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Subject: Your SC holiday celebration-and-survival guide is here!

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{ 2016 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 history at the [South Carolina Picture Project](#). Many thanks to photographer [Charles Hardin](#) for his help in documenting our state's 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 }

[Gullah Celebration](#) | Hilton Head Island, February 1-25, 2017

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 Southeast Tourism Society as one of the Top 20 Events in the Southeast, the event attracts 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 demonstrations, traditional storytelling, gospel music, and Negro spirituals.

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

Feel like celebrating this winter? Look no further than our [SC calendar of events](#) where you can find 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 race to test your balance at a seasonal ice skating rink. South Carolina offers an abundance of fun this winter, so start planning now!

{ 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. Shop online for original SC paintings and photographs, books, gourmet food, palmetto-tree cloth,

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 ...

[Alicia Leeke, Artist](#)

803.429.5456 | Columbia

Specializing in original impressionistic landscapes, abstract paintings, and pet portraits. Please visit our 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.

[Chuck Morris Art](#)

843.478.9022 | Charleston

Chuck's traditional style is evident through oil and watercolor paintings that captivate the viewer. His landscape paintings carry the eye deep into tidal marshes and into the flight of native waterfowl. Chuck enjoys exploring the details found in these open scenes while giving the viewer unique perspectives on familiar subjects.

[McLeod Farms Market](#)

843.335.8335 | McBee

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

[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 sourced and 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!

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{ SC Christmas Tree Farms }

Christmas trees are grown in South Carolina from the Upstate to the Lowcountry. Cypress, cypress, 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!

{ All 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.

Palmetto State Gourmet Food & Gifts: This year, give local gifts from SC authors, artists, craftsmen, and farmers. Shop online for original SC paintings and photographs, books, gourmet palmetto-tree clothing, gift baskets, and more.

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 Christmas Tree Farms: Find out where to cut your own tree, plus tree care tips and information about Christmas trees.

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

SC Holiday Lights Festivals: From the Lowcountry to the Upstate, everyone's showing their spirit with holiday lights.

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

SC Homeless Resources: Thousands of South Carolinians are cold and hungry this winter. |

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 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 Tearooms: Warm up this winter!

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