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{ 2015 Featured SC Holiday Photo }

This month, in honor of the season, we celebrate Campbell's Covered Bridge – the last remaining covered bridge in [South Carolina](#). It was built in 1909 and is located in [Greenville County](#) community of Gowensville. One of four covered bridges built in northeastern Greenville County in the early 20th century, this one was named for Lafayette Campbell, the owner of a nearby grist mill who allowed his land to be used for the bridge's construction.

([Charles Hardin of Taylors](#) © Do Not Use Without Written Consent)

You can learn more about [Campbell's Covered Bridge](#) and its fascinating history at the [South Carolina Picture Project](#). Many thanks to photographer [Charles Hardin](#) for his help in documenting our beloved landmarks. If you have a photo you would like to contribute, please [add it here](#). The South Carolina Picture Project is viewed by 4,100 people each day – or over 1,500,000 a year!

{ Upcoming South Carolina Events }

[November Events](#) | [December Events](#) | [January Events](#)

Feel like celebrating this winter? Look no further than our [SC calendar of events](#) where you

activities across the state. Enjoy holiday classics by attending a local concert, seeing *The Nutcracker* or visiting a holiday light exhibit. Worried about those extra winter pounds? Then register for a fitness class or test your balance at a seasonal ice skating rink. South Carolina offers an abundance of fun this winter, so start planning now!

Gullah Celebration | Hilton Head Island, February 1-28, 2016

Planning ahead for the New Year? Each February, the Hilton Head Island Gullah Celebration showcases the rich cultural heritage of the Gullah people and their history. Recognized by the Southeast Tourism Society as one of the Top 20 Events in the Southeast, the event attracts thousands of residents as well as regional, national, and international travelers. Visitors have an opportunity to experience Gullah art, crafts, and food – including the Taste of Gullah celebration feast! – as well as live demonstrations, traditional storytelling, gospel music, and Negro spirituals.

{ SC Holiday Lights Festivals }

The twinkling of millions of lights across South Carolina signals the start of the holiday season. From neighborhood Christmas light displays to large, drive-thru festivals hosted by government agencies and nonprofits, winter nights are illuminated across the state from mid-November through the New Year. Use our guide to [find SC Christmas lights near you!](#)

{ Palmetto State Gifts }

This year, give local gifts from South Carolina authors, artists, cooks, craftsmen, and farmers. Browse our online marketplace for original SC paintings and photographs, books, gourmet food, palmetto-tree clothing, and more.

baskets, and more. Use our guide to [Palmetto State Gourmet Food & Gifts](#) to find the perfect giving – or keeping!

Here are just a few of our favorites ...

[Cromer's Peanut and Popcorn Tins](#)

803.779.2290 | Columbia

Cromer's, a Columbia icon for 80 years, offers a variety of gift baskets and tins that include delicious gourmet popcorn and peanuts. Choose from a variety of options that appeal to kids, members, friends, co-workers and many more. Cromer's is also a great destination for party and concessions. Call or order online today!

[Alicia Leeke, Artist](#)

803.429.5456 | Columbia

Specializing in original impressionistic landscapes, abstract paintings, and pet portraits. Please visit Portfolio Art Gallery for current works or find painted and batik silk scarves at the Columbia Museum of Art. Gallery tour and commissions by appointment.

[McLeod Farms Market](#)

843.335.8335 | McBee

McLeod Farms Market – located in the Pee Dee – offers gift baskets filled with Southern favorites, fresh seasonal fruits & vegetables, and bakery goods. McLeod Farms offers a variety of products to be enjoyed year-round.

[Orangeburg Pecan Company](#)

800.845.6970 | Orangeburg

During the peak of harvest, when taste and aroma are at their fullest, we shell and cull our beauties into the finest quality pecans of all sizes and grades. Orangeburg Pecan Company was founded in 1939 by the Felder Family, and we still hand pick and visually inspect (several times) the pecans that we produce. At Orangeburg Pecans, three generations of experience go into supplying you with quality pecans at a reasonable price.

[Sweet Caroline Gift Baskets](#)

843.830.3042 | Charleston

Customized wine and food gift baskets from Charleston, SC, made with Southern Style! Fill your baskets with locally packaged and homemade treats from our gourmet deli, Carpentiers Wine and Dine. Design your gift basket online by selecting from over 200 gourmet foods and fine wines, or choose one of our pre-designed baskets for any occasion. Same day and corporate design services available. Local delivery and nationwide shipping!

[Charleston Shucker Co](#)

843.819.9070 | Charleston

The Charleston Shucker Co was founded in 2007 by native South Carolinians who were looking for the perfect oyster knife to give as a gift. When they were unable to find any, they decided to establish their own business. This is a great place to order everything you need for your next successful Lowcountry oyster roast.

(New: Feature Your SC Company or Product on SCIWAY and in Future Newsletters)

{ More SC Holiday & Winter Resources }

If the upcoming festivities have you feeling a little frantic, take heart! SCIWAY has a wealth of resources to help you through this hectic – but happy – holiday season.

SC Caterers & Personal Chefs: Don't torture yourself! Make this season's feast as easy as possible with your very own caterer or personal chef.

SC Churches & Temples: Share the spirit and meaning of the season with others.

SC Tearooms: Warm up this winter!

SC Community Service Organizations: 'Tis the season to give! Learn how you can help the needy and be working in your community.

SC Homeless Resources: Thousands of South Carolinians are cold and hungry this winter. Learn how you can lend a helping hand.

SC Hotels: Where to send the in-laws. Umm, we mean, a great guide for friends and family members in town for the holidays!

SC Shopping & Malls: Sooner or later, it has to be done. ;)

SC Restaurants: Too many cooks in the kitchen? Find out where to get a good meal.

{ SC Christmas Tree Farms }

Christmas trees are grown in South Carolina from the Upstate to the Lowcountry. Cypress, cedar, and pine varieties are most common in our state. Some farms in the northern reaches of SC also grow fraser firs. Although most of the state's climate doesn't support the growth of firs, many local Christmas tree farms receive regular deliveries of fresh fraser firs. Visit one of the farms below and find your perfect SC Christmas tree!

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