



July 2004

Points of Interest

- **Need something to do this weekend? Check the events page on our website! Events are Updated weekly.**
- **If you have heritage related events you wish to be placed on the website, please email them to DHarris@scprt.com**
- **Hurry! The *Nothing Could Be Finer* spring festival events are almost over! Get your homemade ice cream, honey, soaps, wines and more!**

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Heritage Happenings

Farmer's Association is Moooving Through the Corridor

The Heritage Corridor Farmers Association (HCFA) is growing, and not just their products!

The HCFA is spreading the Association and the "Nothing Could Be Finer" farm festivals to include Regions 3 & 4 of the South Carolina National Heritage Corridor (SCNHC).

The first annual meeting of the HCFA was June 2nd at the Wild Turkey Federation in Edgefield. Attendees included farmers, Ag-museum staff, agricultural partners and many others from the agriculture community.

Topics of discussion included the Importance and Diversification of the Family Farm, Agricultural

Tourism at Work, Farm Bureau and the Department of Agriculture programs, and Discovering the Heritage Corridor Farmers Association.

The HCFA is comprised of growing and selling farmers, agricultural partners such as the Farm Bureau and the Department of Agriculture, Agricultural museums, and any persons interested in agricultural tourism.

It was formed in 2003 by farmers located in the counties of Regions 1 & 2 and now has a Board of Directors representing all four regions.

The goal of the HCFA is to pro-

vide a fun, family-oriented, educational experience to all who participate in this agricultural niche along the South Carolina National Heritage Corridor.

For more information on the HCFA and festivals, please call Elizabeth Harm at (803) 608-0501 or visit us online at www.sc-heritagecorridor.org.



Casey the Pig loves meeting, greeting and eating with the guests of Happy Berry Farm in Six Mile. www.thehappyberry.com

Capture the Corridor!

"Capture the Corridor" while your out visiting in the SCNHC and you may win a prize!

The "Capture the Corridor" photo contest is open to all who wish to participate. Photographs must be of places and things located in the fourteen counties of the Corridor.

First place prize is \$400 cash with second through fourth prizes of

\$300, \$200 and \$100 cash.

The deadline for photo submissions is September 10th, 2004 with a fee of \$10 for up to 15 photographs.

All submissions will become property of the SCNHC to be published in promotional materials including advertising, website and brochures.

For detailed criteria and submission procedure information for the "Capture the Corridor" photo contest, please contact Devon Harris, Marketing and Grants Coordinator, by email at DHarris@scprt.com or phone (803) 734-1743. A downloadable registration form is available on the website.

www.sc-heritagecorridor.org



Camp Calhoun to highlight local entertainment

The South Carolina National Heritage Corridor Joanne T. Rainsford Discovery Center will host a Camp Calhoun Family Fun Day

Camp on July 10, 2004, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Events at Camp Calhoun will include Arts and Crafts at the "Crafter's Nook", "Exchange City" which will house local artisans from Region 2, various

games for all ages, and food prepared by local vendors. Anna Friar, Educational Coordinator, states "Camp Calhoun will be an exciting, educational, and entertaining event for the whole family!"

Pat Mckie, an Edgefield native, will be entertaining all ages with stories of yesteryears from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The ABATSU African Performing Arts Group will be providing a workshop for the African American Heritage

Exhibit. The workshop will include many hands on activities for adults and children.

While enjoying the activities at Camp Calhoun, be sure not to miss the 6,000 square feet of exhibit space in the Discovery Center for the interpretation of the South Carolina National Heritage Corridor Region 2.

For more information, contact the Center at (803) 637-1237.

Guest speakers at the Opening Celebration on May 15, 2004 were Senator Moore, Representative Clyburn, and Chad Prosser, Director of SCPRT.

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Region 3 Center On Track

The Center is right on track, railroad track that is! The interpretation committee has been meeting for over a year and a half and much has been accomplished in that time!

The committee stuck with the slogan "River, Rails and Crossroads" and chose the history of railroads as the central theme.

To implement this theme into the exhibit design, the committee has been working with Riggs Ward in Richmond, VA to design the exhibits and visitor services areas. 90% of the design drawings have been completed;

The Request For Proposal for fabrication and installation to go out in August. The targeted official opening is to be in the spring.

Through the efforts of Barnwell County, the Agricultural Heritage Center Board, Clemson University Edisto Research Center and J. T. Atkinson, Construction Supervisor, the 1930's building has been renovated. An addition of 4,000 sq ft for exhibit space is also complete. The building is now being prepared for the first installation of visitor services and exhibits.



