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fall 2016

s.e. region finals rodeo in gay, ga
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OCTOBER 8 & 9
10am - 5pm

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September 3 - October 9, 2016

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September 8 - 11, 2016 (Exhibit on display Sept. 13 - Oct. 9)

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The Southeast Region Finals Rodeo will be held at Quercus Farm in Gay on Oct. 14-15. The rodeo will be exciting, the QC Arena is outstanding, and the farm is beautiful. For more information, see articles on page 11.
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Ongoing Fall Events
Sept. 1-Oct. 6 – First Thursday Art Walk, Downtown Atlanta, 5-8 pm. 404-658-1877.
Sept. 1-29 – Jazz Nights at Scottish Rite, Decatur, Thurs., 7:00 pm. 678-615-0915.
Sept. 2-Oct. 7 – Marietta Square Art Walk, 5-9 pm. 470-899-3008.
Sept. 2-Oct. 25 – Martinis & IMAX, Fernbank, Fridays, 7-11 pm. 404-929-6400.
Sept. 2, Oct. 7 – First Friday Art Walks, Roswell Historic District, 6 pm. 770-594-9511.
Sept. 3-24 – Concerts on the Square, Decatur, Saturdays, 7 pm. 678-615-0915.

Cumming Country Fair & Festival
The Cumming Country Fair & Festival will be held October 6-16 with more than 40 amusement rides and games by the James H. Drew Exposition. The covered concert arena will feature free evening concerts with the price of admission: Atlanta Rhythm Section on Oct. 7, Lone-star on Oct. 11, the Marvel Super Heroes on Oct. 12, Charlie Daniels Band on Oct. 13, and the American Bull Riding Tour on Oct. 15-16. Free shows will include Oscar the Robot, Brian Ruth “Master of the Chainsaw,” North Georgia Petting Zoo & Pony Rides, Johnny Rocket’s Cycle Circus, the Sea Lion Splash, and Michelle’s Magical Poodles.
Heritage Village has a working cotton gin, saw/corn/syrup/grist mills, blacksmith shop, cider press, and chicken house; displays of a moonshine still and steam engines; and reproductions of a school-house, churches, doctor/dentist/post offices, barbershop, and general store. The Cherokee Indian Village with a living history encampment will explain Native American culture, traditions, and lifestyle.
Admission will be $7/eleven years and older and free/ten and under. Parking will be $5. Unlimited ride specials will be on Oct. 6, 10, 11, 12. For advance discount tickets or information, phone 770-781-3491 or visit www.cummingfair.net. Take GA 400N to Exit 15 and follow the signs.

Pickens County Chamber of Commerce presents the 36th Annual Georgia MARBLE FESTIVAL
October 1-2 JASPER, GEORGIA
www.georgiamarblefestival.com

September
Sept. 2-5 – DragonCon. 770-909-0115.
Sept. 3 – Chick-fil-A Kickoff Game, Georgia Dome. 404-223-9200.
Sept. 3 – Glover Park Concert, Marietta, 8 pm. 770-794-5601.
Sept. 3-5 – Art in the Park, Marietta, 10 am-5 pm. 404-966-5497.
Sept. 4-5 – Book Festival, Decatur. 404-471-5769.
Sept. 8-11 – Scott Antique Market, Atlanta Expo Center. 706-569-2800 or 404-361-2000.
Sept. 8-11 – Yellow Daisy Festival, Stone Mountain, Thursday-Sunday. 800-401-2407.
Sept. 10 – Salute to America & Arts Concert & Festival, Callanwolde. 404-872-5338.
Scott Antique Market in Atlanta

The Scott Antique Market at the Atlanta Expo Centers is the world’s largest monthly indoor antique show and features two buildings (366,000 square feet) with over 3500 booths, outdoor shopping, and a courtyard of merchandise – all stocked full of pretty much every antique imaginable. All things antique wind up at the Scott Antique Market – antique furniture, vintage hardware, rare art, stunning glassware, heirloom silver, incredible jewelry, and much more.

The Scott Antique Market, described as “America’s favorite treasure hunt,” always takes place the second weekend of every month at the Atlanta Expo Centers which straddle I-285 at Exit 55. Parking is free; admission is only $5; and a complimentary shuttle goes between both buildings. Show hours are Thursdays 12:45-6pm, Fridays & Saturdays 9am-6pm, and Sundays 10am-4pm. Food and snacks are available.

Upcoming shows will be Sept. 8-11, Oct. 6-9, and Nov. 10-13. For more information on Scott Antique Markets, call 740-851-9111 or visit www.scottantiquemarkets.com.

September

- Sept. 10 – Atlanta Smooth Music Festival, Mable House Amph., Mableton, 770-819-7765.
- Sept. 10 – Taste of Kennesaw, Downtown, 11am-8pm, 770-423-1330.
- Sept. 10 – Keltic Kudzu Concert, Art Place, Marietta, 770-509-2700.
- Sept. 10 – Corvettes for a Cause, Lawrenceville, 770-623-3600 or 888-494-6638.
- Sept. 10 – Taste of Kennesaw, Down town, 11am-8pm, 770-423-1330.
- Sept. 10 – Brazilian Day Festival, Mable House Amphitheater, 678-993-3919.
- Sept. 11 – Band X Concert, Sandy Springs Society Lawn, 7pm, 404-851-9111.
- Sept. 17 – Happy Days Festival, Hapeville, 404-669-2136 ext. 2133.
- Sept. 17 – Annual Arts Festival, Roswell, 770-640-3253 or 800-776-7935.
- Sept. 17 – East Cobb Parade & Festival, Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, 770-640-7070.
- Sept. 17 – Taste of Smyrna, Village Green, 11am-8pm, 770-423-1330.
- Sept. 17-18 – Atlanta Arts Festival, Piedmont Park, 888-512-7469.
- Sept. 17-18 – Sandy Springs Festival, Heritage Green, 404-851-9111.
- Sept. 17-24 – Cobb County Restaurant Week, 678-303-2622.
- Sept. 22-Oct. 2 – North Georgia State Fair, Miller Park, Marietta, 770-528-8875.
- Sept. 22-25 – Atlanta Greek Festival, Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 404-633-7358.

Smyrna Fall Jumbojolly Festival

2016 event dates

Sat., Oct. 22 - 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. & Sun., Oct. 23 - Noon to 5:00 p.m.

Event Highlights to Include:
• Featured Artists Market
• More Than 150 Crafters
• Fresh Harvest Market
• Festival Foods
• Continuous Entertainment
• Children’s Entertainment

www.smyrnacity.com
The Fall Jonquil Festival will be held in Smyrna Oct. 22-23 on the downtown Village Green next to Market Village. The festival will feature more than 150 handmade arts & crafts booths, puppet shows, live music, a wide selection of festival foods, and children’s activities with interactive inflatable activities, sand art, and more.

Friends of the Smyrna Library will have a book sale, and Keep Smyrna Beautiful will be distributing Jonquil bulbs. Peter Hart will present his Atlanta Puppet Show, and J. Scott Thompson, one of the founding members of Peachtree Station (voted Atlanta Magazine’s Best Country Band 2000), will entertain at the Veteran’s Memorial.

Festival hours will be Saturday from 10am-6pm and Sunday from 12-5pm. Admission will be free. Take I-75 to Exit 260, go west via Windy Hill about three miles to Atlanta Rd., turn left, and the festival will be one mile on the right. For more information, call Todd Miller or Bill Watson at 770-423-1330 or visit www.jrmmanagement.com or www.smyrnacity.com.
Arts in the Heart of Augusta Festival

Arts in the Heart of Augusta Festival, one of the South’s favorite festivals, will be held Sept. 16-18 in downtown Augusta. Georgia music will be celebrated on five stages which will offer non-stop performances all weekend. The perfect place to listen to the featured concerts will be the Global Stage. Performing Friday night will be the Mike Frost Band; onstage Saturday will be John Krueger; and the festival will close Sunday with a concert by the Riff Raff Kings.

The Global Food Village, famous for its authentic cuisine from around the world, will feature food from Italy, Germany, Cyprus, Guam, and others. There will be over 120 regional artists and artisans with everything from paintings to jewelry to woodworking and more. The Family Area will offer interactive performances, hands-on activities, and the Young Artists Market. The popular craft beer garden will return to the Augusta Common.

This year advanced passes will be available online at www.artsintheheartofaugusta.com for only $5. Festival Badges obtained at the gate will be good for the entire weekend. For more information, menus, maps, hotels, and schedules, visit www.artsintheheart.com.

BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY THEATER
706-632-9223, www.blueridgecommunitytheater.com
Sept. 29-Oct. 16 The Wild Guys

BRUNSWICK ACTORS’ THEATRE
912-262-0628, www.soglogallery.com
Oct. 8-30 Lend Me a Tenor

CENTER FOR PUPPETRY ARTS
Atlanta, 404-873-3391, www.puppet.org
Thru Sept. 11 Old McDonald’s Farm
Sept. 14-25 Tales of Peter Rabbit
Sept. 28-Oct. 9 La Cucarachita Martina
Oct. 12-23 Jungle Book
Oct. 25-Nov. 6 Headless Horseman of Silly Hollow

FORT GORDON DINNER THEATRE
706-793-8552, www.fortgordon.com
Sept. 9-24 Sylvia

GAINESVILLE THEATRE ALLIANCE
678-744-1260, www.gatetheatrealliance.org
Sept. 30-Oct. 8 The Lost Boys of Guatemala

GEORGIA ENSEMBLE THEATRE
Sept. 15-Oct. 28 A Christmas Carol

HARRY POTTER THEATRE
912-866-7483, www.harrypottertheatre.com
Oct. 9-30 Harry Potter

HISTORIC HOLLAND THEATER
706-864-3759, www.hollandertheater.com
Sept. 2-18 You Can’t Take It With You
Oct. 28-Nov. 6 Going Home to Dixie Musical

SwampGravy: HOME COTTON HALL THEATER
September 30, 2016
October 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 2016
March 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25, 2017
TICKETS www.swampgravy.com
PHONE: (229) 758-5450
Swamp Gravy: Home to be Performed in Colquitt

For more than twenty years, community members in Colquitt have been creating their own success story. They’ve collectively written, composed, and performed original storytelling theatre, and in doing so have revitalized their dying town. The show is called Swamp Gravy, a reference to a tomato-based concoction that, like the piece itself, varies in ingredients and is full of local flavor. This community-based play uses true stories told by the residents of Miller County, and though these stories are from small-town Georgia, they reveal some deeper truths about humanity as a whole. With the aid of professional theater collaborators, Swamp Gravy is performed by approximately 100 volunteer citizens of the town each year.

This October, Swamp Gravy will return with a brand-new production, Swamp Gravy: Home, written by Will Murdock. Performances will be Sept. 30-Oct. 22 and March 3-25, 2017 on Fridays at 7:30pm and Saturdays at 2 and 5:30pm. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased at www.swampgravy.com or by calling 229-758-5450. Group rates are available.

NEW DEPOT PLAYERS
Conyers, 678-374-3224, www.thenewdepotplayers.com
Sept. 29-Oct. 9 The Dixie Swim Club

NEW AMERICAN SHAKESPEARE THEATRE TAVERN
Atlanta, 404-874-5299, www.shakespearetavern.com
Sept. 8-18 Henry VI, part 1
Sept. 21-25 Volpone
Sept. 23 The Alchemist
Sept. 29-Oct. 9 Henry VI, part 2
Oct. 11-30 MacBeth

ISLAND PLAYERS
St. Simons Island
912-638-0338, www.theislandplayers.com
Oct. 14-30 Hello, Dolly!

LEGACY THEATRE
Sept. 30-Oct. 23 1776

MAIN STREET PLAYERS
Griffin, 770-229-9916, www.mainstreetplayers.org
Sept. 22-Oct. 2 Inherit the Wind
Oct. 15-22 Charlotte’s Web

NEW DEPOT PLAYERS
Conyers, 678-374-3224, www.thenewdepotplayers.com
Sept. 29-Oct. 9 The Dixie Swim Club

NEW NAN PLAYHOUSE COMPANY
Sept. 1-11 Moonlight & Magnolias
Sept. 28-Oct. 9 Ferndale Ave. Townswomen
Oct. 20-30 Addams Family: New Musical

ROME LITTLE THEATRE
706-295-7171, www.romelittletheatre.com
Oct. 14-16 Ascension of Tuyla Potts

SAVANNAH THEATRE
912-233-7764, www.savannahtheatre.com
Thru Nov. 19 Savannah Live!
Thru Nov. 20 Rewind?

SERENBE PLAYHOUSE
Chattahoochee Hills
770-463-1110, www.serenbeplayhouse.com
Sept. 29-Nov. 6 Sleepy Hollow Experience

HISTORIC RITZ THEATRE
Brunswick, 912-262-6934, www.goldenislesarts.org
Oct. 3 Yesterday & Today
Oct. 24 Commedia Princess & the Pea

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NORTH GEORGIA COMMUNITY PLAYERS
Dillard, 706-212-2500, www.ngcommunityplayers.com
Sept. 30-Oct. 8 Plaza Suite

PERRY PLAYERS
478-987-5354, www.perryplayers.org
Sept. 9-24 Deathtrap

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A Tour of Southern Ghosts at Stone Mountain Park

Meet professional storytellers weaving their tales of famous Southern Ghosts along the lantern-lit paths of the Antebellum Plantation grounds at Georgia’s Stone Mountain Park. A Tour of Southern Ghosts is held during the Halloween season so the stories are a little scary, many times humorous, but never too frightening and always appropriate for young children. Each night will offer a different cast of six storytellers, which means audience members may return to A Tour of Southern Ghosts on additional nights to hear a new collection of stories.

The first 45-minute tour will begin at 7pm with a new tour beginning every 10 minutes. Tickets may be purchased on tour nights at the box office of the Antebellum Plantation beginning at 6:45pm. Ticket prices will be $17 for adults or $12/adult presale and $8 for children 12 and under.

For more information, call 770-469-1105 or visit www.artstation.org.

Oliver Hardy Festival in Harlem

The 28th Annual Oliver Hardy Festival will be held on Saturday, Oct.1, from 9am-5pm. The “judged” parade will start at 10am with floats, classic cars, marching bands, and civic organizations. There will be approximately 300 arts & crafts booths, food, exotic plant vendors, and more. Performing on the main stage will be the Army Signal Corp Band. Both admission and parking will be free.

Entertainment will be provided on two stages, including Laurel & Hardy skits and movies at the Laurel & Hardy Museum, as well as a Laurel & Hardy Look-A-Like Contest. Put your best costumes on and join the fun. Members of the Laurel & Hardy International Appreciation Society will be present from all over the US and the world.

The Oliver Hardy Festival was started to honor their native son, Oliver Norvell Hardy, who was born in Harlem on January 18, 1892 and later became famous as the other half of the most popular comedy team, with Stan Laurel. Harlem is located off of I-20, Exit 183, 18 miles west of Augusta, Georgia, in Columbia County. For information, phone 706-556-0401 or 706-556-0043, or email shart@harlemga.org, or visit www.harlemga.org.
Zombie GeoQuest and Fall Festivals in Meriwether Co.

Meriwether County officials on Labor Day weekend will launch a geocaching trail, centering on the real town of Woodbury for fans of AMC’s hit zombie series, *The Walking Dead*. The fictitious city of Woodbury is the setting for many episodes in the series, and visitors are already going to the “real Woodbury” to get their photos made in front of city signs. There have been over 7 specific filming locations in and around Woodbury. In *The Real Woodbury Zombie GeoQuest* there will be 12 cache locations in and around Woodbury, several of which have been filming locations or in “zombie” type locales such as cemeteries. Visitors will receive a passport to enable them to log each of the 12 sites, and after completion they will return the passport to receive a trackable aluminum tag. Geocaching, a GPS fueled real-world treasure hunt, is growing in popularity.

There will be four major festivals in Meriwether County this fall. The Cotton Pickin’ Fair will be held Oct. 1-2 in Gay and will feature arts, crafts, antiques, food, entertainment, and kids’ activities. [www.cpfair.org](http://www.cpfair.org). Just across the street, also on Oct. 1-2, the Shady Days in Gay Arts & Crafts Festival will offer arts, crafts, food, and entertainment. [www.shadydaysingay.com](http://www.shadydaysingay.com).

The next weekend, on Oct. 8-9. Harvest Hoedown in Warm Springs will have arts, crafts, food, kids’ activities, and a parade at 11 am. The town offers interesting shops, restaurants, and lodging. 706-655-3941. Manchester Railroad Days, on Oct. 14-15, will be held at The Manchester Mill. There will be a Rail Fan Reception on Friday night and a Train Show on Saturday. (See article in this issue.) [www.manchesterrailroaddays@gmail.com](http://www.manchesterrailroaddays@gmail.com).

For information on Meriwether County, phone 706-655-2558 or visit [www.meriwethertourism.com](http://www.meriwethertourism.com).

Merritt Pecan Company in Weston

Merritt Pecan Company, located on Hwy. 520 in Weston, specializes in farm-fresh pecans and offers a large selection of items including pecans, pecan candies, brittle, divinity, jams, jellies, sauces, souvenirs, homemade pies and cakes, t-shirts, cookbooks, and gift baskets. The pecans are grown and harvested on their farms and processed at their plant.

The company, in business since 1980, is halfway between Albany and Columbus. It has a Chevron Foodmart and offers convenience store items. BBQ sandwiches, hot wings, hot dogs, cheeseburger dogs, sausage biscuits, and other food items. The store also offers a picnic area with tables for customers, an inside ATM, clean restrooms, walking area for dogs, and bus and camper parking. Local produce items, ranging from peas to peaches, are available when in season. Football fans will find souvenir items for Georgia, Auburn, and other local teams ranging from books to back scratchers.

