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A bounty of fall and holiday events beckons visitors to Walterboro

Walterboro, S.C. – The City of Walterboro, known for its historic charm and abundant natural resources, has an array of fall and early holiday events to entice visitors and residents to explore all that the city, known as the “front porch of the Lowcountry,” has to offer.

Colleton County Historical and Preservation Society Oyster Roast and Silent Auction

Saturday, October 15, 2011, from 6-8 p.m.

Bedon- Lucas House, 205 Church Street

Admission is \$20

Bring chairs and blankets.

For more information, visit www.cchaps.com.

Plantation and Historic Site Tour with Oyster Roast

Sunday, October 16, 2011, from 12 – 4 p.m.

The tour includes Maybank Plantation, Beech Hill Plantation, Oregon Plantation, Whitehall Plantation, and St. James the Greater Mission Church at Catholic Hill.

Tickets are \$50 for the Plantation Tour, or \$65 for the combination Oyster Roast (Saturday, October 15) and Plantation Tour.

Sunday, October 16, 2011 at 10 a.m.

There will be a church service at the Pon Pon Chapel of Ease in Jacksonboro, S.C. as part of the Plantation and Historic Site Tour.

Bring chairs and blankets

For more information, visit www.cchaps.com

Suds and Sausage at the South Carolina Artisans Center’s Annual Beer Tasting

Thursday, October 20, 2011 at 6 p.m.

Guests will have the opportunity to enjoy a sampling of beers from around the world while learning about brews ranging from pale to stouts. To soak up the suds, foods from the grill, including bratwurst sausage and sides, will be served. This event is a fundraiser for the S.C. Artisans Center and the Downtown Walterboro Criterium International bicycle race.

For more information, call 843-549-0011.

Salkehatchie Stew Mystery Stroll

Friday, October 28, 2011, from 6 – 9:30 p.m.

The evening features a collection of storytelling and will be using a masquerade theme as part of the evening’s activities. Guests are encouraged to wear masks or make one there to get involved in the mystery. Guests will meet at the Waterfall 200 block of E. Washington Street

Tickets are \$5

For more information 843-549-6314 ext. 376 or 322

First Annual International Food and Arts Festival

Saturday, October 29, 2011, from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

City parking lot, 300 East Washington Street, in historic downtown Walterboro

This family friendly and free event is open to the public. Entertainment includes Lowcountry artists and artisans, the traditional Japanese drumming group Taiko from Charleston, and an African dance group from S.C. State University in Orangeburg.

For information, email lowcountryinternational@gmail.com or visit www.colletoncountyarts.com

Public Safety Day recognizing Fire Prevention Month and Public Safety Departments

Saturday, October 29, 2011, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Hosted by Wal-Mart (I-95 and exit 57) in the parking lot

This is a free event and will feature fire trucks, K-9 demos, Safe Kids demos, finger printing, games, bike rodeo, concessions, and more. Merchandise will raise money for the S.C. Law Enforcement Torch Run benefiting the South Carolina Special Olympics.

For more information, call 843-538-4353 or visit www.walterborosc.org.

A Walk through Walterboro: Oyster Roast

Saturday, October 29, 2011 from 5:30-7:30 pm

Bedon-Lucas house 205 Church Street

On the evening before the fall tour (below) a Lowcountry oyster roast will be held at the historic Bedon-Lucas House. Dinner is \$40 per person and a non oyster meal option will also be offered.

More information is available at www.schsonline.org

A Walk through Walterboro: 2011 Fall Tour by the South Carolina Historical Society

Sunday, October 30, 2011, from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Guests will have the opportunity to walk the charming oak-covered streets and visit the historic homes of Walterboro. Stops along the tour include the Edward B. Fishburne House, Christopher G. Padgett House, Governor R.M. Jeffries House, Dent-McDaniel-Hiott House, House of Refuge, Orange Grove Place, Bleubrooke, and the Hampton House Bed & Breakfast. The town's rich history and many of its historical homes were built after the Revolutionary War, when rice planters from along the Edisto, Combahee and Ashepoo Rivers were seeking a summer retreat slightly more inland to escape heat and disease in the Lowcountry. By the 1790s planters named a village after the founders Paul and Jacob Walter. Word of the area's healthy conditions circulated and the town grew in population as many residents began living there year round. Tickets for the Sunday tour and lunch are \$65. Tickets for the Saturday Oyster Roast are \$40. The Fall Tour combo ticket, including the Saturday night oyster roast and the Sunday tour, is \$100. The South Carolina Historical Society is located at 100 Meeting Street, Charleston, S.C. 29401. For more information, contact 843-723-3225, extension 11, or visit www.schsonline.org.

