

# Old Town News ~ November 2008



## Look at what's happening in Historic Old Town!

### **New Wave Textiles Moves Downtown**

New Wave Textiles, formerly located in Old Town on Oakland Avenue, has relocated to Downtown Rock Hill. This textile design and textile engraving company now operates at 206 E. Main Street, inside Snacks on Main.

While a number of its clients are large corporations, New Wave Textiles now offers services for individuals and smaller organizations as well. High-quality, affordable fabric banners can be printed for any occasion. Fabric replicas of artwork with exact color-matching can also be printed. For more information, contact New Wave Textiles at (803) 817-3800.

### **Arts Council Receives Grant for Arts in Education**

Every year, the Arts Council of York County plans and implements quality arts education programs, such as residencies and performances, for local public, private, and homeschooled students. In recognition of its efforts to provide Arts in Education to students throughout York County, the Arts Council has been awarded a \$5,000 grant from Target®. This grant is part of the company's efforts to strengthen families and communities across the country. Since first opening, Target® has given five percent of its income to organizations that support social services, volunteerism, education, and the arts.

According to Debra Heintz, Executive Director of the Arts Council, "We believe that a complete education includes the arts as part of the basic curriculum. This grant allows us to bring the best teaching artists into the schools to work with students; quality performances of music and theater for student audiences; and professional development for teachers."

For more information about Arts in Education programming, contact the Arts Council of York County at (803) 328-2787 or visit the website: [www.yorkcountyarts.org](http://www.yorkcountyarts.org)

## Spotlight on an Old Town Establishment

Most months, 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.



November's spotlight is on...

**\*OLD TOWN BISTRO\***

with

**The Palmetto Room**

### Old Town Bistro

Old Town Bistro has been satisfying customers' appetites for delicious food at affordable prices ever since it opened downtown in February of 2007. The Bistro, as it is called by locals, serves a wide variety of foods - from Greek to American to Italian. It is known for its homemade soups; fresh seafood and steaks; salads; pastas; and authentic Greek dishes.

The Bistro has a warm, friendly atmosphere with a rich history. It is located in the former McCrory's building, which was once a thriving department store. It also features a restored lunch counter, where nine protestors from nearby Friendship College - known as "The Friendship Nine" - participated in a famous lunch counter sit-in on January 31, 1960.

The Bistro has received awards from both the NAACP and from the March of Dimes, as a result of having excellent food, service, and management. Owners Stacy and Lukas Giannatos have owned other restaurants, but this one is their favorite. Stacy notes that "it is such a pleasure being here, because our customers are the best!"

To thank its faithful customers and to welcome new ones, Stacy and Lukas are offering a **20% discount to Old Town News readers throughout the month of November, with a minimum purchase of \$6**. Just bring November's Old Town News to The Bistro to redeem your discount throughout the month!

Old Town Bistro is located at 135 E. Main Street. It is open every Monday through Friday from 10:30am to 10:00pm; and every Saturday and Sunday from 7:00am to 10:00pm. For more information, contact Old Town Bistro at (803) 327-9222 or visit the website: [www.rholdtownbistro.com](http://www.rholdtownbistro.com).

### The Palmetto Room

The Giannatos are also in charge of the Palmetto Room, which is located behind Old Town Bistro at 150 E. White Street. "One of the largest ballroom and reception facilities in York County, the Palmetto Room offers a blend of historic architectural elements, state-of-the-art technology, and unsurpassed service." It can accommodate a variety of events, from wedding receptions to business conferences to holiday parties. Full catering services are available as well.