Merritt Pecan Company, reminiscent of a general store, is decorated with memorabilia, has a display of John Deere toys inside, and an antique tractor barn with John Deere tractors and other antique tools. The store is open from 7am to 7pm daily except for Christmas Day. For information, phone 800-762-9152 or visit [www.merritt-pecan.com](http://www.merritt-pecan.com).

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100 MASSEE LANE, FORT VALLEY, GEORGIA
Southeast Region Finals Rodeo at Quercus Farm in Gay

The Southeast Region Finals Rodeo, offering more than $20,000 in prize money, will be held in Gay, Georgia, on Oct. 14-15. The rodeo will benefit Race for the Wounded, helping veterans to get back in the race. Gates will open at 6pm, and the rodeo will start at 8pm. There will be face painting, mechanical bull riding, and food. Parking will be free. QC Arena is located at 805 Flat Shoals Road. For more information, e-mail susan@srfrodeo.com or visit www.srfrodeo.com.

About Quercus Farm

Quercus Farm, a privately owned working ranch, is home to a variety of successful operations: a fully functioning cattle business, quarter horse breeding and training program, timber production, a collection of fine rental properties, and the QC Arena.

The QC Arena, a large 52,000 square foot covered arena which offers events from weddings to horse shows, has stalls, RV hookups, a concession stand, automatic Priefert Roping System, outside speakers, microphone system, concert quality sound system, and more.

Accommodations offer an opportunity to relax in a rustic, secluded area. There are three choices; all offer satellite TV, internet, and pool access. The Bunkhouse has 6 bedrooms, each with a bathroom and accommodations for 2 guests; a large living room; kitchen with dining area; and porch. The Cabin has 3 bedrooms, 2½ baths, a working stone fireplace, full kitchen, dining room, wrap-around porch, and sleeps 8. The Cottage has 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, a loft with 2 bedrooms, a full kitchen, dining room, living room, screened porch, front and side porches, and sleeps 8. To make reservations, visit airbnb.com. To see the property, visit www.quercusfarm.com.

Check the Guide to Georgia’s Facebook page for information on events in Georgia and tidbits of information about the State. We hope you will “like” us and have your friends “like” us.

Enjoy a day full of fall fun!

Get lost in the corn maze, go on a hayride, race in the pedal cars, aim with our corn slingshots, enjoy a homemade funnel cake and steamy boiled peanuts, meet furry freinds at Bagby’s Critter Corral and more...all at Blowing Springs Farm!

OPEN Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays • Sept 30 - Oct 30
Visit: BlowingSpringsFarm.com for tickets!

Kids Under 4 get in FREE!
Blue Ridge Scenic Railway

All aboard for a trip that will spark kids’ imaginations, adults’ memories, and leave everyone smiling! It all starts at the historic 100+ year-old depot in downtown Blue Ridge, Georgia, and heads north from there. As the train winds through the mountains alongside the beautiful Toccoa River, car hosts will share the history of the railroad and sights along the way. The views are spectacular from both the vintage climate-controlled coaches and from the open-air car. Want to ride in style? Try the new “Premier Class” which is available to adults 18 years and older. Need a snack? Visit the concession car for snacks, drinks, and souvenirs.

After a leisurely one-hour trip, the train stops in the unique twin border towns of McCaysville, Georgia, and Copperhill, Tennessee. You will have time to shop, tour, and dine during the layover. Then it’s back to Blue Ridge where you can purchase railroad-inspired souvenirs at the gift shop.

The ticket office is in the depot tucked in the charming mountain village of Blue Ridge within the lush Chattahoochee National Forest, only 95 miles north of Atlanta. Reservations are strongly encouraged. For schedules, ticket prices, and information, visit www.brsenic.com, or call 877-413-8724 or 706-632-8724.

The Hiwassee River Railroad

Ride the historic Hiwassee River Railroad scenic rail excursion through the unspoiled Cherokee National Forest, along the beautiful Hiwassee River, and through the secluded Hiwassee River Gorge. All trips feature the engineering marvel, the Great Hiwassee Loop. At the top you’ll pass over a bridge 62 feet above the tracks on which you’ve just traveled as the rails negotiate a spiraling formation.

All trips begin with a short bus trip from the restored L&N Depot & Museum in Etowah, Tennessee. For those riders choosing a trip to Copperhill, the route continues beyond Farmer through Turtletown and Ducktown to the border towns of Copperhill, Tennessee, and McCaysville, Georgia.

The trains feature comfortable coach seating with large viewing windows for standard service. Dome seating allows passengers a panoramic view from high above the car. Observation lounge seating provides a view from the car at the rear of the train in one direction and directly behind the locomotive in the other direction.

Special rates are available for groups of 25 or more; charter trips can be arranged for groups of 80 or more. For information, phone 423-894-8028, x0 or visit www.tvrail.com.

The Heritage Station Museum in Douglas

The Heritage Station Museum in the former Georgia-Florida rail depot in Douglas is a railroad and local history museum and is open Thursdays through Saturdays. Also on site is the Whistle Stop Souvenir Shop. For information, visit www.cityofdouglas.com or phone phone 912-389-3461.
Manchester Railroad Days

Manchester Railroad Days 2016 will be held October 14-15 at The Manchester Mill, 10 Callaway Street, on GA 85E between Atlanta and Columbus. A Rail Fan Reception will be held Friday night from 7-9 pm and will feature good food, entertaining slides, stories, and speakers. Admission will be free.

The Train Show will be Saturday from 9 am-4 pm. Train artifacts, accessories, pictures, books, and collectibles will be available from a variety of vendors. The model train layouts have been expanded. Admission will be $4/adults; $3/CSX employees and retirees with ID; and free/ages 12 and under.

There is an observation deck over local railroad tracks behind Main Street for rail fans who enjoy watching trains. For information, e-mail manchesterrailroaddays@gmail.com, call 706-975-4546, or see Manchester Railroad Days on Facebook.

Southeastern Railway Museum in Duluth

Georgia’s Official Transportation History Museum has over 90 pieces of retired railway rolling stock: trains from the 1920’s and 1950’s, buses from MARTA’s historic fleet and predecessor systems, vintage cabs and firefighting equipment, and more.

Special events will include the Classics at the Crossing Car Show on Sept. 24, a Boy Scout Merit Badge Clinic on Oct. 8, and Model Railroad Days on Nov. 5-6. Train or Treat on Oct. 31 will feature costume contests, a fall craft activity, trick or treating at decorated stations around the museum, fall themed refreshments, backyard burgers for lunch, wagon rides, and hand car rides. Santa will arrive by train Nov. 19 kicking off the museum’s holiday season; tickets for Polar Express Experience go on sale Sept 1.

The museum offers free admission to military members and first responders and family (up to 5) with proper identification. Located at 3595 Buford Hwy. in Duluth, the Museum follows a seasonal schedule; days and hours of operation are available on the website. For info, visit www.SoutheasternRailwayMuseum.org or phone 770-476-2013.

An amazing fall adventure on the Blue Ridge Scenic Railway is only a short drive away. It all starts at the historic depot in downtown Blue Ridge, Georgia. The train winds alongside the beautiful Toccoa River on a four-hour round trip with a stop in the twin border towns of McCaysville, GA and Copperhill, TN.

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Group rates available. Military pricing is valid for military personnel and spouse with valid ID.
Planes, Trains, & Heroes – History in Warner Robins

Planes, Trains and Heroes – experience history in the International City. While Warner Robins is known for their Friday Night Lights, planes take center stage starting with the 2016 Thunder Over Georgia Air Show featuring the United States Air Force Thunderbirds. The Air Show takes place on Oct. 1-2 at Robins Air Force Base. Admission and parking will be free in designated areas.

The Wings & Wheels Car, Truck, and Motorcycle show returns to the Museum of Aviation on Oct. 7. This year’s show is a 1940’s theme complete with a raffle and Poker Fun Run.

For train enthusiasts, visit the annual Planes & Trains Model Railroad Show Nov. 21-29 at the Museum of Aviation. Sponsored by the Middle Georgia Railroad Club, the display features up to 9 trains running continuously on 3 main lines through landscape scenes with miniature buildings, cars, bridges, rivers, buildings, and even an airport. There is also an O-scale Lionel layout where railroad cars experience “hot box” fires, a Christmas Village, Thomas the Tank Engine layout on Soror Island, and more.

For more information on events for your family to explore this fall in Warner Robins, visit the interactive online events calendar at www.warnerrobinvisitorscenter.com or call 478-302-5360.

Train Ride Adventures in St. Marys

You never know who you’ll meet on the St. Marys Express as you ride the rails through scenic woodlands and marshlands. Storybook characters and Santa Claus, hobos and goblins, American heroes, rock and roll stars, superheroes – all there to entertain and beguile you.

