

**The S. C. Humanities Council Festival
Summerville, South Carolina: The Birthplace of Sweet Tea
Itinerary**

April 18, 19, 20, 21

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Or Call Pamela Ward (843) 224-4133

Thursday

Welcome to Summerville

5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

First Stop on the Sweet Tea Trail is the welcome station at City Hall
on the corner of South Main Street and West Richardson Avenue
200 S. Main Street, Summerville, S.C. 29483

The Festival Officially begins at 5:00 pm and goes until 8:00 pm on Thursday Night.

Out of town guests and local guests may pick up welcome packets for the Festival. Local guests may obtain information and tickets during the Third Thursday event. Local talent will be taking place during the three hour period inside City Hall.

Weekend Festival Attendees who purchase a complete weekend ticket will receive buttons for admission to all events.

Welcome Packets with information about all the events will be available. Tickets for the Saturday night performance at St. Paul's Historic Church will also be sold at the door.

While at the Welcome Center

Enjoy a bit of sweet tea

Meet the Friends of the Summerville Library and the Festival Committee Members who are your hosts.

Peruse the Friends of the Summerville Library while enjoying our local talent.

Third Thursday Event

Downtown Summerville - 5:00 to 8:00 pm

Enjoy the first night of the Festival while strolling through historic downtown Summerville. The annual monthly event is a perfect way to get to know what Summerville has to offer! Shops are open, entertainment fills the square, and restaurants are plentiful. April is the perfect time to enjoy Third Thursday.

Friday

Opening Day Festivities

Grant Writing Seminar

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM Free

Seago Branch Dorchester County Library, 76 Trolley Road

Join the FOSL for A Grant Writing Seminar with Dr. Randy Akers

Dr Akers is the Executive Director of the South Carolina Humanities Council.

Randy L. Akers is finishing his 25th year as Executive Director of The Humanities Council ^{SC} a non-profit affiliate state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Randy began work in public humanities in Florida in 1984, and was Associate Director of the Florida Humanities Council prior to coming to South Carolina. He received his B.A. degree in sociology from Illinois College (Phi Beta Kappa), a Master of Divinity degree from Garrett Theological Seminary, and his Ph.D. in religious studies from Northwestern University. An amateur archaeologist who has dug ten times in Israel beginning in 1974, he is an instructor at the University of South Carolina in the department of Religious Studies.

He serves on the board of directors for the Thomas Cooper Society at USC. He is a proud recipient of the annual Lucy Hampton Bostick Award presented by the Richland County Library for service to libraries and the reading public, and was given a 2012 Literacy Leadership Award by the School of Library and Information Science at the University of South

Carolina. He has been a contributor to Sandlapper Magazine.

This is an amazing opportunity to learn about grant writing especially if you are involved in non-profit organizations. Dr. Akers will offer about an hour program and then he will take questions, offer handouts, and personal assistance.

**This Seminar is Free and Open to the public
Reservations Suggested as Seats are Limited**
Doughnuts, coffee, tea, will be served.

Speakers Symposium

2:00 PM to 4:30 PM Free

Seago Branch Dorchester County Library, 76 Trolley Road

Dr. Scott Yarbrough CSU Southern Literature

Dr. Brian Miller CSU A Short History of Summerville

The Rev. John Reynolds, author of *The Fight for Freedom: A Memoir of My Years in the Civil Rights Movement*. African American History will speak in regard to Summerville during this time.

This Symposium is free and seats are limited. Call ahead for reservations.

There will be time for questions and answers and a meet and greet with refreshments from 4 to 4:30 pm.

**Friday and Saturday
Optional Events and Tours**

People Places and Quilts

Friday and Saturday Both

129 W Richardson Ave, Summerville, SC 29483 Phone:(843) 871-8872

10:00 AM and 2:00 PM

A Note from Mrs. Diane Frankenburger ~ owner

People, Places & Quilts has been in business for 23 years in the heart of downtown Summerville. Summerville is what has been described as "everybody's favorite hometown". It still has the town square, the train rolls thru several times a day and merchants know you by name. Ice cream and hot dogs are available at Guerins Pharmacy, the oldest drugstore in SC.

PPQ is located in what used to be an old hardware store, Cauthens. Many of the old fixtures remain giving the store an old time flavor but with new edgy products...sewing machines, fabrics of all kinds, books, patterns, and notions. There are toy tables for children, sofa's for sitters, smiling friendly help for those with projects that need creative ideas or...redemption!

People, Places and Quilts was voted Best Fabric Shop in the area recently and has been selected as one of the top ten quilt shops in the USA. We are blessed by the honor. As the owner I am blessed to be doing what I love....writing patterns, drawing designs for shop use, talking to folks, telling the stories of quilts- why and how they were made and their place in the very "fabric" of life. Shopping is welcome after the tours. Free, no reservations required.