For more information or to reserve the Palmetto Room for your next event, contact the Palmetto Room at (803) 329-1833 or the Giannatos at (704) 425-6126. Or visit the website: [www.palmettoroom.com](http://www.palmettoroom.com)

## **\*NOVEMBER EVENTS\***

### **Gallery Up Celebrates One Year Anniversary: Ceremony and New Show Opening**

Gallery Up is celebrating the one year anniversary of the opening of its retail store and custom frame shop! In partnership with the York County Regional Chamber of Commerce, a ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held on **Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm**. Later that evening, **at 6:00pm**, Gallery Up will hold a free opening reception for Heads, featuring the ceramic works of Wilmington, North Carolina's Geoff Calabrese. Heads will be on display at Gallery Up from **now through Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup>**.

Gallery Up is also offering a **30% discount on framing of two-dimensional work purchased at Gallery Up, from now through Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**. No minimum purchase is required. Discount cannot be combined with other offers. Contact Gallery Up for details.

Gallery Up is located at 201 E. Main Street, on the second floor of the Gettys Art Center. For more information, contact Gallery Up at (803) 980-5355 or visit the website: [www.galleryup.com](http://www.galleryup.com)

### **Wine and Cheese Tasting**



A Wine and Cheese Tasting will be held in the specialty department of Earth Fare Market and Café on **Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm to 7:30pm**. Sample a variety of wines and complementary cheeses while enjoying music by Ellie LaVeer and Amanda Ghent. Information about Pilgrim's Inn, Earth Fare's Friend of Earth Fare for the month of November, will be available as well. Earth Fare is located at 725 Cherry Road. For more information, call (803) 327-1030.

### **Decorating for the Holidays: Setting the Perfect Table**

On **Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm to 7:30pm**, master florist Barbara Carswell will offer a free demonstration on how to create the perfect holiday table setting. This demonstration will be held at the York County Library, which is located at 138 E. Black Street. No registration is required.

### **Fort Mill Art Guild Exhibition**

The Fort Mill Art Guild Exhibition will be on display at City Hall in the Rotunda Gallery from **Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> through Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>**. For more information, contact the Arts Council of York County at (803) 328-2787 or visit the website: [www.yorkcountyarts.org](http://www.yorkcountyarts.org)

## Art After Hours "Art Frenzy"



On **Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**, the Arts Council of York County will host the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Art After Hours "Art Frenzy." This event will be held at the Center for the Arts, which is located at 121 E. Main Street.

The "Art Frenzy" is an affordable art exhibition and sale, geared toward Art After Hours (AAH). AAH is a new affiliate group of the Arts Council, which includes members who are under 40 years old and who are interested in experiencing the arts together all year.

This year's "Art Frenzy" is made possible by Harriet Marshall Goode, Alfie McCloud, and all of the artists submitting work for the event. It will feature one-of-a-kind works of art - including jewelry, pottery, and two-dimensional art - from both new and established artists. All work is priced at \$300 or less.

The evening will begin with a special AAH members-only preview hour from **6:00pm to 7:00pm**. From **7:00pm to 9:00pm**, the doors will open to the public. Admission to the "Art Frenzy" is free for AAH members and \$10 for non-members. This event will include drinks, appetizers, and live entertainment. For more information about AAH or the "Art Frenzy", contact the Arts Council of York County at (803) 328-2787 or visit the website: [www.yorkcountyarts.org](http://www.yorkcountyarts.org)

## Thanksgiving Food Drive: Benefit for Pilgrim's Inn and Children's Attention Home

On **Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**, a Thanksgiving Food Drive will be held at CN2. Financial donations, as well as donations of canned or boxed foods, will be gratefully accepted **from 7:30am to 5:15pm**. Donations are tax-deductible. Your donations will enable Pilgrim's Inn and the Children's Attention Home to provide Thanksgiving meals for the women and children they are currently serving. CN2 is located at 135 Elizabeth Lane. For more information, contact Cheryl Cuddy at (803) 524-0889.



## 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**, a free class will be conducted at the Glencairn Garden Learning Center, which is located at 825 Edgemont Avenue, by the York County Master Gardener Association. The topic will be different each month.