Whether taking a journey into yesteryear or tomorrow, a ride on the St. Marys Express is always filled with smiles and laughter and sometime even tears when the heart strings are tugged by inspirational performances or patriotic song. The St. Marys Express is all about history, adventure, and most of all fun – fun for all ages.

From Railroad Days to Halloween and the most fun Christmas celebrations at Santa Land, this fall treat yourself to a great getaway in St. Marys, Georgia, and a ride on the St. Marys Express. Visit www.stmarysrailroad.com for the entire schedule or call 912-200-5235.

Historical Railroad Depot in Fitzgerald

The historical railroad depot in Fitzgerald was built about 1902 when the Atlanta and Birmingham Railroad arrived in town. The passenger area and various offices house City Hall and the Welcome Center. The original baggage room houses the Blue & Gray Museum. Phone 229-426-5069 or visit www.fitzgeraldga.org.

Southeastern Railway Museum

Georgia’s Official Transportation History Museum

Vintage Engines, Railcars, Buses & Cabs • Train & Park Train Rides • Birthday Parties
Days and hours seasonal • See website for schedule

3595 Buford Hwy, Duluth, Georgia • www.SoutheasternRailwayMuseum.org • 770-476-2013
### Sporting Events

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### Apple Pickin’ Jubilee

- 21st Annual
- Sept. 10 - Oct. 30 (weekends)
- Pick your own apples.
- Grand Opening of the “Georgia Apple Tree Maze”
- Pig Races - Milk a Cow - Cow Train Rides - Food
- Mini Golf - Giant Jumping Pillow - Petting Farm
- Giant Slides - Museums - Live Entertainment
- 9 a.m.-6 p.m. • $10 per person
- Hwy. 52, 9 miles east of Ellijay
- www.hillcrestorchards.net
- 706-273-3838 • applelan@ellijay.com
- Celebrating 60 Years
- October 8, 2016
- SANDERSVILLE SCHOOL AT LINTON PARK
- SANDERSVILLE, GA
- www.washingtoncountygaga.com
The 2016 Fall Arts in the Park Festival will be held in the Downtown City Park of Blue Ridge on Oct. 8 & 9 from 10am-5pm. The two-day festival admission will be $5/adults and children/free. Proceeds will benefit the Blue Ridge Mountains Arts Association, a nonprofit Arts Council serving the Blue Ridge, Georgia region for over 35 years.

The Fall Arts in the Park Festival, located in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, is only 90 minutes north of Atlanta and will feature over 115 fine arts and fine crafts, multiple food vendors and a KidZone. The festival will offer paintings, mixed media artwork, glass, sculpture, pottery, photography, jewelry, woodworking, basketry, metalwork, and much more.

While you are at the festival, inside the Blue Ridge Mountains Arts Association’s Art Center, the BRMAA National Juried Photography Exhibit, the colorful artwork of Artist in Residence Rhonda Roddy, and the Fall International Plein Air exhibit will all be on display.

For more information, contact 706-632-2144, e-mail blueridgearts.community@gmail.com, or visit www.BlueRidgeArts.net. For area and lodging information, contact the Fannin County Chamber of Commerce at 706-632-5680 or visit www.BlueRidgeMountains.com.

Enjoy a day full of fall fun for the whole family. Get lost in the corn maze, go on a hayride, eat a funnel cake, ride the cow train, try the corn slingshot or make new furry friends at the Critter Corral – all at Blowing Springs Farm. It is open Fridays through Sundays from 10am-7pm from Sept. 30-Oct. 30.

For more information, phone 706-820-2531 or 800-854-0675, or visit www.blowingspringsfarm.com. The farm is located at 271 Chattanooga Valley Road.

Get in touch with Rock City’s German heritage during the 11th annual Rocktoberfest which will be held Saturdays and Sundays from Oct. 1-30 from 8:30am-5pm. Rock City Square will be transformed for a celebration of harvests and fall foliage. This premiere autumn celebration will include live German music, polka lessons, German food, the Fall Fairy, Ik the Troll King, and fun for the entire family. Raptor shows will be live at 11:30am, 1:30 and 4pm. Join the fun at Rock City as they celebrate and honor the founder Frieda Uttermohlen Carter.

For more information, visit www.seerockcity.com/rocktoberfest or phone 706-820-2531. Rock City is located just six miles from downtown Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Ongoing Events in Georgia

Sept.-Oct. – FORT VALLEY – Early Season Camelia japonicas and sasanquas and fall wild flowers blooming at Massee Lane Gardens. 877-422-6355.
Sept. 1, Oct. 6 – SUMMERVILLE – First Thursday, 5-8pm. 800-726-0243.
Sept. 1-Oct. 15 – HELEN – Saturday Evening Concerts, Unicoi State Park, 8pm. 706-878-2181.
Sept. 2, Oct. 7 – AUGUSTA – First Friday, Downtown, 5-9pm. 706-724-0851.
Sept. 2, Oct. 7 – BLAIRSVILLE – Friday Night Concerts, Courthouse, 7pm. 706-745-5493.
Sept. 2, Oct. 7 – BRUNSWICK – First Friday, Downtown, 5-8pm. 912-265-4032.
Sept. 2, Oct. 7 – DAHLONEGA – First Friday Concerts, Hancock Park, 6:30pm. 706-864-3513.
Sept. 2, Oct. 7 – DUBLIN – First Friday Concert Series, 478-272-2560.
Sept. 2, Oct. 7 – NEWNAN – First Friday, Downtown, 5pm. 770-253-8283.
Sept. 2, Oct. 7 – ROME – First Friday Concerts, 7-10pm. 800-444-1834.
Sept. 2, Oct. 7 – SAVANNAH – First Fri./Folk Music, 1st Presbyterian, 7:30pm. 877-savannah.
Chiaha Harvest Fair in Rome

The Chiaha Harvest Fair is back for its 52nd year of toe-tappin’, cider-sippin’ fun for everyone. The festival will be held on the banks of the Oostanaula River in Rome’s Ridge Ferry Park on Saturday, Oct. 22, and Sunday, Oct. 23, from 10am-5pm. This family-friendly festival will offer a variety of handmade arts and crafts by more than 120 artists from around the region. Several artists will demonstrate their work.

Continuous live entertainment will be a highlight of the Chiaha Festival and will include Americana, bluegrass, country, and Southern rock musicians. Take the kids for a wide variety of children’s art projects designed to help kids get in on the fun of self-expression. Area students are invited to display their artwork, creating a showcase of future artists in our region. Visitors stroll through the festival sipping complimentary hot apple cider served from a giant cauldron, a tradition since the very first year. Enjoy Southern home-cooking and sweet treats from over a dozen food booths, and delight in a variety of family-friendly activities.

Admission will be $5/adults, $4/students & seniors, and $1/kids under 12. Parking will be free. Take I-75N to Exit 290; left on GA 20W to Loop 1 and Riverside Pkwy. For information, visit www.chiaha.org or www.facebook.com/ChiahaHarvest, or email info@chiaha.org.

Perspectives 2016: Georgia Pottery Invitational in Watkinsville

The Oconee Cultural Arts Foundation (OCAF) will host Perspectives August 27-September 14 from 10am-5pm at OCAF, 34 School Street, in Watkinsville, GA. As the premiere pottery event of its kind, a juried selection of 50 of Georgia’s finest potters will have over 7,000 pieces of contemporary functional and decorative handmade pottery for sale. Admission and parking will be free, and tour groups and buses will be welcome.

In addition to the sale, Perspectives will include three exhibitions, gallery talks, pottery demonstrations, and a pottery workshop. This annual event is a favorite of artists and attendees, highlights a wide collection of styles, forms, colors and price ranges, and has earned the distinction as a “Top 20 Events” by the Southeast Tourism Society. Kicking off the event will be the Opening Gala on Aug. 26 from 6-9pm.

Gala admission will be $20 and will include food, drinks, music, time to meet participating artists, and the opportunity to preview and purchase pottery before the show opens to the public. Details for Perspectives can be found online at www.ocaf.com or by calling 706-769-4565.

Ongoing Events in Georgia

Sept. 2, Oct. 7 – THOMASVILLE – First Friday, Downtown, 6-9pm. 229-227-7020.
Sept. 2, Oct. 7 – SAUTEED – First Friday Music Pickin’, Sautee Village, 6-9pm. 706-878-0144.
Sept. 2, Oct. 7 – VALDOSTA – First Friday, Downtown, 6:30-9:30pm. 229-259-3577.
Sept. 2-Oct. 28 – BLUE RIDGE – Scenic Railway, Call for schedule. 877-413-8724.
Sept. 2-Oct. 29 – CLEVELAND – Live Music, Sat., Yonah Mt., Vineyards, 4-8pm. 800-392-8279.
Sept. 10, Oct. 8 – ALBANY – Freedom Singers, Civil Rights Institute, 1pm. 866-750-0840.
Sept. 16, Oct. 21 – ELLIJAY – Acoustic Blends, Gilmer Arts Center. 7pm. 706-635-5605.
Oct. 1-28 – CALHOUN – Corn Maze & Pumpkin Patch, Copper Creek Farm, Fri & Sat. 770-548-7746.

