

Old Town News ~ July 2008



Look at what's happening in Historic Old Town!

Earth Fare Opens in Old Town

Earth Fare Market and Café opened its doors in Old Town on June 25th in Winthrop Commons' former Harris Teeter location. Its grand opening celebration included food and drink samples; demonstrations by local artists; and instrumental and vocal music of various genres by local musicians. For its first three days in business, Earth Fare donated 5% of all sales to the Arts Council of York County.

Earth Fare supermarkets are known for their high-quality natural and organic foods. According to Earth Fare's website, the Rock Hill store features "local produce; artisan and farmstead cheeses from American and around the globe; eclectic wines and microbrews; authentically natural beef, chicken, and pork products produced without antibiotics, growth hormones or animal by-products; organic milk and dairy products; specialty and gourmet groceries; natural supplements, herbs and personal care products; and a full service deli and café complete with coffee bar, bakery, sushi bar and pizza oven."

Earth Fare is located at 725 Cherry Road. It is open every Monday through Saturday from 8:00am to 9:00pm and every Sunday from 9:00am to 9:00pm. For more information, contact Earth Fare at (803) 327-1030 or visit the website: www.earthfare.com

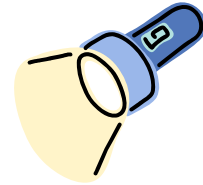
New Cotton Factory Tenants

New South Interiors and Springs Creative have joined Williams and Fudge in the renovated Rock Hill Cotton Factory. New South Interiors is an upscale furniture store with a 23,000 square-foot showroom. It offers premium brands of furniture, handmade oriental rugs, and accessories from all around the world. For more information, visit the website: www.newsouthinteriors.com

Springs Creative is a textile design company that has established the Springs Creative Design Center in the Cotton Factory. Its marketing and sales divisions are located in its 20,000 square-foot space, along with the Historical Library of Textile Design, a collection of more than 350,000 fabric swatches. For more information, visit the website: www.springscreativeproductsgroup.com

Spotlight on an Old Town Establishment

Each month, the Old Town News highlights a business that is already established in Historic Old Town as a reminder of the many services and products available in this area.



July's spotlight is on... ***OVERHEAD STATION ***

Overhead Station is a unique retail store offering a wide variety of gifts, accessories, and stationery. Owner Betsy Rock has been in business for 31 years, the most recent 7 of which she has spent operating Overhead Station in downtown Rock Hill. As a Rock Hill native, Rock believes strongly in supporting the local economy. She also likes being able to get to know her customers and to provide service with a personal touch.

Items for sale in Overhead Station range from whimsical to elegant and from fun to practical. On any given day, you can find home decor items, lamps, jewelry, gourmet foods, bridal accessories, loungewear, shea butter, brown sugar scrubs, Votivo candles, yard art, outdoor deck rugs, and yard decor. A full bridal registry is available as well. Popular registry items include photo frames, serving platters, pottery, and hand-painted wine glasses.

In addition, Overhead Station offers a huge selection of invitations and announcements for all occasions, including weddings, baby showers, and birthday celebrations. Personalized printing of these items is available as well.

Overhead Station is located at 212 E. Main Street. It is open every Monday through Friday from 10:00am to 5:30pm, as well as by appointment only on weekday evenings and Saturdays. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (803) 327-6332.

JULY EVENTS

Burger for a Buck: A Benefit for Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina

On Thursday, July 3rd from 11:00am to 2:00pm, Earth Fare Market and Café will be holding a Burger for a Buck event. Gills famous all-natural burgers will be available for only \$1.00, with sides and drinks available for an additional cost. All proceeds will benefit the Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina. During Burger for a Buck, Ansel Couch - local singer, songwriter, and guitarist - will be performing live on the patio. Earth Fare is located at 725 Cherry Road.

Red, White, and BOOM!

Rock Hill's annual Independence Day festival will be held downtown in the City Hall Plaza on **Thursday, July 3rd from 5:30pm to 10:00pm**. During this festival, food and beverage vendors will be selling everything from cotton candy to ice cream and barbeque to beer. Photo identification will be required to purchase an adult beverage wristband.