<http://www.ppquilts.com/>

The Summerville History Museum

A Private Tour with Chris Ohm - Director of the Museum

Friday

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Join Mr. Chris Ohm for a special tour and reception at the Summerville Museum. Mr. Ohm is an authority on the railroad history of Summerville and the museum. Dorchester Museum is an educational organization dedicated to preserving the historical significance of Summerville and Dorchester County. Its mission is to collect, preserve and exhibit artifacts and to develop educational program relating to the cultural and natural history of the Summerville and Dorchester County area. This museum holds a wealth of information and credit goes to Mr. Ohm's vision. This is a tour you do not want to miss.

\$5.00 at the door goes to the Summerville Museum

<http://www.summervilledorchestermuseum.org/index.html>

International Primate Protection League (IPPL) Tour

Saturday 10:00 AM

Two groups of 10 will be allowed to visit. That is all!!

also known as Ape and Monkey Rescue and Sanctuaries (AMRS).

PO Box 766, Summerville, SC 29484, USA

This is a very rare opportunity!

With Dame Dr. Shirley McGreal, IPPL Founder and Executive Director.
Take a rarely allowed tour of one of the most unique habitats in Summerville

Two Tours of ten people will be allowed to visit the Primate Sanctuary hosted by Dame Shirley McGreal. Dame McGreal is known around the world for her work with gibbons.
A Donation of \$20.00 goes directly to the League
Reservations Are Required - No children are allowed
<http://www.ippl.org/gibbon/about-us/>

Sculpture in the South
Saturday 4:30 PM

Docent Tour in Azalea Park

Right after the return of the trolley from Fort Dorchester, you may enter the Azalea Park in downtown Summerville for a docent tour of the Sculpture in the South exhibits. Each year the Sculpture in the South holds an amazing weekend event in the park and this year it is in May. "Sculpture in the South is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting sculpture through education and the creation of a permanent sculpture collection." - Mission Statement. Sculpture in the South is a member of the S.C. Arts Commission. No reservations required.

<http://www.sculptureinthesouth.com/> Free

Friday Evening
7:00 PM to 9:30 PM

Humanities Council Opening Night Festivities

St John the Beloved Catholic Church 28 Sumter Ave Summerville, SC 29483

Free to All ~ No Reservations Required

Music by the Strings Quartet of the Summerville Community Orchestra

A Few Words By Mayor Bill Collins

Introduction of Dignitaries of Summerville and Recognition of the SC Humanities Council

Dorchester 2 Student performances

Summerville Poetry Society Poetry Reading by Mrs. Ellen Hyatt

A Short Historic Performance by The Very Merry Players of Summerville

Gullah Musical Presentation

"Baptized in Sweet Tea"

Keynote Speaker – Mr. Ken Burger

Dessert Reception

Saturday Morning and Afternoon Events

Summerville Farmer's Market

The market is located in the 1st Citizens bank parking lot adjacent to Summerville Town Hall at 200 S. Main Street.

Enjoy a visit to our Saturday morning farmer's market 8:00 till 1:00 PM

Trolley participants may shop from 8:00 until 10:00 prior to loading for their tour.

Trolley Tour of Historic Summerville with Mr. Tim Lowry, Storyteller

10:30 AM until 12:00 PM Tickets \$15.00 Reservations Required Tickets available online or by calling.

Get on the Road to Historic Summerville with Mr. Tim Lowry.

Step on the trolley and travel back to the Golden Age of Summerville.

Learn why Summerville is considered the Birthplace of Sweet Tea. Enjoy a tour of Victorian Era Homes from the comfort of your reserved seat. Like the old days of Summerville, enjoy this rare tour of Summerville by trolley, led by one of Summerville's own artistic treasures.

Seats on the Trolley are limited to 60, 40 seated and standing room on the trolley is limited to 20.

Sweet Tea Luncheon at the Historic Timrod Library

12:00 PM to 1:30 PM

Reservations Required... Seats are Limited to 80 guests. Tickets are \$15.00 available online or by calling.

Enjoy a time gone by with a delightful Southern Sweet Tea Luncheon at the Historic Timrod Library.

The Timrod Library is a private library with one of the most unique and beautiful buildings in Summerville. The History that surrounds the Library is fascinating. The Library is named after Henry Timrod, the American Poet, considered the Poet

Laureate of the Confederacy. Join us at the Timrod for wonderful southern food, a bit of history, while enjoying some old fashioned barbershop quartet music. If you are a local resident, please consider joining the Timrod! We will be serving the Tea Plantation Tea.

This will be a very popular event, get your tickets now!!!

<http://www.thetimrodlibrary.org/>

The Fort Dorchester Revolutionary Day Private Trolley Tour

1:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Tickets are \$15.00 limited to 60. Tickets available online or by calling.

Step back on the trolley and back into history as we head to the Fort Dorchester Historic Park. The Fort dates back to 1697.

