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Experience SC Festival to be Held in Old Town

Experience SC Festival will celebrate South Carolina's crafts, cuisine, and culture. It is planned to coincide with the start of the 2012 Democratic National Convention when people from all over the country will be in the area. They will be welcomed to South Carolina with a celebration of the best the state has to offer.

Music will range from R&B to Beach Music to Gospel. There will also be drum and dance performances by the Catawba Indian Nation. A special Literary Corner will showcase some of the state's own authors.

Kids can enjoy inflatables in the Kidz Zone. And there will be lots of vendors to visit, selling everything from Gullah sweetgrass baskets to Chicken Man paintings. Old Town Market will also be part of this festival, with local produce, farm products, and works by local artisans for sale. A wide variety of foods will offer a taste of regional cuisine from throughout the state.

Experience SC Festival will be held on E. Main Street on **September 1st** from 4pm to 9:30pm. Admission is free. For more information: onlyinoldtown.com

The Cordial Churchman: Bowtie Studio in Old Town

The Cordial Churchman—a known online, handcrafted freestyle bowtie company—has developed such an international following that owner Ellie Stager has hired four staff members and opened a new studio. She states, "I've been drawn to the Old Town area of town as the right place for my online business because artistic work is appreciated and cultivated here."

Andy and Ellie Stager with their three sons.

Ellie began making bowties in 2009. Her husband, Andy, would post photos of himself online, wearing her bowties. People started asking about buying them, which eventually led to the creation of the business. Andy still posts photos of himself online, wearing bowties. In fact, this year, he will wear "366 Bowties" — one for each day of the year. All proceeds from the sale of these featured bowties are given to a school in Haiti through Mission to the World's One Child project.

The Cordial Churchman offers bowties, neckties, pocket squares, and men's scarves for sale. Bowties can be custom-made for weddings or for any occasion. Neckties can even be transformed into bowties!

The studio is open to the public Monday—Friday from 10am to 3pm or by appointment. Customers can pick out or drop off favorite fabrics, browse through a selection of ready-made bowties, or learn how to properly tie a bowtie. To learn more, call 803-727-8201 or visit the website: thecordialchurchman.com

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Earth Fare Events

725 Cherry Road * 803-327-1030
www.earthfare.com (Our Stores, Rock Hill, Events)

Sips and Snacks
Wednesdays, 5pm to 7pm
Taste new wines and cheeses each week during Earth Fare's Sips and Snacks event.

Family Dinner Night—Kids Eat Free
Thursdays, 3pm to 8pm
Enjoy a healthy dinner at Earth Fare. Up to six kids eat free every Thursday night with a $5 deli purchase.

Burgers for Bucks
Sundays, 12pm to 3pm
On Sunday afternoons, Earth Fare is serving up $2 hamburgers, $1 sides, and $1 drinks.

Arts Events

Center for the Arts
121 E. Main Street
803-328-2787

Friday Arts Project Studio
201 E. Main Street
www.yorkcountyarts.org

23rd Annual Juried Competition and Works by Alex Miles
Exhibition: August 3rd through September 16th
Gallery Opening: August 16th, 6pm
Opening event is free and open to public. Dalton and Perimeter Galleries, Center for the Arts.

Monday Portrait Drawing Sessions
Every Monday, 7pm to 9pm
Portrait drawing sessions with a live clothed model, one pose for two hours. Free and open to the public. Friday Arts Project Studio, Gettys Art Center, 201 E. Main Street, 2nd Floor. For more information, email: scrotts86@gmail.com

Second Saturdays at the Museum presents The Blue Moon Puppets with "Fun with Folktales"
August 11th, 9:15am to 10pm
Recommended for kids ages 3—5 with a caregiver. No registration required. Main Street Children's Museum, 133 E. Main Street. Cost is regular museum admission.

Community Performance Center Events

249 E. Main Street * 803-328-2787
www.yorkcountyarts.org

WBT Briarhoppers
August 10th, 7:30pm (doors open at 7pm)
Tickets are $10 at the door.

Symphony Guild of Charlotte's Musical Petting Zoo and the Blue Moon Puppets with "Folktales from a Global Village"
August 11th, 4pm
Musical petting zoo begins at 4pm, where children can make their own music with a hands-on introduction to instruments of the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra. "Folktales from a Global Village" begins at 5pm, with the Blue Moon Puppets performing their most popular show. The performance is suitable for children ages 3 and up. Tickets are $5 at the door.

Phil Markert
August 17th, 7:30pm (doors open at 7pm)
Tickets are $10 at the door.

Summer Concert in the Park Series

The Summer Concert in the Park Series returned to Fewell Park in June. The final concert in this series will be held on **August 14th** at 6:30pm.

Bring a picnic, and a blanket or lawn chair, and enjoy live music by Amanda DeCarlo. Free admission.

Fewell Park is located at 1204 Alexander Rd. For more information, call 803-329-5645.

Library Event

138 E. Black Street * 803-981-5830
www.yclibrary.org * 803-981-5888

Beamer's Back to School Kick-Off
August 18th, 9am to 11am
To help prepare for school, students in pre-K to 12th grade, and their parents/caregivers, are invited to learn about useful library resources, including free online Live Homework Help®. Free school supplies will be distributed, while they last, to students who attend. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the York County Library. No registration required.