This month, class will be held on **Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**. The topic for this class is "Get the Lowdown on Dirt." Participants will learn about soils and composting. For more information, contact Paul Thompson at (803) 684-9919 ext. 112.

## "Out With The Old": Electronics Recycling Workshop

On **Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm**, "Out with the Old" Electronics Recycling Workshop will be held at the York County Library. Participants will learn fun, earth-friendly ways to recycle old electronics and will make a recycled planter to take home. All materials will be provided. This free workshop is made possible by funding from the Arts Council of Rock Hill and York County, as well as by obsolete computers from Contagious Graphics. York County Library is located at 138 E. Black Street. To register, please call (803) 981-5860.

## An Evening of Gospel, Jazz, Pop, & Soul

Back Home Entertainment, The Freedom Center, and the Rock Hill High School (RHHS) Gospel Choir present An Evening of Gospel, Jazz, Pop, & Soul. This event will be held on **Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm**. It will include performances by Promise to Progress; the RHHS Gospel Choir; The Freedom Center's All Access Praise Team and Dancers; and special guests, Nashville pop/soul recording artists Sam & Ruby. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Proceeds will benefit The Freedom Center and the RHHS Gospel Choir.



## "Taste of Thanksgiving" Celebrations

You are invited to enjoy an early taste of Thanksgiving during Earth Fare Market and Café's "Taste of Thanksgiving" Celebrations. Samples of delicious Thanksgiving favorites - including all-natural turkey, apple sage stuffing, whipped cinnamon sweet potatoes, and green bean almondine will all be offered, along with freshly baked pies and organic hot apple cider with mulling spices. "Taste of Thanksgiving" Celebrations will be held **from 1:00pm to 6:00pm** on four days this month:

- **Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**: Live music by Ansel Couch from 1:00pm to 3:00pm.
- **Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**
- **Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**: Live music by K.B. Ashe from 1:00pm to 3:00pm.
- **Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**: Live music by Ansel Couch from 1:00pm to 3:00pm.

Each year, a complete Thanksgiving dinner is available for purchase at Earth Fare, including a pre-cooked all-natural turkey. Come sample it all during the "Taste of Thanksgiving" Celebrations! Earth Fare is located at 725 Cherry Road. For more information, contact Earth Fare at (803) 327-1030.

## Hip Hop Dance Workshop

On **Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm to 7:30pm**, a free Hip Hop Dance Workshop will be offered at the York County Library for 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders. This workshop will be taught by Tracie Coleman, owner of Millennium Charlotte Dance Studio. There is a limit of 15 participants, and registration is required. To register, please call (803) 981-5860. The York County Library is located at 138 E. Black Street.

## Information Nights: Pilgrim's Inn

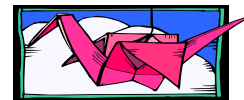
Pilgrim's Inn is the 'Friend of Earth Fare' for the month of November. Pilgrim's Inn is a nonprofit organization serving individuals and families who are homeless, at-risk of becoming homeless, or having trouble providing for their basic needs.

Three information nights regarding Pilgrim's Inn will be held at Earth Fare this month. Each night, **from 6:00pm to 7:30pm**, Pilgrim's Inn will provide information about one of the services they provide. The schedule is as follows:

- **Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**: Emergency Assistance Program, which involves a food pantry, financial assistance, and referring families to appropriate service providers.
- **Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**: Day Care Program, which offers quality day care services to low-income families and families in need.
- **Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>**: Shelter Program, which is for women and children who are homeless. Low-income subsidized apartments are available as well.

For more information about Information Nights, contact Earth Fare at (803) 327-1030. For more information about Pilgrim's Inn, call (803) 327-4227 or visit the website: [www.pilgrimsinn.org](http://www.pilgrimsinn.org)

## Holiday Origami Workshop



On **Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 3:30pm to 5:00pm**, a holiday-themed origami workshop will be taught at the York County Library by origami master Marsha DuPre. There is a limit of 20 participants, and registration is required. A materials fee of \$5 per person must be paid upon registration. To register, please call (803) 981-5860. The York County Library is located at 138 E. Black Street.

