

Old Town News ~ March 2009



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Coming Soon: A New Look for Old Town News

Be on the lookout for Old Town News's new look! The appearance of Old Town News is currently being redesigned, in conjunction with the City's ongoing marketing efforts. The newsletter's new look may continue to evolve, but it will still contain the same great information. If you would like to help spread the word about the news and events of Old Town, please feel free to tell family members, friends, and colleagues about Old Town News. Anyone can receive Old Town News via e-mail each month, simply by sending a request to Chrys Tuttle: ctuttle@cityofrockhill.com

Hospice and Community Care Resale Shop Opens in Old Town ~ Yard Sale: 2nd Weekend in March ~

This past January, Hospice and Community Care relocated its Resale Shop from Herlong Avenue to Old Town. Formerly known as Beehives and Butterflies, Hospice and Community Care Resale Shop offers gently used items for sale, including: jewelry; furniture; household goods; select medical equipment; knickknacks; and clothing for men, women, and children. The Resale Shop is a volunteer-run, non-profit store, with all proceeds benefitting Hospice and Community Care's patients and their families. Tax-deductible donations are always gratefully accepted.

On Friday, March 13th from 10:00am to 5:30pm and on Saturday, March 14th from 10:00am to 3:00pm, the Resale Shop is having a Yard Sale! Winter clothing and most other items will be sold for even less than their already-low prices, to make room for summer and other merchandise. Customers can even bargain for items during the Yard Sale! A Bake Sale will be held on Saturday, March 14th as well.

Hospice and Community Care Resale Shop is located at 724 E. Main Street, in the old Jackson's Furniture building. It is open every Monday through Friday, from 10:00am to 5:30pm, and every Saturday from 10:00am to 3:00pm. For more information, please call (803) 980-5200.

Spotlight on an Old Town Establishment



March's spotlight is on... *Innovative Computer Systems*

Innovative Computer Systems is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year! Owner Eddie Boulware notes that it is the oldest true computer business in all of North and South Carolina. Ten of its 25 years have been spent in Downtown Rock Hill.

Innovative Computer Systems can repair computers; tailor-build computers for individuals and small businesses; provide computer networking services; and offer computer maintenance contracts for businesses. It also specializes in hard-to-find computer cabling and parts.

Innovative Computer Systems is located downtown at 111 Caldwell Street. It is open every Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm. For more information, please call (803) 328-2900.

March Events

Free Computer Classes

The York County Library offers several free computer classes, including: basic computer skills; e-mail; using the Internet; job searching and resume writing; Microsoft Word 2007; Excel 2007; and PowerPoint 2007. Some classes are offered in Spanish. For more information or to obtain a class schedule, please call the library's Technology Center at (803) 366-5845 or visit: www.yclibrary.org

Build-Your-Own Omelet Day

Saturday, March 7th from 9:00am to noon, you can build your own omelet at Earth Fare Market and Café. Earth Fare's chefs will prepare your omelet with your choice of veggies, cheeses, and meats. Omelets are only \$5.99 apiece. With the purchase of each omelet, you will receive a free 12 oz. coffee or tea. Earth Fare is located at 725 Cherry Road. For more information, please call (803) 327-1030.

Super Squishy Science

On **Saturday, March 7th from 10:30am to 12:00pm**, children ages 10 to 12 years can come get messy at the York County Library, while learning about science through ooey-gooey hands-on activities. To register, please call (803) 981-5888. The York County Library is located at 138 E. Black Street. For more information, visit the website: www.yclibrary.org

Free Kids Cooking Class

On **Saturday, March 7th at noon**, a free Cooking Class will be offered at Earth Fare Market and Café for kids, ages 5 to 12 years old. Kids will learn how to make bean and cheese burritos with red rice on the side. Space is limited, so please sign up at the customer service desk or call (803) 327-1030. Earth Fare is located at 725 Cherry Road.



Gettys Artists Exhibition at Gallery Up

From now through Friday, March 20th, a variety of work from a collection of artists will be on display at Gallery Up. From painters and potters, to photographers and designers, the show will highlight recent work from numerous artists who share office and studio space at the Gettys Art Center.

