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**September 13, 2016** *Below:* Hammock Heaven; Shine On; Smells So Sweet; Small World; One great pumpkin; The Power of Play; Amazing Plantation; Have a Drink; Apple-icious; Namaste; Start Your Engines.

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**Take a Road Trip to Georgetown &  
The Hammock Coast**

Even if you only have two days to spend in Georgetown, you'll have choices on and off the water. First, you'll want to find accommodations that reflect this historic water community.

We've got two suggestions: The Shaw House B&B is a colonial home with columns in the front and a scrumptious screened in porch overlooking the old rice fields along the Great Pee Dee River. Innkeeper Mary Shaw is in the know about Georgetown, and your room will take you into a world of pampering and beautiful surroundings and furniture. (Breakfast included as well as lots of amenities.)

Or, you may want to check out The Keith House Inn, located on Georgetown's historic Front Street, only steps from colorful shops, antique/art galleries, both casual and fine dining, walking tours of the National Register Historic District, the Harborwalk and boat excursions.

Just outside of town, the historic Mansfield Plantation B&B offers accommodations on an antebellum rice plantation along the banks of the Black River. The plantation, established in 1718, is steeped in history and luxury. *Charleston Magazine* recognized it as one of their top 10 romantic getaways!

Whatever you choose, you'll be well-rested for adventure. [Discover more.](#)

*Georgetown Wooden Boat Show and Brookgreen Gardens images courtesy Hammock Coast • Georgetown County Chamber of Commerce*

## Where in the Carolina World are You?

It rotates and appears to flash its expansive light every 7.5 seconds – different timing from every other lighthouse in the world. This beautiful beacon is much loved by the locals and revered by sailors who've come to recognize its distinctive markings and flashing lights. Come here to play, relax and rejuvenate. [Where are you?](#)

## Carolina Home Grown

## Let's Play

Hello Tony,

Hope all is well with you and yours in Columbia. Here, the Carolina weather is perfect for shorts and deck shoes right thru December! Maples are beginning to yellow. Fall gardens going in. Time for biking, hiking, kayaking (the water remains warm) and enjoying mega SEC college sports.

A great season to let the Carolina lifestyle beguile you as it did us, back in '83. We've never looked back to that frantic big-city (New York, Chicago) frenzy. Columbia made the difference. Our one word definition? Life here is "easy!"

Thinking relocation? Second home? We say, visit often. Explore. You'll return eventually (we predict), to put down Carolina roots via primary home or getaway cottage.

Start your visit plan with our [46 road trips](#) at. Begin here, with info about Georgetown – So much to love, starting with the Riverwalk! (Next door neighbor beaches great finds, too!)

Across the Carolinas, every season

## Olfactory-pleasing *Osmanthus*

By Bob Polomski

Joining summer's exit are many people who feel that the gardening season is over—there's nothing left to enjoy in the garden but impending fall color. That's not true at all. One group of broadleaf evergreens that permeates the air at this time of year with their floral fragrances are the tea-olives or osmanthus.

These magnificent evergreen shrubs or small multi-stemmed trees perfume the air with oranges, cinnamon, and many more scents that give us a reason to come outside to smell the flowers.

Fragrant tea-olive (*Osmanthus fragrans*) starts blooming in September with clusters of white flowers tucked among the leaves. It hits its stride in the spring, and then blooms sporadically thereafter into summer. The cultivar

'Fudingzhu' (a.k.a. 'Nanjing's Beauty') is a particularly prolific bloomer that's extremely showy and fragrant when in flower.

The orange-flowering tea-olive *Osmanthus fragrans* f. *aurantiacus* only flowers in the fall from mid-September to mid-October, and the flowers are a bright apricot-orange and are extremely fragrant. The aroma reminds me of Juicy Fruit® gum. This selection will not begin flowering until it reaches a height of 6 to 7 ft.

Both of these tea-olives are adapted to sun or shade and have few, if any, pest problems. Use them with other broadleaf evergreens in mixed borders, screens, or as hedges. You'll find their floral display to be a visual and olfactory treat.

Visit your favorite garden center or nursery now when the figs are fruiting. Let your palette decide which variety deserves to be in your landscape.

Learn more about Carolina gardening from Dr. Polomski's new book, [Carolinas Month by Month Gardening](#).

Available wherever books are sold.

Photos: Dr. Robert Polomski

**It's a Small World**

delivers its own glories. Sweater weather by Thanksgiving. Forget frigid driveway-shoveling mornings! Join us for a visit – be prepared to fall in love with our smiling faces and beautiful places.

**Leyla & Patrick Mason**

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## Carolina Cuisine

### Next Party – indoors or outside

Whether you're enjoying the Steeplechase racing events at Springdale Course in Camden, football tailgating all over the Carolinas, or an outdoor picnic with friends, this is one handy little cookbook to make off-premises eating a gourmet breeze. *The Southern Tailgating Cookbook: A Game Day Guide for Lovers of Food, Football and the South*, by Taylor Mathis, is sure to please.

Our family has picked several recipes to try and I'm planning to serve their [Oranges-n-Cream Punch](#) at my next Halloween party on the porch.

[Request the Guide](#)

## International Festival | October 1, 2016

People from more than 75 countries reside in Spartanburg, South Carolina and more than 100 international businesses make Spartanburg their home. In 1985 the City of Spartanburg hosted its first International Festival to celebrate Spartanburg's diverse community. Today, the International Festival has expanded its International connection to reach a more global audience attendance.

The Spartanburg International Festival is held each fall in beautiful Barnet Park. More than 12,000 people attend annually to celebrate and explore the world through food, music, dance, folk art and more. Discover more about [International Festival](#) ... the food, entertainment, shopping and kids zone.

