

LOWCOUNTRY NOTES

April 2021

Have you been hearing a slow grinding noise lately? That's the sound of the wheels moving ever so slowly to open up our lives. Not many mass gatherings yet, to be on the safe side, and still some virtual events, but local establishments are finding ways to allow us to gather safely. We have concert pods, squared off areas as portable bubbles and lots of outdoor events to begin our journey back to society. And spring in the Lowcountry is a grand place to enjoy outside.

Yes, spring has arrived in the Lowcountry, flowers are blooming, trees are greening and the pollen is blanketing. Good with the bad I suppose. One sure sign of spring is the number of folks heading to the beach. Southern Living included Folly Beach as one of the Best Beaches of the South. Giving a nod to McKeelin's Surf Shop and the Washout, it reminds that the pier will re-open in 2023.

Greenville was noted as one of the South's Cities on the Rise. The Historic Charleston Foundation's free walking tour was also given praise. Handy and Hot was recognized as the go to bakery for hand held delights. Last but not least, local Darius Rucker was named the 2021 Southerner of the Year for his high profile charity work. They included a great interview with him.

Pesach or Passover, the Feast of the Unleavened Bread for the Hebrew Year 5781 is celebrated the 27th-April 4th.

Easter Sunday in the Christian faith is celebrated on the 4th of April this year.

Looking for something for the kids to do outside in the morning? Check in with the Charleston Museum for Spring Break Day Camp, ages 5-10.

Are you a sports memorabilia fan? The College of Charleston Cougar Club is hosting a virtual auction from 9am on the 1st through 9pm on the 3rd.

Beware the April Fool's Day jokes! The tricksters will be out!

Toast under the Oaks on the 1st & 15th at Johns Island County Park. Wine, beer, food trucks & music 5:30-7:30

The Spring Fling Market is at James Island Town Hall is on the 2nd from 6pm-9pm.

Every Thursday and Saturday the Center for Birds of Prey will have a flight demo at 10:30 am.

Head out to the Farmers Markets on Saturdays. There's the Sea Island Market at Charleston Collegiate and the Goose Creek Market at 519 N Goose Creek Blvd.

The Cultural Arts Center has an Acting Workshop on Saturday mornings during April on Sam Rittenberg, West Ashley.

Start your Saturdays off right with Yoga at Firefly Distillery in Park Circle at 11am. Stay after for food trucks, live entertainment and of course Firefly vodka.

TOAST Cooking Classes continue with Ball Park Fare on the 6th from 6:30-7:30 with Josh Shea of the Charleston River-Dogs. On the 20th, it's Seafood Risotto with Scott Countryman formerly of Poogan's Porch.

The Depth of Field Lecture Series at the Gibbes focuses on the trailblazing photographer Alfred Stieglitz on the 7th 6pm.

The Bluegill Bash is set for the 8th at 2pm. The fishing tournament is free for families that include anyone with any type of disability. Adults with disabilities compete in the "youth at heart" category. Check in with Adaptive Expeditions.org

Chas. Horticultural Society is filling April with the Spirit of Plantasia. Check with them for their full April schedule.

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Paws on the Patio, that special yappy hour at Burton's Grill in Mt P to benefit the Chas. Animal Society, is on the 8th, at 6pm.

Charleston Race Week is back and will celebrate its 25th Anniversary again this year since last year was a Covid casualty. Check them out on the 8th -11th.

American singer/songwriter Ward Davis will appear at the Charleston Music Hall on the 9th. Show is at 8pm.

Robert Earl Keen will take the stage at The Bend. The 7:30 show is on the 10th.

The Charleston 250 will take up play when the Volvo Car Open ends on Daniel island and continue the tennis action until the 18th. The 32-player draw is made up of 23 direct entries, 4 wild cards, 4 qualifiers and 1 special exempt.

The Charleston Farmers Market opens on the 11th as the Charleston Essentials Market at Marion Square.

The inaugural College of Charleston Festival of the Arts: Art Under the Oaks will be celebrated at the Stono Preserve on the 11th from 10am-6pm. It will feature main stage performances and sideshow pop-ups through out the day.

Ranky Tanky will give a socially distanced concert at The Bend on the 11th. Doors open at 6, show starts 7:30.

Learn to Paint Like Bob Ross in One Day! Yes you too can be taught by a certified Bob Ross instructor. All you need is a mask and a good attitude. You don't even need experience. Julia Deckman Studios on the 11th.

Jean-Yves Thibaudet will perform Debussy Preludes at the Gaillard on the 11th, 12:00 & 7:30pm shows.

Wine Down Wednesday is at Old Towne County Park on the 14th and the 28th from 5:30-7:30pm.

The CJO presents a World of Jazz -A Global Experience in 2 venues. Outdoors at Firefly on the 16th, 6-7:30pm or at the Charleston Music Hall on the 17th with 2 sets, 5 and 8pm.

Reggae Night at the Bend with a special tribute to Toots & the Maytals hosted by Big Hair Dave on the 17th. Doors open at 6pm. Show starts at 7:30pm.

We have 2 SC Stingrays home games this month at the Coliseum. On the 17th, they face Jacksonville for Space Wars Night. The first 2,000 fans get some cool Stingrays socks.

Nickelodeon Night is on the 24th benefitting Dorchester Paws. The team will wear Rugrats jerseys which will be auctioned off during the game. Both nights 6:05-9pm.

"ALICE: Alice Ravenel Huger Smith, Charleston Renaissance Artist" a book launch and author talk will zoom on the 20th. Her artwork is on display at Middleton Place and the Edmondston-Alston House Museum.

Josh Wolf will have an 8pm show at the Chas. Music Hall on the 21st.

The Earth Day Litter Clean-up on the West Ashley Greenway/ Bikeway will be on the 22nd: from 9am-1pm and 5:30-7:30pm on the Bikeway, 5:30-7:30pm on the Greenway. Supplies furnished.

Colin Hay takes the stage at Chas. Music Hall on the 22nd.

Enjoy The Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra Septet with Wynton Marsalis at the Gaillard the 23rd and 24th at 7:30pm

Celebrate the opening of Wannamaker Park with Yappy Hour for you and your bestie on the 23rd 5-7pm

Take to the trails at Johns Island County Park in the Mullet Haul, both a 5K (9am) and 10K (8:30) run on the 24th.

Plan your big day at the Metropolitan Bridal Show at the Chas. Convention Center on the 25th.

The Blessing of the Fleet and Seafood festival will be on the 25th at the MtP Waterfront Memorial Park from 11-5pm.

Hope Rocks : a Blue Dogs Concert to benefit Camp Happy Days is at Firefly on the 30th.

A slimmed down North Charleston Arts Festival is the 28th-May 2nd.

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