Gallery Up is open every Monday through Friday from 10:00am to 5:00pm, every Thursday from 10:00am to 7:00pm, and on Saturdays by appointment. Gallery Up is located on the second floor of the Gettys Arts Center, at 201 E. Main Street. For more information, please call (803) 980-5355 or visit the website: www.galleryup.com

"Same Time, Next Year"

Rock Hill Community Theatre presents, "Same Time, Next Year," a play written by Bernard Slade. Elaine Roberts directs this play, which follows the love affair between two people, married to others, who rendezvous once per year over a span of 25 years (adult theme with adult language). This play will be showing on **Friday, March 6th and Saturday, March 7th at 8:00pm, and on Sunday, March 8th at 3:00pm**. Tickets are \$12 for adults; and \$10 for students and seniors. Tickets are \$2 off on Sunday.

"Same Time, Next Year" is showing in the new location of Rock Hill Community Theatre, at 240 E. Black Street. Online or phone reservations are encouraged, as seating is extremely limited. For more information or to reserve tickets, call (803) 324-2578 or visit the website: www.rockhilltheatre.org



Gorgeously Green Class

On **Wednesday, March 11th at 6:30pm**, a Gorgeously Green Class will be taught at Earth Fare Market and Café. Earth Fare's Health and Body Care Manager will teach participants how to use natural beauty products and eco-friendly substitutions. These simple steps to leading an earth-friendly lifestyle are based on the book "Gorgeously Green", by Sophie Uliano. Please sign up for the Gorgeously Green Class at the customer service desk or call (803) 327-1030. Earth Fare is located at 725 Cherry Road.

Fashion Show, "Crusin' Into Spring"

The Woman's Club of Rock Hill is hosting a Fashion Show, "Crusin' Into Spring," on **Thursday, March 12th at 6:00pm**. Local celebrity models will be wearing spring fashions by Stein Mart, Christopher & Banks, Gregory's Formal Wear, Joseph A. Bank, and The Bridal & Formal Gallery. "Crusin' Into Spring" will also include a silent auction, door prizes, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and a cash wine bar. Tickets for this event are \$25 per person, available in advance only. They can be purchased **until noon on Saturday, March 9th**. Tables of nine people may be reserved.

"Crusin' Into Spring" will be held in McBryde Hall, which is located on the Winthrop University campus at 695 Scholars Walk. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Woman's Club of Rock Hill's community outreach programs. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call Judy at (803) 329-0870 or Kathie at (803) 366-5035.



How to Start a Small Business

On **Monday, March 9th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm**, Winthrop University's Small Business Development Center will give potential small business owners some insight into how to get started, as well as tips for financing, marketing, writing a business plan, and more. This discussion will take place at the York County Library, which is located at 138 E. Black Street. For more information, visit the website: www.yclibrary.org

It's a Zoo

On **Tuesday, March 10th from 6:30pm to 7:30pm** at the York County Library, children aged 12 years and under, accompanied by an adult, can enjoy stories, activities, and crafts focused on zoo animals. To register, please call (803) 981-5888. The York County Library is located at 138 E. Black Street. For more information, visit the website: www.yclibrary.org

Friendship Nine Event

On **Wednesday, March 11th from 6:00pm to 7:30pm**, Rev. W.T. (Dub) Massey will be at the York County Library to discuss his experiences as a member of the Friendship Nine. The Friendship Nine was a group of African American men who went to jail in 1961 after staging a sit-in at a segregated McCrory's lunch counter here in Rock Hill. Refreshments will be served and there will be time for questions. The York County Library is located at 138 E. Black Street. For more information, visit the website: www.yclibrary.org

Art Works on Display



From now through Friday, May 1st, Art Works is on display along Main Street, in Downtown Rock Hill. Art Works is the collection of banners created through the 2nd Annual York County Public Art Project. For more information, contact the Arts Council of York County at (803) 328-2787 or visit the website: www.yorkcountyarts.org

Teen Tech Night: Database Scavenger Hunt

On **Thursday, March 12th from 5:00pm to 7:00pm** in The York County Library's Tech Center, teens can learn about helpful databases and free homework help available through the library's website. Teens can also participate in a scavenger hunt for prizes. Space is limited; registration and Internet permission are required. To register, please call (803) 981-5860. The York County Library is located at 138 E. Black Street. For more information, visit the website: www.yclibrary.org

First-Time Home Buyer Seminar

On **Thursday, March 12th at 6:30pm**, a free first-time home buyer seminar will be held at the York County Library. Information about buying a first home will be presented by First Citizens Bank. The York County Library is located at 138 E. Black Street. For more information, visit the website: www.yclibrary.org



Optimizing Nutrition Discussion

On **Thursday, March 12th at 6:30pm**, Erika Spann from Total Nutrition Technology will be at Earth Fare Market and Café to discuss how to take the guesswork out of eating healthy. Total Nutrition Technology specializes in health management, sports performance, and weight loss. Space is limited, so please sign up at the customer service desk or call (803) 327-1030. Earth Fare is located at 725 Cherry Road.

