyttleton Street.)

### OVERVIEW

Camden, South Carolina is so rich in history and cultural activities that you will want to “get a gallop on” to experience as much as possible during this year’s festival.

### Background:

Camden is the oldest inland city and fourth oldest city in South Carolina (after Beaufort, Charleston and Georgetown). Near the center of the Cofitachequi chiefdom that existed in the 1500s, Camden became part of a township plan ordered by King George II in 1730. In 1758, Joseph Kershaw, from Yorkshire, England came into the township from Charleston, established a store and back-country settlement that became the main inland trade center in the colony. The town was renamed Camden, in honor of Lord Camden, the champion of colonial rights.

After Charleston fell under the Crown’s control in 1780, General Lord Cornwallis and 2,500 of his Loyalist and British troops marched to Camden and established the main British supply post for the Southern campaign.

The Battle of Camden was fought on August 16, 1780 near Camden, and on April 25, 1781 the Battle of Hobkirk’s Hill was fought between about 1,400 troops led by General Nathanael Greene and 950 Loyalists and British soldiers led by Francis, Lord Rawdon.

After the Revolution, Camden's prominence and wealth grew as a major interior trading town with direct ties to Charleston and the world. Regional products, augmented with goods from the interior of North Carolina and far lands to the west were transported from Camden to Charleston on flat-bottom riverboats that plied the adjacent Wateree River before the railroad arrived in 1842.

During the Civil War, Camden sent six generals who contributed significantly. Hero of the American Civil War Richard Rowland Kirkland - 'The Angel of Marye's Heights' - is interred in the Old Quaker Burying Ground in Camden’s “Colonial District”. Components of Sherman's army burned Confederate and nearby properties including a full block of downtown buildings, and the last Federal officer killed in the Civil War died in a skirmish near Camden.

### A New Era - The Horsey Set

In the mid-1880s Camden became an increasingly popular destination for wealthy northern families to spend the winter. Eventually three resort hotels provided state of the art winter tourism activities well into the 1930s and beyond. The town became associated with many equestrian activities, and is now the home of the third oldest active polo field in America, and is well recognized as the “Steeplechase Capital of the World.”

Today, more than 1,500 thoroughbreds call the area home, with equine-related activities comprising a primary component of the regional economy. Major equine events include The Carolina Cup in the spring. The "Cup" attracts more than 65,000 race goers annually and is the state’s premier social sporting event. Springdale Race Course is also home, since 1970, to the Marion duPont Scott Colonial Cup held in the fall.

Because of its long history and many years of wealthy winter visitors and deep-pocket northern owners, Camden has an enviable inventory of antebellum homes and charm that remains unique among South Carolina towns and elsewhere.

# 2015 Humanities Festival

## Schedule of Events

# GALLOP THROUGH CAMDEN’S HISTORY

*The 2015 Humanities Festival is  
dedicated to the memory of  
Camden resident and  
philanthropist,  
John Stringer Rainey*

*“Episcopalian by choice, American  
by birth, and  
a Southerner by the grace of God.”*