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The Real Squeal: Lyons BBQ & Music Festival

Lyons, Georgia will host its 6th annual BBQ & Music Festival on October 7th & 8th. The Real Squeal is a KCBS sanctioned event including Professional & Amateur BBQ Competitions.

The festival will kick off Friday, Oct. 7, in downtown Lyons with an Amateur BBQ Contest, BBQ Sauce Contest, Classic Car Cruise-In and Cruise-Out, traditional festival foods, music by Michalan Boney & Blu Vudu, and end with fireworks.

On October 8th, head to Partin Park for the Professional BBQ Competition. Join in the new competition, “The Pig Jig,” a traditional music contest; there will be banjo, fiddle, mandolin, guitar, and traditional song categories, complete with jam sessions and free workshops. Try to keep up in the Flat Footin’ & Buck Dance competition.

Activities for the entire family will include Folk to Fine Art Show, Native American Encampment and dancers, Indian Artifact Show, Squeal-In Classic Car Show, Kids’ Creative Play area, live music, and more. For information, visit www.therealsqueal.com or like them on Facebook.

Ongoing Events in Georgia

Oct. 1-Nov. 6 – BLUE RIDGE – Fall Foliage Trip, Blue Ridge Scenic Railway. 877-413-8724.

October 8-9 & 15-16
Ellijay, Georgia
Ellijay Lions Club Fairgrounds
1729 South Main Street, Ellijay
Saturdays 9 to 6 | Sundays 9 to 5
gapplefest@gmail.com | georgiaapplefestival.org
facebook.com/georgiaapplefestival | 706-636-4500


September

Thru Nov. 19 – MINERAL BLUFF – Tri-State Model Railroaders Open House, 10am-2pm. 706-455-8903.
Sept. 2 – THOMASVILLE – 1st Friday Outdoor Concert/The Roy Baker Band. 229-228-7977.
Sept. 2 – WOODSTOCK – Friday Night Live: 50’s Night, Downtown, 6pm-9pm. 770-924-0407.
Sept. 2-4 – PINE MOUNTAIN – Sky High Hot Air Balloon Fest, Callaway Gdns. 800-852-3810.
Sept. 3 – BIG CANOE – Kurt Thomas, Terraces Amphitheatre. 706-579-5099.
Sept. 3 – CLEVELAND – Crush Festival, Yonah Mountain Vineyards. 800-392-8279.
Sept. 3 – ELLIJAY – Smokin’ in the Mountains BBQ Festival. 706-632-5680.
Sept. 3 – SAUTEETE – Folk Pottery Show, Sautee Museum. 706-878-3300.
Sept. 3-4 – AUGUSTA – Labor Day Jazz Festival. 962-233-5999.
Sept. 3-4 – BLUE RIDGE – Mountain Heritage Festival. 800-899-6867.
Sept. 3-4 – ST. SIMONS ISLAND – Antique Show, Pier Village. 912-267-7822.
Kaolin Festival in Sandersville & Washington County

Washington County’s Kaolin Festival, which started in 1957, is an annual event that provides fun and activities for all ages. The 2016 Kaolin Festival will be on Saturday, Oct. 8, at the Sandersville School at Linton Park and will host a parade including marching bands, industry floats, local pageant and school queens, and civic organizations. There will be arts & crafts and food vendors as well as local, live entertainment all day.

The Kaolin Festival itself is actually the culmination of a week of events beginning with the Century Bike Ride on October 1st at 8am. The ride will include 18M, 32M, 62M, & 100M scenic routes through the rolling hills, beautiful kaolin mining areas, and farmlands of Washington County. Other events during the week will include the Tennille Trot and Fun Run, Senior Walk, Community Health Fair, art shows, BBQ blast, and mine tours. Farm Bureau Ag Fair will take place the following week Oct. 11-15 and will include rides, games, animals, food, and more.

For information, visit www.washingtoncountyga.com or e-mail chamber@washingtoncountyga.com or call 478-552-3288.

36th Annual Georgia Marble Festival in Jasper

Jasper, Georgia and the entire Marble Valley of Pickens County will celebrate the history of Georgia Marble during the 36th Annual Georgia Marble Festival on Oct. 1-2 at Lee Newnan Park, 500 Stegall Drive.

A 5K Run/Walk will begin Saturday at 8am followed by the 1 Mile Fun Run at 9am. (www.jasperumc.org). There will be a parade down Jasper’s Main Street at 10am, arts, crafts, retail, food, entertainment, demonstrations, and children’s activities. Sculptor Bill Cook, Jr. will be carving a piece of marble with the theme of this year’s festival, “Our Marble–Our Heritage.”

Once a year the public is allowed to tour the largest open pit marble quarries in the world, and that is during the Georgia Marble Festival. Call 706-692-5600 or visit www.georgiamarblefestival.com to book your quarry tour today. The tour fees are $15/adult, $13/6-12, and free/under 5. Handicapped accessible by request.

Parking and shuttles will be free at Ingles and Chattahoochee Technical College. Festival hours will be Saturday 10am-6pm and Sunday 10am-5pm. Admission will be $5/adult, $3/ages 6-12, and free/5 and under. For info for vendor applications, visit www.georgiamarblefestival.com or phone 706-692-5600.

September

**Sept. 3-5 – BLAIRSVILLE** – Mountain Heritage Festival, Mt. Life Museum. 706-745-5493.

**Sept. 3-5 – CLEVELAND** – Labor Day Weekend at the Zoo/Sunset Tours. 706-348-7279.

**Sept. 3-5 – JONESBORO** – Labor Day Celebration, Clayton County Int’l Pk. 770-477-3766.


**Sept. 4 – ST. SIMONS ISLAND** – Sounds of Motown, Lighthouse Lawn, 7pm. 912-634-7090.

**Sept. 4 – TYBEE ISLAND** – Beach Bash & Fireworks, Pier & Pavilion, 7pm. 912-786-5444.

**Sept. 4-5 – SAULDNVAH** – Bacon Festival Weekend, River Street. 912-234-0295.

**Sept. 5 – DARIEN** – Labor Day at Fort King George. 912-437-4770.

**Sept. 5 – MIDWAY** – Labor Day Commemoration, Fort Morris. 912-884-5999.

**Sept. 7-10 – HOBBOKEN** – Bluegrass Music Convention, Twin Oaks Park. 912-458-2365.

**Sept. 8 – HELEN** – Oktoberfest Parade, Downtown. 12pm .706-878-1908.

**Sept. 9-10 – DOUGLAS** – South Georgia BBQ & Outdoor Festival, Central Square Complex. 912-384-4555 or 912-383-0277.

**Sept. 9-17 – CALHOUN** – Northwest Georgia Regional Fair. 770-773-0955.

**Sept. 9-17 – CLARKSVILLE** – Chattahoochee Mountain Fair. 706-768-6890.

**Sept. 10 – BLAIRSVILLE** – Mountain Music & Arts Crafts Festival, Vogel St. Pk. 706-745-2628.
BBQ, Ghosts, and Natural Wonders in Douglas

The South Georgia BBQ and Outdoor Festival will be held at Central Square Complex in downtown Douglas on Sept. 9 from 1-10:30pm and Sept. 10 from 9am-5pm. Events will include the GBA BBQ competition; Motorcycle Show & Poker Run; NAPA/Brooks Auto Parts Car Show; Friday night concert featuring Koa, Laney Strickland Band, and headliner JJ Grey & Mofro; archery demos by “The Aspirin Buster,” Frank Addington, Jr.; Adams and Lott Outdoors Display and Wildlife Show; South Ga. Swamp and River Fishing workshops; turkey calling contest; kids’ area; food; art/craft/general vendors; hunting & fishing gear/apparel; and more. No general admission, but fees apply for the Friday night concert and other activities.

An “Evening in the Dark” Ghost Tour will be held at the historic Ashley Slater House on Oct. 18. Ghosts, goblins, princesses, and pirates will fill the downtown streets at the Hometown Harvest on Oct. 27, beginning at 4pm. Visit Gen. John Coffee State Park on Oct. 22 for the Halloween Midnight Madness complete with haunted house and trail. The Nature Conservancy’s Broxton Rocks tours are scheduled for Oct. 22, 29, and Nov. 5; call 404-253-7210 for reservations.

For more information, e-mail bbqfest@cityofdouglas.com or visit www.CityofDouglas.com/events or phone 912-384-4555.

Plains Peanut Festival

The Plains Peanut Festival on September 24 will honor the peanut industry, the peanut farmer, and Plains’ native son, Jimmy Carter, the 39th President of the United States. Admission and parking will be free. For more information, visit www.plainsgeorgia.com or call 229-824-5373.