Learn more about [Spartanburg](#).

## Pumpkin-tainers

### It's not too soon.

Always seeking help for my limited creative design skills, this looks like the perfect inspiration for October!

#### **Moore Farms Botanical Garden**

Saturday, October 1,  
2016 9:30am-12noon  
Cost: \$30 per person *Limited to first 18 registrants*

Take a fun class and learn how to take the ordinary and make it extraordinary by transforming a pumpkin into an elegant botanical display

piece. Included: History of decorative pumpkins; Best fall flowers to grow; Crafty creating.

[More info.](#)

## Hooray for Play!



Playful city USA is one way the national nonprofit, Kaboom, is encouraging more play for all children. It's part of their effort to encourage a complete re-imagining of what our urban spaces and places look like. In its 10th year, this

national recognition program honors cities and towns for taking bold steps to create more play opportunities for all kids.

We salute the Carolinas honorees for 2016:

#### *North Carolina*

Albemarle  
Benson  
Charlotte  
Creedmoor  
Durham  
Eden  
Garner  
Madison  
Marion  
Mayodan  
Raleigh  
Roanoke Rapids  
Saluda

#### *South Carolina*

Columbia  
Greenville  
Marion  
North Charleston  
Rock Hill  
Spartanburg

Updated town information, six fun new Carolina Adventures, and one heck of a good-looking feature showcasing gardens. Order yours today.

[Click here](#) for the official hold-in-your-hand Guide to Carolina lifestyle fun and adventure trips, plus real estate tips, tax & cost-of-living advantages, retirement opportunities and town profiles.

Just share your dream goals and we'll help lead you to smart Carolina life and times.

### Facebook

Did you know that the Carolinas have some amazing apple orchards, as well as heirloom apples you've probably never seen in a grocery store. How do you like those apples? We like homemade apple butter with lots of cinnamon. Please share your best recipes on [Facebook](#).

### Heading your way

- **Let's Take a Road Trip!**
- **Carolina Famous Faces**
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Look around you. There are so many ways to encourage kids of all ages to play. [Learn more.](#)

### Discover one of North Carolina's most amazing plantations

#### **Somerset Place**

This magnificent historical site spent 80 years as an active plantation and by the end of the Civil War, it was one of the Upper South's largest plantations. During its most active period, three generations of owners, 50 white employees, two free black employees and more than 850 enslaved people lived and worked here.

By the mid-1800s, there were 50+ buildings, including a hospital, Episcopal chapel, kitchen complex barns, and homes were part of this complex. Today, visitors can see seven original 19th century buildings. One tour offers insights into the lives of the plantation's

owners, employed whites, free blacks and the enslaved community. Admission is free. As you explore their website to plan a visit, read about the Somerset Homecomings. The story, and reaction of those who are descendants of former slaves is worth reading. [Somerset Place](#).

*Somerset Place Image:  
left, exterior of Sucky Davis' Home; right, Plantation Hospital  
Photo Courtesy: [www.nchistoricsites.org/somerset](http://www.nchistoricsites.org/somerset)*

Read more about towns in the area: [Edenton](#) [Elizabeth City](#)

### *King of Pops*

Now this sounds like fun! A great big yoga party for free, thanks to the city of North Charleston.

Grab your mat, bring a bit of cash, and afterwards, enjoy an amazing popsicle from King of Pops. Coconut chocolate? Chocolate sea salt? Avocado brownie? Why not. Shared by [Nexton](#).

### *Nobel's Point, Daniel Island Park*

Check out the newest offering of 23 homesites in Nobel's Point. Tucked away privately between the 13th fairway of the Ralston Creek course and the course's namesake, Ralston Creek, this collection includes some of the largest homesites Daniel Island has offered in years.

Incredible marsh and water views that extend almost to neighboring Mount Pleasant. Two exceptional waterfront homesites feature a shared private dock, which is already being constructed. Included: some of the last golf-oriented homesites to ever be offered on [Daniel Island](#).

### *20th Annual Vintage Tin Car Show In Lake Lure*

Held the first weekend in October every year. For 2016, more than 250 top quality vintage autos and trucks (1985 & older) will be competing for top prizes in more than 35 categories. Come for the day or stay for the weekend to enjoy the show and all the scheduled activities along with the beautiful autumn in Lake Lure and the Blue Ridge Mountains and the wonderful amenities of Rumbling Bald Resort.

Saturday, October 1st 2016 (Rain date, October 8th, 2016)  
Event Location: Rumbling Bald Resort on Lake Lure, North Carolina  
[More information](#).

### *Celadon, Beaufort*

ideal-LIVING magazine recently selected Celadon, in Beaufort, SC, as one of the "Best Neotraditional Communities" to be showcased in their Summer 2016 Best of the Best special issue. Hundreds of nominations were submitted to ideal-LIVING earlier this year. A special editorial committee reviewed the qualifications of each nominee and selected winners in more than 40 categories.

"Our goal in creating this 'Best of the Best' feature is to honor those communities which deserve special recognition for their outstanding qualities, facilities, and programs," said ideal-LIVING's Editor and Associate Publisher Kelly Godbey. "We hope that this special feature in our Summer 2016 edition will serve our readers by focusing on the places which offer the lifestyle enhancements that are most important to them."

According to ideal-LIVING: "The best neo-traditional developments combine 21st-century convenience with small-town ambiance. In addition to tree-lined neighborhoods with wide sidewalks and pet-friendly parks, all of them feature town centers where residents can enjoy shopping, dining, plus a variety of professional services, without ever having to leave the community." [www.celadonliving.com/news](http://www.celadonliving.com/news)

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