RE-Visit REVIVA

On May 22nd the days of waiting came to an end for community leaders, students, and enthusiasts with the Grand Re-Opening of

the REVIVA Museum and Visitors Center

Located in the original People's Bank of Iva building the REVIVA museum is a Stop along the SC

National Heritage Corridor. This designation spurred the need to upgrade and renovate the facilities. The museum project was funded by a SCNHC Grant, the Mountain Lakes Regional Grant Program, and the efforts of fundraising led by the members of the REVIVA organization.

Elizabeth Harm, Product Development Coordinator for Regions I and II of the SCNHC, said "I work with dozens of organizations

and seeing their enthusiasm and dedication to this great museum project was contagious. Each time I was called on for assistance I eagerly made my way to the great town of Iva to work with volunteers like Jackie Sorenson, Yvonne McGee and Dot Terry.

The REVIVA Museum is located just one block off of Hwy 81 on the corner of Front and East Broad streets of downtown Iva, in southern Anderson County.

The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was at 10 am with a reception following.

Adventure Restoration Begins

Thursday, July 1st, a team of 50 state park staff, SCPRT central office professionals, and private moving specialists, all assisted by a seven story tall crane, helped a 34 year old, 53 foot long wooden sailing ship take off and fly through the air.

The truth is that the "Adventure," a replica of a late 17th century trading vessel, which has become a favorite of Charles Towne Landing visitors, was in serious need of restoration. Plans were already

underway when the boat unexpectedly sank at its moorings in late June.

The state park service was able to refloat the ship within two days, and on Thursday the ship was gently hoisted high up into the air and set down on dry land into a specially prepared cradle where it will rest throughout its expected one to two year restoration.

Rob Powell, the new CTL park manager, was clearly pleased. "The

team from SCPRT and the park service have done a remarkable job in safely relocating the 'Adventure'. Thanks to their efforts, over the next year the public will have a unique opportunity to observe first hand the shipbuilding techniques of the Age of Sail."



The Adventure was successfully pulled from the water and placed in a cradle for repairs.

The South Carolina National Heritage Corridor

The SCNHC is a grassroots initiative designed to use natural, cultural, and historic resources to provide economic development through tourism.

It covers fourteen counties (Anderson, Oconee, Pickens, Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, McCormick, Aiken, Bamberg, Barnwell, Orangeburg, Charleston, Colleton and Dorchester) and is divided into four distinct regions that together provide a

cross-section of the landscape, history and culture of the Corridor.

In addition to being an economic development initiative, benefits of the Corridor include creation of *new tourism products* and, for the citizens of the Corridor, *pride in place*.

It is the first product of a state-wide strategy to promote heritage tourism and will serve as a model for the development of other

heritage areas in the state.

There are currently two parallel routes- "Discovery" and "Nature"- that run the length of the Corridor, connecting the regions into one tourism destination. Staff is working hard to develop other niches, including an African American niche, Fine and Traditional Arts Trail, Agricultural Trail and Gardens and Watchable Wildlife.

Meet the Staff

The SCNHC Staff is here to serve you. If you have any ideas, questions or comments, contact us!

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(From Left) Anna Friar, Crystal Arnold, and Michelle McCollum get their picture taken with Calhoun the Raccoon at the Discovery Center Opening Family Fun Day on May 16th.

Welcome Jairus Dayton-Garris, the newest member of the Staff! Contact her for information on the African American Niche!



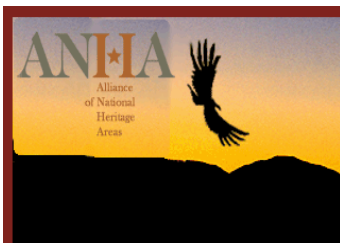
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Alliance Happenings



**"Celebrating and Conserving
Real Places", the ANHA can be
found on the web at
www.nationalheritageareas.com**

The Alliance of National Heritage Areas is always growing and working hard to develop the National Heritage Areas program.

Every Quarter, a portion of this newsletter will be dedicated to recognizing the Alliance and the efforts of its members to continually improve Heritage Development.

The ANHA is a group dedicated to enhance the work of individual Congressionally designated National Heritage Areas and the heritage development movement in the United States.

A Heritage Area is a portion of the landscape recognized by Congress for their unique contributions of natural, historic and cultural resources to the American experience.

The goals of the ANHA are to promote links among the Congressionally Designated Heritage Areas, emerging areas, and organizations associated with heritage development.

The ANHC also educates the public and constituents about successes and opportunities, maintains a federal platform for Heri-

tage Areas to articulate issues, encourages partnerships and supports entrepreneurial activities with the private sector in support of sustainable heritage development.

The SC National Heritage Corridor is one of the 24 Congressionally Designated Heritage Areas and a member of the ANHA.

As a "full member" the SCNHC has full voting privileges, participation in the Annual Congressional Reception, access to a list serve and other resources, and participation in all programs.