There will be a one mile Fun Run at 8am and a 5K Road Race at 8:30am with President Carter presenting awards for these events at 10am from the platform of the depot which was headquarters for his campaign in the 1970’s. Arts, crafts, and food vendors will open at 9am with continuous entertainment in Maxine Reese Park and on Main Street. A parade will begin at 11am. A Peanut Pavilion will offer exhibits on the peanut industry and samples. The Carters will have a book signing starting at 1:30pm.

The SAM Shortline Excursion Train will run shuttles Saturday afternoon. A Street Dance will be held Saturday night from 8:30-11:30pm. President Carter will be teaching Sunday School at Maranatha Baptist Church in Plains on Sunday morning at 10am.

September

Sept. 10 – CLEVELAND – Fall Festival, Babyland General Hospital. 706-865-2171.

TUMBLING WATERS SOCIETY
ART IN THE PARK
FESTIVAL

September 17 & 18
Hurricane Shoals Park near Maysville, GA

Bluegrass Bands • 5K Mill Race Sat. 8am
Grist Mill • Southern Gospel • Arts & Crafts
Food & BBQ • Kids Zone
Civil War Battle Reenactments
Camps, Cavalry, Artillery & Hospital
Heritage Village Tours

NO ALCOHOL — NO PETS ALLOWED
FREE PARKING & ADMISSION
www.hurricaneshoalspark.org

Sept. 10 – ST MARYS – Music in the Park, 6-8pm. 912-882-4000.
Sept. 15-18 – ROME – International Film Festival. 706-383-7364.
Sept. 16 – BLUE RIDGE – Blues Crawl, Various venues. 7-11pm. 800-899-6867; Blues Train, Blue Ridge Scenic Railway, 5:30pm. 877-413-train.
Sept. 16-18 – AUGUSTA – Arts in the Heart of Augusta, Downtown. 706-826-4702.
Sept. 16-18 – BARNESVILLE – Barnesville Buggy Days. 770-358-5884.
Sept. 16-18 – CLAYTON – Campfest (Childhood Camp Nostalgia), Camp Blue Ridge. 917-797-0463.
40th Annual Toccoa Harvest Festival

Celebrate fall in beautiful historic downtown Toccoa at this free outdoor festival. The 40th Annual Toccoa Harvest Festival will be held Oct. 29-30. Enjoy music and dancing while taking in smells of fall mingling with roasting peanuts, mulling spices, and regional and international foods. There will be more than 150 craft and food vendors. All crafts will be “homemade, home baked, or home grown.” There will be free buggy rides as well as a variety of activities for children.

The Currahee Artist Guild will have a sale and demonstration at the festival as well as a classic car show sponsored by the Stephens County Recreation Department on Saturday from 10am-3pm.

While at the festival, visit the downtown stores which include antique markets, specialty shops and a book store. The Historical Society Museum and Currahee Military Museum with WWII items from Band of Brothers are within walking distance from the festival.

Festival hours will be Saturday from 10am-5pm and Sunday from 10am-4pm. For information, visit www.mainstreettoccoa.com or phone 706-282-3309 or 877-6toccoa.

September

Sept. 17 – ROME – ARF’s 1st Annual Car Show, Ollies Bargain Outlet, 9am-1pm. 706-233-3543.

Sept. 18 – ST SIMONS – Michael Hulett Concert, Neptune Pk., 7-9pm. 912-262-6934.
Sept. 20 – THOMASVILLE – The Havana Cuba All-Stars, 7:30pm. 229-226-7404.
Million Pines Arts & Crafts Festival in Soperton

The 44th annual Million Pines Arts and Crafts Festival will be held Nov. 5-6 in Soperton’s Iva Park. Under shady pines you will find arts and crafts and food booths and demonstrations on pottery, basket weaving, chair caning, and blacksmithing. Hours will be Saturday 9am-5:30pm and Sunday 10am-4pm. No pets are allowed at the festival.

The food, reminiscent of fall cookouts and fairs, will include hot dogs, hamburgers, BBQ, turkey legs, chicken and dumplings, boiled peanuts, pork rinds, funnel cakes, blooming Vidalia onions, fried fruit tarts, and more. Children’s activities will include a giant slide, moonwalk, pony rides, spider mountain, and face painting. Continuous entertainment on Saturday will feature cloggers, singers, and bands.

The slash pines, planted in Treutlen County in 1926, launched an era of reforestation in the South. Soperton is located between Macon and Savannah off I-16, Exit 67 (Hwy. 29). For more information, phone 912-529-6611 or visit www.millionpines.org.

September

Sept. 23 – BLUE RIDGE – Classic Car Cruise-In. 800-899-6867.
Sept. 24 – CALHOUN – Ellie & Jackson Lawrence, Harris Arts Center. 706-629-2599.
Sept. 26 – BRUNSWICK – Costal Symphony of Georgia, High School, 8pm. 912-634-2006.

October

Oct. 1 – CONYERS – Monastery Fall Festival & Health Fair. 770-483-4411.
Oct. 1 – HARLEM – Oliver Hardy Festival, Parade at 10am. 706-556-0401 or 706-556-0043.
Oct. 3 – HARLEM – Oliver Hardy Festival, Parade at 10am. 706-556-0401 or 706-556-0043.
Mountain Moonshine Festival in Dawsonville

The 49th annual Mountain Moonshine Festival will be held Oct. 21-23 in Dawsonville, the birthplace of Stock Car Racing. This festival reflects the era when liquor was illegal and running moonshine through the foothills was a way of life. Admission will be free; parking will be $10. For information or to register for events, phone 706-216-5273 or visit www.kareforkids.org.

On Friday there will be an all day “Moonshine Run” through the scenic mountains of North Georgia. A car show, cruise-in, and swap meet will be held at the GA Racing Hall of Fame both days.

Beginning at 9am Saturday there will be a parade through historic downtown Dawsonville featuring a large collection of authentic moonshine haulers, revenuers, and vintage race cars. Charlie Mincey will be recognized posthumously as the Grand Marshall and will be represented by family members. On Saturday and Sunday there will be great food, children’s activities, exhibits, arts and crafts, and live entertainment. Souvenir t-shirts and hats will be for sale. Parking will be $10. No pets allowed. All festival proceeds benefit Kare for Kids, a non-profit organization that helps local children in need.

Art in the Park at Historic Hurricane Shoals Park, Maysville

Living history, art, bluegrass and BBQ . . . celebrate with Tumbling Waters Society their Art Festival under the trees at Hurricane Shoals between Jefferson and Maysville Sept. 17 from 10am-6pm and Sept. 18 from 12:30-5:30pm. Admission, parking, and all concerts will be free.

Performing bluegrass both days from 1-5pm will be BlueBilly Grit & bands. Saturday will feature Hank, Patti & the Current. There will be Southern gospel on the second stage all weekend.

The festival will feature BBQ and festival foods, handmade arts and crafts, children’s art, a kids’ zone with ponies & inflatables, and a 5K Mill Race Saturday at 8am.

Live history by watching the old grist mill grind cornmeal ($5/bag) or play “Spirit of the River” miniature golf among Indian and Cabin replicas. In Heritage Village travel back to the 1800’s with folk art demonstrations & tours of cabins. Shape Note Singing will be Sunday.

There will be Civil War Reenactment battles (2pm) with artillery and cavalry, soldiers’ camps, field hospital, and history for sale from Civil War sutlers. The finale Sunday will be the Duck Dash. For information, visit www.hurricaneshoalspark.org or call 706-652-2318. No pets allowed.

October

Oct. 5-9 – ST SIMONS ISLAND – Food & Spirits Festival. 800-933-2627.


Oct. 6-8 – OCHLOCKNEE – Great Southern Music Festival, Picker’s Paradise Pk. 229-221-5467.


Oct. 7 – THOMASVILLE – 1st Friday Concert, Ozell Road. 7:30-9:30pm. 229-228-7977.


Oct. 7-9 – AUGUSTA – Greek Festival, Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church. 706-724-1087.

Oct. 7-9 – SAVANNAH – 33rd Annual Oktoberfest, River Street. 912-238-1453.


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Georgia Apple Festival in Ellijay

The 45th annual Georgia Apple Festival will be held two weekends, on Saturdays and Sundays, Oct. 8-9 and 15-16, at the Ellijay Lions Club Fairgrounds on Old Hwy. 5, south of Ellijay. There will be over 200 vendors selling handmade, hand-crafted items, craft demonstrations, live entertainment, food, an antique car show at the Civic Center on Sat., Oct. 8, and a parade on Sat., Oct. 15, at 10am.

The festival, which celebrates Ellijay’s main agricultural product, the apple, will be held Saturdays from 9-6 and Sundays from 9-5. Admission will be $5 with children under 10 free. Fairground parking is limited, so visitors are encouraged to use the shuttle bus service from the local schools. Parking donations will be welcomed for local civic and school organizations. No pets allowed. For information, phone 706-635-7400 or 706-636-4500, or visit [www.georgiaapplefestival.org](http://www.georgiaapplefestival.org).