Music by Heavy Sandwich will begin at 5:30pm, followed by Sticky Fingers, a Rolling Stones tribute band. For children, the festival will include face painting, as well as inflatables in the Black Street parking lot. Red, White, and BOOM! will conclude with a spectacular fireworks display at 9:30pm.

First Fridays in the Garden

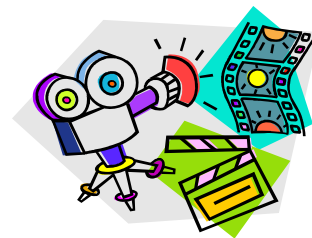
The Rock Hill Parks, Recreation, and Tourism department has partnered with Clemson Extension Service to offer First Fridays in the Garden. On the first Friday of each month, **from 10:00am to 11:00am**, free classes will be conducted at the Glencairn Garden Learning Center by the York County Master Gardener Association. The topic will be different each month.

The first class will be held on **Friday, July 4th**. The topic for this class is Easy Plant Propagation, which will cover simple ways to grow new plants from existing ones. This class will involve a presentation, as well as a demonstration that will be held outdoors, so participants should dress appropriately. Reservations for the class are not necessary. For more information, contact Paul Thompson at (803) 684-9919 ext. 112.

Wait Until Dark: Outdoor Movie Series

On five Friday nights this summer, Wait Until Dark will be held in the Old Town Amphitheater. This outdoor movie series will feature a different classic movie each week, with showings beginning at **8:45pm**. Scheduled movies are as follows:

- **July 11th**: Singin' in the Rain
- **July 18th**: To Kill a Mockingbird
- **July 25th**: E.T.
- **August 1st**: Some Like It Hot
- **August 8th**: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory



Food, beer, and wine will be available for sale during each movie. No coolers are permitted. Seating is stadium-style or bring-your-own chair. Admission is \$3.00 per person or free with a receipt from a downtown merchant on the day of the movie. The Old Town Amphitheater is located on Black Street behind City Hall.

*Downtown merchants are now selling Wonka Bars, which each have the above movie schedule attached. If you happen to purchase one of the five Wonka Bars with a golden seal on the back of the movie schedule, you win dinner for ten before the August 8th showing of Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, as well as VIP seats for this movie.

30 Small Works: Show Continues at Gallery Up

Gallery Up is a store, gallery, and custom frame shop operated by local artists. It is located at 201 E. Main Street. Gallery Up is open every Monday through Saturday from 10:00am to 5:00pm. Art can also be viewed and purchased online.

From **now through Friday, July 18th**, Gallery Up is featuring 30 Small Works, a national juried exhibition of arts and crafts measuring 20 inches or less. These works include a diverse collection of paintings, videos, experimental jewelry, and ceramics. The 30 Works that will be on display represent 24 individual artists, 12 of which are from the Rock Hill/Charlotte area. They were selected from more than 200 works that were submitted by more than 90 artists. This inaugural exhibition was juried by Shaun Cassidy, accomplished artist and Winthrop University Fine Arts professor.

The art featured in the exhibition will be available for purchase. An Opening will be held on **Thursday, July 17th from 6:00pm to 9:00pm**. Gallery Up events are free and open to the public. For more information, call (803) 980-5355 or visit the website: www.galleryup.com

Art Crawl

On **Thursday, July 17th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm**, an Art Crawl will be held downtown. Artists will be displaying and selling their works outside along Main Street, as well as in the Gettys Center and in the Center for the Arts. Live musical entertainment will be provided on Main Street.

Andi Steele Exhibition

An opening reception for the Andi Steele exhibition will be held on **Thursday, July 17th at 6:00pm** at the Dalton Gallery, which is located at 121 E. Main Street. Steele is a visual artist who uses monofilament to alter spatial perceptions. Her work will be on display at the Dalton Gallery from **July 4th through August 10th**.

Suggestions for articles for Old Town News are welcome!

If your organization or business is located in Old Town (downtown Rock Hill or the 1 ½ -mile radius surrounding it) and you are planning any activities/events, please let us know. We will make every effort to highlight your events in Old Town News. If your organization or business is *not* located in Old Town, we would still be happy to highlight your events if they will be held in this area. If you would like to have a map of the Old Town boundaries, please send your request to the e-mail address below.

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