Teacher's Choice Youth Art Month Exhibition and Opening Reception

The Teacher's Choice Youth Art Month Exhibition, featuring selected artwork from Rock Hill art students, will be on display in all three galleries at Center for the Arts **from now through Sunday, March 22nd**. The opening reception, which is free and open to the public, will be held on **Thursday, March 12th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm**. During the reception, enjoy light refreshments, as well as live music by the Northwestern High School Orchestra, under the direction of Marsha Gross. Center for the Arts is located at 121 E. Main Street. For more information, contact the Arts Council of York County at (803) 328-2787 or visit the website: www.yorkcountyarts.org

Ashley Flynn Photography Exhibition



The Ashley Flynn Photography Exhibition will be on display at City Hall in the Rotunda Gallery **from now through Tuesday, March 31st**. City Hall is located at 155 Johnston Street. For more information, contact the Arts Council of York County at (803) 328-2787 or visit the website: www.yorkcountyarts.org

Spring Fever: A Benefit for Outdoor Recreation and Environmental Education

On **Saturday, March 14th** from **10:00am to 2:00pm**, Spring Fever will take place at Earth Fare Market and Café. Earth Fare will donate 5% of the day's sales to the Rock Hill Parks Foundation, to benefit its Outdoor Recreation and Environmental Education (OREE) programs. Spring Fever will include recycled art, kids crafts, raffles, and a fish fry.

Fish fry baskets will cost only \$5 apiece and will include two fried fish fillets, hushpuppies, cole slaw, and a glass of tea. The fish fry will begin at 11:30am and will last until 1:30pm, or while supplies last. Also during Spring Fever, Earth Fare will be raffling off a "green" basket and a rain barrel for only \$1 per ticket; and OREE will be raffling off a kayaking trip for only \$5 per ticket. All proceeds from the raffles and fish fry will be added to the 5% sales total for the day, to benefit OREE. For more information, please call (803) 327-1030. Earth Fare is located at 725 Cherry Road.

Preparing Raw Foods/Juicing Class

On **Monday, March 16th** at **6:30pm**, a free Preparing Raw Foods/Juicing Class is being offered at Earth Fare Market and Café. Participants will learn how to prepare some delicious raw foods, as well as how to use foods to make delicious juices. Space is limited, so please sign up at the customer service desk or call (803) 327-1030. Earth Fare is located at 725 Cherry Road.



St. Patrick's Green Fondue

On **Tuesday, March 17th** from **11:30am to 1:30pm** and from **5:00pm to 7:00pm**, free green fondue is being offered at Earth Fare Market and Café. Come get a stick or two of some delicious foods that you can dip into free, delicious fondue. For more information, please call (803) 327-1030. Earth Fare is located at 725 Cherry Road.

Augello's Coffeehouse and Delicatessen: Nightly Events

Augello's Coffeehouse and Delicatessen is located at 140 E. Main Street. Augello's offers different activities each night of the week. The schedule is as follows:

- **Every Monday - Game Night:** Games are available in-house or bring your own
- **Every Tuesday - Movie Night:** Different classic movies will be shown each week. Suggestions are welcome!
- **Every Wednesday - Poetry Night:** Come read your poetry or listen to that of others.
- **Every Thursday - Open Mike Night:** Acoustic music and comedy welcome.
- **Every Friday and Saturday - Local Entertainment Nights:** Recommendations of favorite local talents are welcome. Full schedule of performers can be found online.

For more information, please call Augello's at (803) 980-JAVA (5282) or visit the website: www.augello.net

St. Paddy's on Main: 1st Annual Bagpipe Parade and Music Festival

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day on **Tuesday, March 17th** with music, food, and fun in Old Town! The 1st Annual St. Paddy's on Main will include a variety of events, with something for everyone. Festivities along Main Street will last from 3:30pm to 2:00am.

Bagpipe Parade: Will begin at **5:30pm** at the Rock Hill Cotton Factory. Anyone is welcome to participate in this pedestrian parade - just dress in green and bring signs/banners as appropriate.