## Vernon Grant Santas Exhibition

The Vernon Grant Santas Exhibition will be on display in the Dalton Gallery from **Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**. The Dalton Gallery is located in the Center for the Arts, which 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](http://www.yorkcountyarts.org)



## Holiday Affair

Holiday Affair will be held on **Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to noon** at Old Town's Northside Recreation Center. During this free event, local experts will offer demonstrations on holiday decorating, food, gift making, and crafts. Door prizes will be given away, and homemade cookies will be available for only \$4 per box. This event is sponsored by Clemson Extension Service and the Rock Hill Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department. Northside Recreation Center is located at 900 Annafrel Street. For more information, contact Tracy Parham at (803) 329-5633.

## Soup Studio with Lunch Provided by 25+ Restaurants: A Benefit for Hospice and Community Care

On **Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>** from **11:00am to 2:00pm**, you are invited to have lunch at the fifth annual Soup Studio. More than 25 restaurants in Rock Hill are generously providing lunch for this event. Many of them are located in Old Town - including Earth Fare, Kinch's Restaurant, McHale's on Main, The Cookie Café, Thi's Place on Main, and White Horse.

Soup Studio will be held at Grace Lutheran Church, which is located at 426 Oakland Avenue. Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased at the door. This cost includes unlimited soups, fresh breads, tempting desserts, and drinks. All proceeds from this event will support Hospice and Community Care patients and their families.



## Board of Historic Review Meeting

On **Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>** from **6:00pm to 8:00pm** at City Hall, Historic property owners and the general public are invited to participate in a discussion about proposed revisions to the *Design Review Guideline Manual*, which is used as a guide for rehabilitation of historic properties throughout Rock Hill.

Copies of the revisions are available in the City's Development Services office; at [www.cityofrockhill.com](http://www.cityofrockhill.com), under the Development Services Department News section; or by sending an e-mail request to Janice Miller, Historic Preservation Specialist, [jemiller@cityofrockhill.com](mailto:jemiller@cityofrockhill.com)

## Survival Kit for the Holidays

On **Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>** at **6:30pm**, Grace Waddell of Agape Hospice of the Piedmont will offer strategies to help people who are suffering from grief and loss to cope during the holidays. No registration is required. This event will take place at the York County Library, which is located at 138 E. Black Street.



## Teen Tech Night: Create Your Own Video Game

On **Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>** from **5:00pm to 7:00pm**, 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> graders can come to the Tech Center at the York County Library to learn how to create their own video game. There is a limit of 19 participants, and registration is required. To register, please call (803) 981-5860. The York County Library is located at 138 E. Black Street.

## Hot Apple Cider: A Benefit for Pilgrim's Inn

On **Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup>** and **Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**, you can enjoy Hot Apple Cider from **11:30am to 1:00pm** at Earth Fare Market and Café. Cups of cider will be available for only \$1 apiece, with all money/donations benefitting Pilgrim's Inn. Earth Fare is located at 725 Cherry Road. For more information, contact Earth Fare at (803) 327-1030.

## Serenity Spa Salon Offers Free Massages

On **Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup>** from 11:00am to 1:00pm, Serenity Spa Salon will offer free massages at Earth Fare Market and Café. Come enjoy a massage on your lunch break by a masseuse from Serenity Spa Salon. Earth Fare is located at 725 Cherry Road. For more information, contact Earth Fare at (803) 327-1030.



## Gifts and Gaming for Teens

On **Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>** from 2:00pm to 3:30pm, 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> graders can come to the York County Library to create great holiday gifts for family and friends, and to enjoy the latest video games. No registration is required. The York County Library is located at 138 E. Black Street.