October


Oct. 8 – ATHENS – North Georgia Folk Festival. Sandy Creek Park. 706-613-3631.

Oct. 8 – AUGUSTA – Family Fall Festival, Mistletoe State Park. 866-249-8223.

Oct. 8 – BLUE RIDGE – Blue Ridge Mountains Marching Festival. 706-632-7445.


Oct. 8 – MADISON – Chili Cook-Off & Fall Festival. 706-342-1251.


Oct. 8 – THOMSON – Fall Festival, Mistletoe State Park. 706-541-0321.


Apple Pickin’ Jubilee in Ellijay, GA

The 21st annual Apple Pickin’ Jubilee will be held on weekends from Sept. 10-Oct. 30 from 9am-6pm at Hillcrest Orchards, nine miles east of Ellijay on Hwy 52. There will be a grand opening of the first of its kind “Georgia Apple Tree Maze.” As you make your way down the apple alleys you can play fun and unique games to learn how apples grow. Hundreds of apple trees were planted and trained espalier fashion to form walls of trees between the paths.

Other activities include apple picking, milking Buttercup the cow, a giant jumping pillow, cow train rides, mini golf, a petting farm, and live pig races with the famous swimming pigs. There will be great fair food, fried oreos, funnel cakes, BBQ, roasted corn, and more. Grandma’s Bakery will be serving fried apple pies, apple doughnuts, and apple fritters. There’s the Hillcrest stage featuring bluegrass bands and clogging; playgrounds with giant slides, and three museums. Shop in the large farm market for apple cider, kitchen gadgets, baskets, and hundreds of different canned goods from chow chow and apple butter to local honey and sorghum.

All activities are included for a $10 admission fee except for separate fees for the bungee jump and pony rides. For info, visit www.hillcrestorchards.net, phone 706-273-3838, or e-mail applelan@ellijay.com.

Harmony Jubilee in Fitzgerald

Fitzgerald, by nature of her founding, appeals to people from every state. At a time when the fires of hatred against Yankees still burned passionately in the hearts of most Georgians, a Union Soldiers’ Colony sprang up in a pine forest only ten miles from the scene of the capture of the President of the Confederacy. That Colony, which became the City of Fitzgerald, made history unparalleled in our nation.

Celebrate a legacy of unity and diversity Nov. 11-12 at the Harmony Jubilee at Paulk Park in Fitzgerald. Ride in a hot air balloon, and see Fitzgerald and the surrounding areas from above. Both tethered and untethered rides will be offered (weather permitting).

Friday will feature a private Wine & Cheese Tasting and Balloon Glow at Turkey Creek. On Saturday, there will be continuous musical entertainment, a Civil War encampment, and an Artisan Market showcasing quality handmade goods crafted by local artists. The Kid Zone will include a bounce house and slide, coloring, hot air balloon photo-op, pet fashion show, and dancing. The library will offer a Curious George Meet & Greet and story times hourly from 10am-2pm. There will be a Balloon Glow at sunset. For information, phone 800-386-4642 or visit www.fitzgeraldga.org.

October

THE Arts Festival of Historic Carrollton

The Carrollton Artist Guild will present its 13th year of THE Arts Festival of Carrollton on Oct. 8-9 from 10am-5pm at the Carrollton Cultural Arts Center, 251 Alabama Street, in historic Carrollton.

The festival will feature juried fine artists and craftsmen from across the country. Eat on site at a 1950s diner or walk to the square and enjoy one of the restaurants. Admissions, entertainment, parking, and children's activities will be free. Entertainment will feature artist Mark Abatti from Columbus, Ohio with his Living Sculptures; local musical and dance performers on the outdoor stage; chalk artist David Zinn from Ann Arbor, Michigan who has achieved global notoriety for his street art; and Woody Jones and his new “Train of Thought” creation, a 16 foot long train of “mind mechanisms.”

Demonstrations will include pewter lathe artist Mike Scott and glass blowing by the Georgia Southwestern State University Art Department. There will be booths where children can create with local artists and staged readings of poetry and short stories by local authors. THE Arts Festival highlights a community of artists and the historic city of Carrollton. For information, visit www.carrolltonarts.org or call 770-838-1083. For hotel information, visit www.visitcarrollton.com.

Art and Nature at Massee Lane Gardens Near Fort Valley

The Edward Marshall Boehm collection at Massee Lane Gardens is the largest on public display in the United States and features many one-of-a-kind, nature-themed pieces. Cybis, Connoisseur and Bronn sculptures are also showcased in the Stevens-Taylor Gallery and the Annabelle Lundy Fetterman Educational Museum.

An International Garden of Excellence and the headquarters of the American Camellia Society, Massee Lane Gardens features several specialty gardens with thousands of camellia varieties. Walking paths offer easy access to the formal gardens, show greenhouse, and environmental garden. The camellia blooming season begins in September with new varieties opening every day through late April. Camellias are often called the winter rose because they bloom throughout the cool months.

The Festival of Camellias will kick off on Feb. 6, 2017 with free admission, activities for children, and workshops on gardening. The gift shop offers nature-themed toys for children. Open Tuesdays thru Saturdays 10am-4:30pm and Sundays 1-4:30pm. Make reservations now for professionally guided tours and boxed luncheons. For information, visit www.americancamellias.org or phone 877-422-6355.

October


Oct. 15 – BLUE RIDGE – Paws in the Park, Downtown City Park, 10am-2pm. 706-632-5680.


Oct. 15 – DONALSONVILLE – Big Fish Festival, Dwntwn. 11am-7:30pm. 229-524-2588.

Oct. 15 – QUITMAN – Brooks County Skillet Festival. 229-263-9085.


Oct. 15 – WATKINSVILLE – Oconee Chamber Fall Festival. 706-769-7947.


Oct. 18 – DOUGLAS – Evening in the Dark Ghost Tour, Ashley Slater House. 912-384-4555

Georgia’s Big Fish Festival in Donalsonville

The Georgia Big Fish Festival will be held in Donalsonville, the Gateway to Lake Seminole, on Oct. 15. The day will begin with the Floats and Boats Parade which will also include the Seminole Green Machine Marching Band, beauty queens, clowns, and more. The Dirt Road Sports Comedy Trio will announce the parade and other events, spinning tall tales for which they are known.

Entertainment will begin at noon. Otis Redding III, the Legend’s son, will present R&B in a style much his own but much like his famous father. Other acts will feature Shane Owens (country music), Pure & Simple (gospel and bluegrass), Fire Dogs (rock and roll), Chet Lynch (country, Southern Rock, beach), and great local talent.

There will be juried arts and crafts, a fine arts show, the Antique Car Show, and food. The Fan Cave offers college football lovers a place to cheer on their favorite team while enjoying the festival. The Fish Fry Throw-Down will put contestants’ fish frying abilities to the test. Teams will be judged by appearance, taste, and texture of the fish and up to 3 sides will also be judged. Showmanship will be judged on creativity, appearance and personality of the team.

For information, visit www.donalsonvillega.org, e-mail kpmatthews7@gmail.com, or call 229-524-2588.

October

Oct. 19-29 – THOMASVILLE – Covey Film Festival, Various venues. 229-200-6684.
Oct. 20 – MACON – Spirits in October, Riverside Cemetery. 478-301-5470.
Oct. 21-23 – DAWSONVILLE – Mountain Moonshine Festival. 706-216-5273.
Oct. 22 – FITZGERALD – Halloween Blast, Downtown, 4-6pm. 800-386-4642.
Oct. 22-23 – SAVANNAH – Film Festival, Trustees Theater. 912-525-5050.
Oct. 23 – BLUE RIDGE – Pumpkin Express Train Ride, Blue Ridge Scenic Railway. 877-413-8724.
Oct. 27 – DOUGLAS – Hometown Harvest, Beside City Hall, 4-8pm. 912-384-5161.
Oct. 28-30 – BOSTON – Boston Mini-Marathon and Festival, Downtown Boston, GA.
AUGUSTA ENTERTAINMENT COMPLEX
706-722-3521, www.augustaentertainmentcomplex.com
Sept. 24 T. L.
Sept. 29 Esperanza Spalding
Oct. 6 I Love the 90’s
Oct. 14 Newsboys
Oct. 23 Peppa Pig’s Big Splash
Oct. 26 ZZ Top

CENTER FOR PERFORMING & VISUAL ARTS
Sept. 17 Tribute to Patsy Cline
Sept. 25 Joshua Lozoff – Life is Magic
Oct. 1 The Drifters
Oct. 25 Philadelphia Brass

CHASTAIN PARK
Atlanta, 888-292-8495, www.chastaintickets.com
Sept. 17 Heart/Joan Jett & Blackhearts/Cheap Trick
Sept. 24 Lauryn Hill
Sept. 30 Ben Rector
Oct. 15 Rock Chastain

