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Carolina Road Trip

Take a Trip to Pawleys Island, SC

Part of what makes Pawleys Island so special is the fact that there aren't commercial properties and restaurants on the island itself. You're not visiting there for wild weekends and non-stop parties.

You go to restore your spirit, refresh your soul, and reconnect with those who make the journey with you.

This old summer resort has seen some of America's finest families vacation here, (and that still happens with some regularity). If big city lights and entertainment beckon, Myrtle Beach is a short car ride away. Odds are, however, that you'll be perfectly content taking an evening walk on the beach, or playing a fierce game of dominoes with those you love.

[Learn more.](#)

Where in the Carolina world is this?

Safe Harbor

You don't have to own a boat to love this southern marina. Visitors enjoy the resort atmosphere and bikes provide a preferred way to explore. World-class restaurants offer boat owners a gourmet on-shore repast before hitting the deep blue sea again.

Where are you?

Let's Go Au Naturel

Is South Carolina on Your Nature-themed Bucket List? It should be.

Plan to experience the "Seven Wonders" that take place in nature around the state.

Read the roundup and mark your calendars for "simply must be there" events and locations.

SCRPT/Photo by Perry Baker

Carolina Home Grown

Warm Days, Good Times

Hello Tony,

Hope all's well in Columbia. Here, trees are blooming. We're in docksiders, planning garden projects and summer escapes.

Add some fresh adventures to your life! Let a Carolina adventure nurture your soul. To get preferred dates, it's time to plan spring/summer vacation tours.

Read on ... about restaurants, inns, special events, 18 great homes to visit and a few quirky ideas to amuse and intrigue.

All across the Carolinas you'll find jobs, low taxes and great home prices. **Retiring?** Search here for stories of others who've happily made the move.

Use the 400+ pages at CarolinaLiving.com as your resource for Carolina facts 'n fun that leading stories 'n memories!

Leyla & Patrick Mason
Co-Founders

Beauty While It Lasts

by Bob Polomski, Ph.D.

In the Carolinas, ornamental cherries tend to be shortlived because they are afflicted with a multitude of damaging insects and diseases. Nevertheless, I will always be a fan of Yoshino cherry. This natural hybrid produces clusters of single white to pink, slightly fragrant, one-inch wide flowers between March and April. The effect is utterly mesmerizing.

When I see the Yoshinos in bloom in our area, I'm reminded of the cherry trees planted around the Tidal Basin in Washington, D.C. (~3,750 cherry trees), most of which are Yoshino cherries. The plantings of cherry trees originated in 1912 as a gift of friendship from Japan. The first National Cherry Blossom Festival was held in 1927 and will be held this year to coincide with peak bloom, which is expected to be between March 14 and March 17 this year.

Yoshino becomes a broad-rounded tree that typically reaches a height of 20 to 30 ft. with wide-spreading horizontal branches. I've seen it used successfully in front yards and along the edges or walkways and near patios. Fall color, which is often a rare event in some areas of the Carolinas because the leaves drop prematurely in September, is yellow to bronze.

So as I anticipate this year's floral display, I am reminded of their reduced life span compared to other tree species. But because a Yoshino cherry tree will live longer than most celebrity marriages, I will continue to admire and recommend this magnificent specimen.

Photo by Bob Polomski, Ph.D.

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Learn more about Carolina gardening from Dr. Polomski's new book, **Carolinas Month by Month Gardening**.

Available wherever books are sold.

Every House Has a Story in Edenton, NC

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P.S. Tony, what tickles your vacation fancy? Blue Ridge waterfalls, sunrise beach walks, breathtaking golf, cruising the lake, or shopping for that perfect something? Share your vacation questions, favorite restaurants, best parks and entertainment venues with our editor, **Kathy Pettit**. We'll pass along your experiences!

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Guests will tour 18 of Edenton's finest private homes, all at least 100 years old, hosted by docents in period dress. Horse-drawn carriage rides, exhibits, and much more are part of the festivities.

Edenton's many historic landmarks will also be open: the Chowan County Courthouse (1767), the Cupola House (1758), the Barker House (1782), the Iredell House (1800-1827), St. Paul's Episcopal Church (1736-1760), the Roanoke River Lighthouse (1886), the Edenton Baptist Church (1916), and St. Anne's Church (1858).

Also this year: "Art of the Table — Set for Celebrations" — an exhibit at the 1767 Chowan Courthouse ballroom, with antique china from Replacements Ltd.

Edenton — named "One of America's Prettiest Towns" by Forbes.com and also voted by Smithsonian.com as one of the country's top 20 towns!

For more information or to order tickets, call 252.482.7800, email info@visitedenton.com

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Carolina Cuisine

Our daffodils are blooming. Azaleas in riotous color. A tiny pass-along pomegranate bush is being nurtured in the front of our house. Pretty, pretty flowers, including this issue's Carolina Home Grown Cherry Tree. And we're just beginning the plentiful season.

SC homegrown strawberries are a few short weeks away, and afterwards, tender asparagus, waiting for your brand new crepes recipe, this issue.

How does your garden grow? Even if you've got a brown thumb, give container gardening a try with Parsley, Sage, Rosemary and Thyme (all prolific producers in the Carolinas). Soon enough, the undisputed queen of the south – tomatoes – will find their way into our gardens.

What are your first signs that Spring is on its way? Please [share](#).

The stalks are coming, the stalks are coming.

Yes indeed. We know it's Spring when the noble asparagus spear pokes through the ground and greets the happy chef. Sure, you can buy them all year, but there's something about the fresh green vegetable that begs to be enjoyed in its own good time.

Asparagus grows well in the Carolinas but local markets and upscale grocery stores will have the regional delights for your table.

Although nothing can beat simply sautéed spears drenched in homemade Hollandaise sauce with a few slivered almonds, we found a great and healthier recipe for you to try.

[Asparagus vegetable crepes](#), created by Christina Muth, innkeeper at the Beaufort House Inn in Asheville, NC. Delish!

Heading your way

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More than 100 breweries — from the mountains to the coast — are participating, ranging from veteran, award-winning brewhouses to newcomers on the scene eager to make a name for their batches.

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