## A Long Winter's Nap

On **Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30pm to 7:30pm, people of all ages (with children accompanied by an adult) are invited to the York County Library to learn about how animals spend the winter. Books, songs, and crafts will teach about hibernation. There is a limit of 30 participants. Registration begins on **Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**. To register, please call (803) 981-5888. The York County Library is located at 138 E. Black Street.

## Holiday Bath Gifts Class

On **Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00pm, a holiday bath gifts class will be offered at Earth Fare Market and Café. Participants will learn how to make homemade holiday bath gifts just in time for the holidays. Earth Fare is located at 725 Cherry Road. For more information, call (803) 327-1030.



## Chili Cook-Off: A Benefit for Pilgrim's Inn

On **Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>** from 11:30am to 1:30pm, Pilgrim's Inn will be hosting a Chili Cook-Off at Earth Fare Market and Café. Donations of \$5, to benefit Pilgrim's Inn, will be requested from everyone who wants to participate and vote for the best-tasting chili. Earth Fare is located at 725 Cherry Road. For more information or to learn how to become a chef for the Chili Cook-Off, call Earth Fare at (803) 327-1030 and ask for Rachel Kitchen.

## Free Cooking Class: Chinese Food

On **Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30pm, a free Chinese Food Cooking Class will be held at Earth Fare Market and Café. Although there is no charge for this class, space is limited, so please sign up in advance at the customer service desk. Earth Fare is located at 725 Cherry Road. For more information, call (803) 327-1030.

## Family Game Night

On **Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>** from **6:30pm to 8:00pm**, people of all ages (with children accompanied by an adult) are invited to the York County Library for a family-friendly game night. Activities will include board, card, and PlayStation games. Desserts and drinks will be provided. There is a limit of 50 participants. Registration begins on **Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**. To register, please call (803) 981-5888. The York County Library is located at 138 E. Black Street.

## York County High School Exhibition

The York County High School Exhibition will be on display in Perimeter Gallery and Lewandowski Classroom Gallery from **Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>** through **Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**. Perimeter Gallery and Lewandowski Classroom Gallery are located in the Center for the Arts, which 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](http://www.yorkcountyarts.org)



## Mark Your Calendar For These Upcoming Old Town Events!

- **Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>: ChristmasVille**  
Held on the Main Streets of Old Town, ChristmasVille includes a wide variety of fun-filled, family-friendly holiday events, including:
  - Festival of Trees silent auction
  - Holiday parade
  - Historic home tours
  - Wonderful food, displays, and entertainment
  - Art Market, featuring fine arts and crafts by regional artists
  - Numerous events and activities for children of all ages
  - Finale with the Winthrop University ChristmasVille Rockhettes

For more information, please visit: [www.ChristmasVilleRockHill.com](http://www.ChristmasVilleRockHill.com)

- **Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>: First Fridays in the Garden**  
A free class will be conducted by the York County Master Gardener Association from 10:00am to 11:00am. The topic for this class is Holly Days and More: Holiday Decorating Ideas Using Plants. Class will be held 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.

- **Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>: Holiday Hounds Costume Contest and Promenade**  
Dress your dog in a costume that captures the spirit of the season and enter him/her in the Holiday Hounds Costume Contest and Promenade. Owners are encouraged to come in costume as well. Cash prizes for winners of the Costume Contest will be awarded for Best Holiday Costume (\$35), Best Dickens Costume (\$35), Second Place (\$25), and Third Place (\$15). The Promenade will begin at 3:00pm on Main Street.

Registration for Holiday Hounds will take place on the day of the event, between 1:30pm and 2:30pm, or in advance by sending in the form found on the ChristmasVille website: [www.ChristmasVilleRockHill.com/vendors.htm](http://www.ChristmasVilleRockHill.com/vendors.htm)

For more information, contact Candy Randall at (803) 329-8756 or by e-mail at [crandall@cityofrockhill.com](mailto:crandall@cityofrockhill.com)

## **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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