Upcoming Event: Exploring Rock Hill's Past
October 20th, 10am
Join Wade Fairey of Historic Rock Hill and explore our community's history. Also discover the wealth of information available on the new website: buildingrockhill.com. Participants are encouraged to bring their own photos of Rock Hill, to be scanned and added to the site.

Main Street Live: 2012 Concert Series

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The final concert in this year's Main Street Live series will be held on **September 14th** from 5:30pm to 9:30pm, rain or shine.

This event will feature music by Early Ray. Main Street Live also include food, and kids activities. Free admission. For more information, call 803-324-7500 or visit the website: www.yorkcountychamber.com.

Old Town Market: Aug. 2012 Music and Kids Activities

Old Town Market features fresh local produce, honey, pastured meats, plants, flowers, arts-n-crafts, and much more! And kids can enjoy hula hoops, sidewalk chalk, and cornhole at every market! Thursday markets also include A Taste of Paradise with Italian Ice for sale, as well as music and children's activities.

August 9th
- Live music by Michael Waters
- Plant garlic to take home*

August 16th
- Live music by Reckless
- 4-H Fall Livestock Committee with a petting farm
- Pickles Da Clown with balloon sculptures for sale

August 23rd
- Live Celtic-style harp music by The Dunham Band
- Plant a pansy to take home*

August 30th—GRAND SEASON FINALE
- Live music by The Perfect Melancholies
- Make a pinecone birdfeeder to take home*

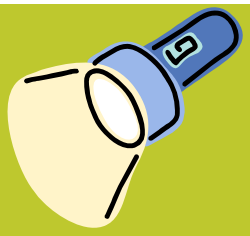
* These FREE activities are made possible by Lovern Landscape and Greenhouse.

Old Town Market is open **every Thursday,** 5pm to 8pm and **every Saturday**, 8am to Noon. The final Saturday market will be held on **September 1st**. The market is held at 190 Dave Lyle Blvd. (corner of Dave Lyle and E. White Street). For information, call 803-417-4067 or visit the website: onlyinoldtown.com/market

Old Town Market is a fun, family-friendly place to shop with local farmers and artisans while the kids play!

Business Spotlight:

Erin's Restaurant: New Location



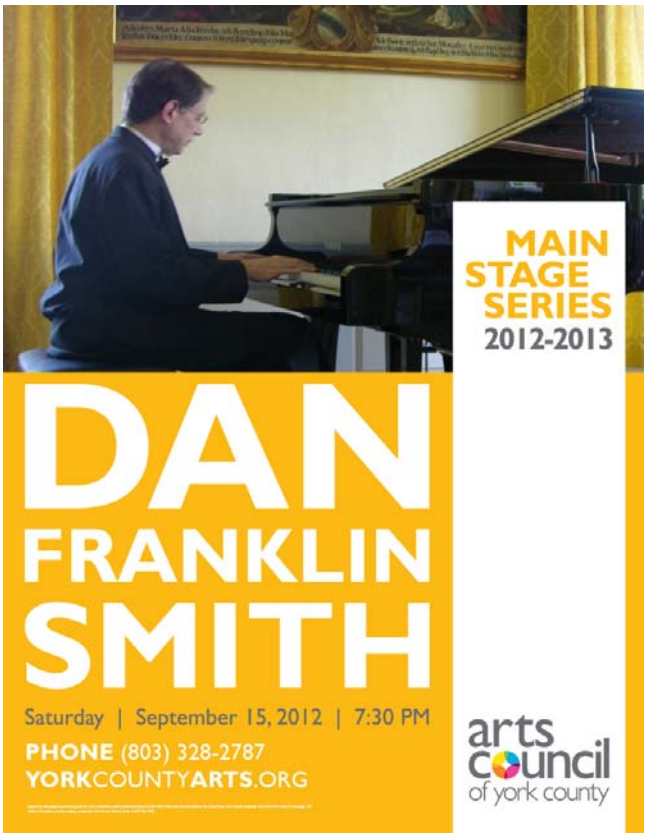
Erin's Restaurant formerly shared a space with Kinch's. However, owner Erin McManus had always dreamed of having her own space. Because she is a Community Supported Restaurant (CSR), members of the community made donations to help her dream become a reality. Finally, after many months of hard work, she has re-opened her restaurant on Caldwell Street.

Erin is committed to supporting local farmers, artisans, and businesses. Patrons arrive at the main entrance to Erin's via an alley with a Charleston feel, enter through a mahogany door made by The Looking Glass, and are seated in chairs named by CSR donors in honor or memory of loved ones. The décor is beautifully eclectic, with mismatched china, silver, and light fixtures. There will soon be local artwork on the walls as well, which will be available for sale. The atmosphere is both classy and informal. All are welcome at Erin's.

Erin says, "We serve real food here. Everything is made from scratch or sourced locally. We put in the effort, just like when we are cooking for loved ones, using only the best ingredients." The menu changes weekly, based on seasonal availability. Once the meal reaches the table, the server can identify the farms where the foods were sourced. Even the bread baskets and cheeseboards are local, made by artisans Pat and Carol Long of Baskets and More. There are also four craft beers on tap, plus a selection of bottled beer and wine.

Erin's is located at 129 Caldwell Street. It is open for lunch Monday—Friday, with a healthy grab-and-go option available daily; for dinner Tuesday—Thursday from 5pm to 9pm and Saturday from 5pm to 10pm; and for Sunday brunch from 10:30am to 2pm. For information, call 493-9428 or visit the website: erinsrockhill.com

Upcoming Events



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