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{ SC's March Calendar + Our Featured SC Event }

March 28 | Columbia — This year's [March Calendar of SC Events](#) is brought to you by [Carolina Cornbread Festival](#), where you can celebrate a cornerstone of South Carolina kitch raising money to stop domestic violence. 2015's SC Cornbread Festival will feature music by Southern favorites, The Tams, as well as a mind-boggling array of attractions, including ar rides, a 5K run/walk, a petting zoo, karaoke, a cow-milking contest, line dancing, skateboa "Cornbread Classic" (an official Cornhole championship), Cornbread Lane, the Little Miss Cc pageant, and most importantly – a Cornbread Cook-off and Cornbread Eating Contest!

Please click to [see all the other great South Carolina events coming up in March.](#)

{ Remembering South Carolina's Textile Heritage at Newry Mill }

Though many may not remember, the South ruled the American textile industry from the late r century through the late twentieth century. In 1892, for example, 51 mills operated in South Upstate alone (the textile industry was by far more prevalent in the Piedmont than elsewhere in excepting Richland County). After the Civil War, northern industrialists flocked to the South to cheap labor amidst the wreckage a stricken economy, and the absence of unions and regul (including minimum wage and age restrictions) only made the transition that much more attracti

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For nearly a century, these mills and their employees rode the waves of war, flood, dise suffering, though the communities they created often flourished, facilitating deep bonds amon and neighbors. As cotton manufacturing began to be outsourced to third-world countries – w

was even cheaper – South Carolina's textile industry declined significantly. Most mills have not
as Newry Mill (shown here) did in 1975. Today, throughout the Upstate, one stumbles upon the
abandoned factories and the once lively homes, stores, and churches that surround them.

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In this month's 150th edition of SCIWAY News, please join us as we explore one such mill
whose haunting remains rest along the banks of the Little River in [Oconee County](#). Founded in
functional by 1894, Newry serves as a more benevolent example of Southern mill life, in that it
saw value in providing clean homes and other conveniences, as well as steady pay, to attract
workforce, sharecroppers who had hitherto been engaged in a form of indentured servitude
endlessly in another man's fields. The mill is also unusual in that it was established by a native
Carolinian, Confederate captain and former Charleston mayor William Ashmead Courtenay.

Please click to [read our article about the Newry Mill and see additional photos of its ruins](#)

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