Wee Ones Village: from **5:30pm to 7:30pm** at City Plaza. Wee Ones Village will offer activities for the children: a bouncy house; arts 'n' crafts; children's games; and photos with Patty McHale, the leprechaun.

Balloon Drop: at **7:30pm** on Main Street, there will be a Balloon Drop, with some balloons containing valuable coupons.

Music on the McHale's Stage: James Burnbane Project will play from **3:30pm to 6:30pm**. Truckstop Preachers will play at **10:00pm**.

Music on the Main Street Stage: Thistle Down Tinkers will play from **5:30pm to 7:30pm**. Heavy Sandwich will play from **8:00pm to 10:00pm**.

Carolina Cab will also be on-site, on Main Street near Wachovia bank. Anyone needing a cab at the end of the evening will be able to easily pay for it and have a safe ride home.

St. Paddy's on Main is proudly presented by Williams & Fudge. Additional sponsors include McHale's Irish Pub, Comer Distributing Company, O'Darby's Fine Wine & Spirits, and the City of Rock Hill.

Free Family Law Clinic



On **Thursday, March 19th** at **6:30pm** at the York County Library, the South Carolina Bar Association will be providing information on the basics of divorce, custody, support, and division of property in South Carolina. The York County Library is located at 138 E. Black Street. For more information, visit the website: www.yclibrary.org

Irish Festival: A Benefit for the Junior Welfare League of York County

On **Saturday, March 21st** from **11:30am to 2:00pm**, an Irish Festival will be held at Earth Fare Market and Café. This festival will benefit the Junior Welfare League of York County, Earth Fare's Friend of the Month for March. Bowls of homemade Irish stew, bread, and a drink will be available for only \$5 apiece. Beer will be available for \$2 per cup. All money raised during the Irish Festival will benefit the Junior Welfare League of York County. For more information, please call (803) 327-1030. Earth Fare is located at 725 Cherry Road.

Stir Fry Night

On **Monday, March 23rd** from **5:30pm to 7:30pm**, Stir Fry Night will be held at Earth Fare Market and Café. Some of Earth Fare's chefs will be cooking stir fry with rice, veggies, and your choice of meat for only \$7.99 per plate. With the purchase of each stir fry plate, you will receive a free 12 oz. iced tea. For more information, please call (803) 327-1030. Earth Fare is located at 725 Cherry Road.

JeWeL Preview Night

On **Tuesday, March 24th** from **5:00pm to 8:00pm**, the Junior Welfare League of America will be represented at Earth Fare Market and Café to offer a preview of its upcoming JeWeL of the Carolinas Spring Market. Cookbooks from the Junior Welfare League of America will be available for purchase, and samples of some of the recipes will be offered. For more information, please call (803) 327-1030. Earth Fare is located at 725 Cherry Road.



Mark Your Calendar For These Upcoming Old Town Events!

* **Thursday, April 2nd** at **7:30pm**: **Pecha Kucha Vol. 3**

Described as a "mix of show-and-tell, open-mike night, and happy hour," Pecha Kucha is a dynamic social event where presenters take the stage and share 20 images, for 20 seconds per image.

Gallery Up is excited to be hosting Pecha Kucha Vol. 3. This entertaining evening will be full of idea-sharing, creativity, presentations, and conversation. Gallery Up is located at 201 E. Main Street, inside the Gettys Art Center.

Deadline for presenters is **Sunday, March 15th**. For more information about becoming a presenter, please visit the website: www.point8.org/pechakucha

- * **Friday, April 3rd: First Fridays in the Garden – Rose Selection and Care**
- * **Friday, May 1st: First Fridays in the Garden – Plant Problem Clinic**

First Fridays in the Garden are free classes that are conducted by the York County Master Gardener Association. They are held **from 10:00am to 11:00am** at the Glencairn Garden Learning Center, which is located at 825 Edgemont Avenue. For more information, contact Paul Thompson at (803) 684-9919 ext. 112.

- * **Thursday, April 16th through Saturday, April 25th: Come-See-Me Festival**

Come-See-Me is Rock Hill's annual spring festival, with events planned throughout the week. Events include a parade, a barbeque competition, a beach bash, family-oriented activities, entertainment at Glencairn Garden, and fireworks. For complete details about all Come-See-Me events, visit the website: www.comeseeme.rockhill.net

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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