A private tour of the Park and a discussion on the archeological dig at Fort Dorchester will be conducted by Mr. Ashley Chapman, Archeologist and Park Ranger. During the tour, a Revolutionary Encampment will be taking place at Fort Dorchester. You will be able to visit with and watch Revolutionary reenactors in their daily activities and in the firing of weaponry. The encampment on this day is part of a group that is recognizing the powder magazine anniversary in Charleston. The Trolley will depart Fort Dorchester by 4:00 PM to return to Summerville.

Again, seats are limited to 60, 40 seated and standing room for 20... Total 60.

The private tour has been arranged for Trolley Tour Ticket Holders Only.

Saturday Evening Event

5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

St Paul's Historic Church

At 316 W. Carolina Avenue, Summerville SC 29483

Historic Church Tour with The Rev. John F. Scott

Prior to the Evening Performance at St. Paul's Historic Church, advanced ticket holders and Festival Ticket Holders may arrive at 5:30 pm for a tour of the Church and Graveyard. The present church dates back to 1857.

The tour will be conducted by The Rev. John Scott who is well versed in Revolutionary History. Rev. Scott will don the vestments of the period and will delight you with wonderful historic facts.

Instrumental music by the St. Paul's musicians under the Direction of Mrs. Annette Martin

The Singers and Musicians of St. Paul's

6:30 until 7:00 PM

"Get On The Road"

Mr. Tim Lowry, Storyteller

7:00 PM - 9:30 PM

An Evening of Storytelling, Music, and Song

Welcome and Introduction - Pamela Ward

"Get on the Road" - Mr. Tim Lowry

Music and Song by the Musicians and Singers of St Paul's Historic Church

with Mrs. Annette Martin, Director

Open to the Public

\$10.00 Single Tickets, children under 6 free

Tickets are available online or by calling.

Tickets are available at the door, but due to popularity of this event, we suggest buying in advance.

Seats are limited.

Sunday Get On The Sweet Tea Trail

Sunday is your day to spend as you wish, but we can not resist offering a few suggestions.

During the Festival, some of our wonderful Antique Shops and Markets will be open just for you on Sunday afternoon. Consider visiting one of our area churches for a morning service, enjoy brunch or lunch at one of our local restaurants, and then head to the antique shops and markets to pick up something to remember your stay in Summerville .

Following The Sweet Tea Trail From Summerville

Middleton Plantation

Just a short drive to Middleton Plantation you can spend a lovely afternoon enjoying the April gardens and historic property. April is the perfect time to visit and enjoy the spring flowers. Middleton's restaurant offers wonderful food and amazing views. If you have never been to Middleton Place, you have missed one of the most beautiful places in the United States. Middleton Place is still in Summerville. Lunch is served there on Sunday.

<https://www.middletonplace.org/>

Drayton Hall and Magnolia Gardens

If you drive just a couple of miles south from Middleton, you can visit Drayton Hall and Magnolia Gardens. Please find your brochure on these beautiful Historic sites.

<http://www.draytonhall.org/>

<http://www.magnoliaplantation.com/>

Charleston Tea Plantation

The Charleston Tea Plantation in Wadmalaw is the only tea garden in the United States. The plantation is now owned by the Bigelow family. A trip to the plantation is a perfect way to complete your visit to Summerville, the Birthplace of Sweet Tea. We will be serving the Charleston Tea Plantation teas during the weekend festivities. The teas are all available through the plantation. Check your packet for samples. Dr. Shepherd brought the first tea plant to Summerville and planted it. From there it won awards at the World's Fair. After visiting Summerville and hearing all about Dr. Shepherd and seeing the wonderful historic presentation at the Summerville Museum, you should head to the Tea Plantation or Middleton.

<http://www.charlestonteaplantation.com/>

Places We Recommend Visiting Near Summerville

Cypress Gardens

Cypress Gardens is a beautiful place, and riding on the swamps in the boats with the tour guide is remarkable.

The beauty of the flowers and nature at Cypress is amazing.

A destination of beautiful gardens and swamps since 1931.

<http://www.cypressgardens.info/>

Mepkin Abbey

Mepkin Abbey is a community of Roman Catholic monks established in 1949 on the site of the historic Mepkin Plantation located on the Cooper River, north of Charleston, South Carolina. Founded by the monks of Gethsemane it was once owned by Claire Luce Booth. She donated the property to the brothers and is buried there along with her husband. You may tour the property and the gift shop run by the brothers. Also, the labyrinth is truly special to walk especially when the flowers are blooming!

<http://mepkinabbey.org/wordpress/>

The Old Santee Canal Park

Walk along the old canal and visit the museum.

<http://www.oldsanteechannelpark.org/portal/page/portal/oldsanteechannelpark/about%20the%20park/canal%20history>

The Audubon and Sanctuary Center at Francis Biedler Forest

The Center offers an amazing nature opportunity.

<http://beidlerforest.audubon.org/about-audubon>

St. George, South Carolina

St. George is also a part of Dorchester County and just a short drive to visit.

<http://www.visitstgeorgesc.com/>

The Friends of the Summerville Library look forward to your visit to Summerville
FOSL is proud to host this year's S.C. Humanities Council Festival