“First Night at the Museum”: The Grand Opening Gala for the Colleton County Museum and Farmers Market

Thursday, November 3, 2011, at 7 p.m.

The pre-opening gala will offer the first official look at the new Colleton Museum and Farmers Market, located at 506 E. Washington Street and will feature a festive evening of live music, food, drink, and a silent auction. Tickets are \$25 per couple, \$15 for an individual prior to the event, and \$20 per person at the door. Tickets are available at Bachelor Hill Antiques, Downtown Books and Espresso, and the S.C. Artisans Center. Attire is business casual or historic costume.

Official Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening of the Colleton Museum and Farmers Market

Friday, November 4, 2011, at noon

This event is free and open to the public.

Located at 506 E. Washington Street

Third Annual Polo for the Point

Saturday, November 5, 2011

Polo grounds on Highway 15 North, Walterboro, S.C.

Gates open at 11:30 a.m. Pre-game activities begin at 1 p.m. Benefit game is at 2 p.m.

Proceeds will benefit the continued preservation and restoration of the community's historic auditorium at the Colleton Center. Activities include the best tailgate and best hat contests, children's activities, a foxhunting demonstration, benefit match and stomping of the divots.

Ticket prices: field site parking \$75 (includes two tickets and must be ordered in advance), general admission \$10, \$5 for children under 12.

For more information (843) 549-8360 or PO Box 468 Walterboro, S.C. 29488

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Holiday Open House South Carolina Artisans Center and downtown historic Walterboro A Folk Art Celebration

Saturday, November 19, 2011, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

South Carolina Artisans Center, located at 318 Wichman Street

This is a free event featuring Artisan demonstrations, a holiday craft show showcasing several new juried in artisans and many holiday shopping options. For more information call 843-549-0011 or visit

www.scartisanscenter.com

Band of Blue Third annual Palmetto Classic Stride 5k walk/run through the Great Swamp Sanctuary

Saturday, November 19, 2011

Registration starts at 6:30 a.m. at Hargo Hill parking lot corner of W. Washington and Jefferies Blvd.

Run/Walk starts at 8 a.m. at the Washington Street entrance to the Great Swamp Sanctuary. Registration forms are available at FitLife & Jus Sports or download from www.bandofblue.org or call 843-908-0319.

City of Walterboro Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and Christmas Parade

Sunday, December 4, 2011

Tree Lighting Ceremony at 5:00 pm, followed by the Christmas Parade at 6:00 pm

This is a free event. Residents and guests are invited to take part in the family holiday entertainment.

Christmas caroling will take place down the historic E. Washington Street during the first three Saturdays in December. For more information, visit www.walterborosc.org.

Established in 1826, the City of Walterboro is hailed as the "front porch of the Lowcountry," with its historic charm, plentiful natural resources and warm Southern hospitality. Centrally located between Charleston, Savannah, Hilton Head, and Columbia, the city of Walterboro is poised in a prime location near several major highways, including Interstate 95. It is also home to the largest general aviation airport in the state and is only an hour away from the international ports in Charleston and Savannah. The area around the city, rich with forests and vast quantities of water, is also known as the gateway to the ACE Basin, one of the largest undeveloped estuaries on the East Coast. The city itself features two listings on the National Register of Historic Districts, a beautiful historic downtown, antique stores, the Great Swamp Sanctuary, and the S.C. Artisans Center, designated by the state's legislature as the "Official South Carolina Folk Art and Craft Center." While Walterboro serves as the economic heart of Colleton County, it maintains a small-town Americana atmosphere to be enjoyed by residents, visitors, and businesses. For more information, call 843-549-2545 or visit www.walterborosc.org.

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