CLASSIC CENTER
Athens, 800-918-6393, www.classiccenter.com
Sept. 17 An Evening with CAKE
Oct. 14 Bill Engvall

COLUMBUS CIVIC CENTER
706-494-8330, www.columbussciviccenter.org
Sept. 24 Soulfest
Sept. 25 Make America Rock Gain
Oct. 1 Suiperbrawl Legacy
Oct. 26-Nov. 2 Greater Columbus Fair

COBB GALLERIA CENTRE
Atlanta, 770-955-8000, www.cobbgalleria.com
Sept. 9-11 Home Show
Sept. 23-25 Georgia RV & Camper Show
Oct. 22 Ga. Reptile Experience

COBB ENERGY CENTRE
Atlanta, 770-916-2800, www.cobbenergycentre.com
Sept. 6 Kraftwerk
Sept. 10 Legend of Zelda
Sept. 23 Amos Lee
Sept. 24 Il Divo
Oct. 8,11,14,16 Atlanta Opera
Oct. 18 Elvis Costello
Oct. 22-23 Dance Theatre of Harlem
Oct. 24-25 Carol Burnette
Oct. 26 Lindsey Stirling
Oct. 27 Incognito

CUMMING FAIRGROUNDS
Sept. 2-4 IRPA Championship Rodeo
Oct. 6-16 Cumming Country Fair & Festival
Oct. 7 Atlanta Rhythm Section Concert
Oct. 11 Lonestar Concert
Oct. 12 Marvel Super Heroes Show
Oct. 13 Charlie Daniels Band
Oct. 15-16 American Bull Riding Tour
Oct. 30 F.A.S.T. Pace Race (9K, 10K, 15K)

FOX THEATRE
Atlanta, 404-881-2100, www.foxtheatre.org
Sept. 9 Brian Wilson
Sept. 17-18 Sesame Street Live
Sept. 19 Gracias Christmas Cantata
Sept. 24 Jason Isbell/Josh Ritter
Sept. 27-Oct. 2 The Illusionists
Oct. 6 Bill Burr
Oct. 8 Chance the Rapper
Oct. 10 Anderson, Rabin, Wakeman
Oct. 13 Celtic Thunder
Oct. 15 Scott Bradlee’s Postmodern Jukebox
Oct. 19 Together Tour
Oct. 21 Bill O’Reilly & Dennis Miller
Oct. 22 Bonnie Raitt
Oct. 22-23 Dance Theatre of Harlem
Oct. 29 Festival of Praise Tour

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706-896-4191, www.georgiamountainfairgrounds.com  
Sept. 24 Charlie Daniels Band  
Oct.  1 Nitty Gritty Dirt Band  
Oct.  7-15 Georgia Mountain Fall Festival  
Oct. 22 Appalachian Brew, Que, & Stew Festival

**GEORGIA NATIONAL FAIRGROUNDS**  
Perry, 478-987-3247, www.gnfa.com  
Sept. 13-18 Good Sam RV Rally  
Oct.  6-16 Georgia National Fair  
Oct.  8 The Band Perry  
Oct. 15 Lynyrd Skynyrd

**GRAND OPERA HOUSE**  
Macon, 478-301-5461, www.thegrandmacon.com  
Sept. 4 The Fifth Dimension  
Sept. 17 Bobby Jones & Raging Idiots  
Sept. 23 Larry Gatlin & Blackwood Quartet  
Oct. 2-3 *Fame*

**GW INNETT CENTER**  
Duluth, 800-224-6422, www.gwinnettcenter.com  
Sept. 10-11 Ballet: *Emperor & Nightingale*  
Sept. 11 Georgia Bridal Show  
Sept. 16 Sonu Nigam & Atif Aslam  
Sept. 17-18 Japanfest  
Sept. 23 Harlan Coben  
Oct.  20 Taste of Home Cooking Show  
Oct. 30 Intergalactic Bead Show

**IMPERIAL THEATRE**  
Sept.  9 Marty Stuart & Superlatives  
Sept. 11 Ballet: *Mad Hatter’s Tea Party*  
Sept. 16 Ballet: *Alice*  
Sept. 23-25 *September!*  
Oct.  2 Wendy Whelan, Brian Brooks  
Oct.  14 Mountain Faith  
Oct. 29 Paragon Ragtime Orchestra

**LAKEWOOD AMPHITHEATRE**  
Atlanta  
404-443-5090, www.thelakewoodamphitheater.com  
Sept. 10 ONE Music Festival  

**LUCAS THEATRE**  
Savannah, 912-525-5040, www.lucastheatre.com  
Sept. 16-17 Perpetual Groove, Passafire  
Sept. 22 Johnny Mercer & Me  
Sept. 29 Lalah Hathaway  
Oct. 11 Peter Frampton

**MABLE HOUSE AMPHITHEATRE**  
Mableton  
770-819-7765, www.mablehouse.org/ampitheatre  
Sept.  10 Atlanta Smooth Music Festival  
Sept. 17 A. J. Ghent/Candlelight Concert  
Sept. 23 Marty Stuart

**PHILIPS ARENA**  
Atlanta, 404-878-3000, www.philipsarena.com  
Sept.  8 Bad Boy Family Reunion Tour  
Sept. 12 Kanye West  
Sept. 30 Comedy Get Down  
Oct.  5-9 Disney on Ice/Follow Your Heart  
Oct. 15 Amy Schumer

**PUNCHLINE COMEDY CLUB**  
Atlanta, 404-252-5233, www.punchline.com  
Sept.  4, 25 Sunday Night Comedy Festival  
Sept.  8-11 Josh Wolf  
Sept. 14-18 Brian Howie  
Sept. 29-Oct. 2 Lynne Koplitz  
Oct. 21-23 Owen Benjamin

**RIALTO CENTER**  
Atlanta, 404-413-9TIX, www.rialtocenter.org  
Sept.  25 Jonathan Wolff  
Oct.  15 Capitol Steps  
Oct. 22 Vertigo Dance Company

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Sept.  20 Unelectable You  
Oct.  23 USMC “The President’s Own”  
Oct.  28 Philobolus: Shadowland

**ROCK RANCH**  
Oct.  8-Nov. 5 Fall Family Saturdays  
Oct.  2-30 Fall Family Sundays  
Oct. 10 Columbus Day
Entertainment Venues in Georgia

SAUTEE-NACOOCHEE CENTER
706-878-3300, www.snca.org
Sept. 3-4 Shubert Alley in the Valley
Sept. 10 Jewelry Design Workshop
Sept. 17 Joyce & Jacque Folk Duo
Sept. 24 35th Anniversary Celebration
Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 Classic Music Concerts
Oct. 22 Community Contra Dance

SAVANNAH CIVIC CENTER
800-351-7469, www.savannahcivic.com
Sept. 21 Elton John
Sept. 25 Enter the Realm
Oct. 2 Savannah Comedy Festival
Oct. 4 Peppa Pig
Oct. 7 Disney Live!
Oct. 8 Keith Sweat
Oct. 13 Amy Schumer
Oct. 15 Newsboys
Oct. 22 Toni Braxton
Oct. 28 Festival of Praises

SCHWARTZ CENTER
Atlanta, 404-727-5050, www.arts.emory.edu
Sept. 10 Violinist Sarah Chang
Oct. 1 Branford Marsalis Quartet/Kurt Elling
Oct. 13 Pianist Keiko Ransom
Oct. 25 “President’s Own” U.S. Marine Band
Oct. 28 Violinist Robert McDuffie

SPIVEY HALL
Morrow, 678-466-4200, www.spiveyhall.org
Sept. 25 Pianist Inon Barnatan
Oct. 15 Magdalena Kozena
Oct. 23 Guitarists Eliot Fisk & Angel Romero
Oct. 29 Organist Alan Morrison
Oct. 30 Trio Settecento

UNIV. OF GA. PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
Athens, 706-542-4400, www.uga.edu/pac
Sept. 21 Havana Cuba All Stars
Sept. 25 Atlanta Symphony Orchestra
Sept. 26 The Capitol Steps
Sept. 29 ARCO Symphony Orchestra
Oct. 2 Folk Inspirations
Oct. 11 Time Jumper
Oct. 19 Center City Brass Quintet
Oct. 24 Violinist Robert McDuffie
Oct. 26 “President’s Own” U.S. Marine Band

VERIZON WIRELESS AMPHITHEATRE
Atlanta, 404-733-5010, www.vzwamp.com
Sept. 10 ASO: Star Wars & More
Sept. 11 Darius Rucker/Day & Shay/Michelle Ray
Sept. 16 Widespread Panic
Oct. 4 Prophets of Rage
Oct. 8 Kicks 101.5 Country Fair
Oct. 13 Korn & Breaking Benjamin
Oct. 21-22 Phish

WOLF CREEK AMPHITHEATER
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Sept. 10 Affordable Old School Concert
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