

# Community Broadcasters, LLC.

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3rd Quarter 2023

## Additional events/issues receiving LIVE on-location coverage or airtime/support:

July 25 – Back to School Bookbag Bash  
July 28 – Florence After 5 downtown festival  
August 16 – Sumter Carolina Career Fair (Community Broadcasters)  
August 24 – Florence Carolina Career Fair (Community Broadcasters)  
August 25 – Florence After 5 downtown festival  
September 2 – Darlington Raceway live coverage  
September 2- Racefest festival at the Pee Dee State Farmers Market

Live coverage of High School Football games: Sumter High School, Wilson Hall, Thomas Sumter Academy, Hartsville High School, West Florence, South Florence, Wilson

## Additional Issues:

Chamber Link Program. Weekly forum provided to Sumter and Florence Chamber's.  
Honor A Vet. Veterans are nominated and selected to be honored on air and award gifts  
Buzzed Driving Prevention  
Gun Safety  
National Pest Management  
Save The Children  
CDC  
Homes for our Troops  
Mental Health Care Works  
Sandy Hook Promise  
YMCA

## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

Sat Jul 1, 2023

### 8am - 12pm E-waste drop off at Public Works

**Where:** 1289 North Main Street, Sumter, SC

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Residents may drop off their E-waste from 8 a.m. to Noon on the first Saturday of each month at the Public Works Department located at 1289 North Main Street. E-waste items include computers, monitors, printers, TVs, VCRs, desktop copiers, CDs, DVDs, fax machines and microwaves. In addition, residents may take E-waste to the E-waste collection facility located at the Sumter County Landfill, Monday to Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information call 803-436-2241.

### 9am - 1pm American Legion Farmers Market

**Where:** 2 S. Artillery Road, Sumter, SC

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Come visit every Saturday year-round for a great selection of locally grown fruits and vegetables, pasture-raised meats, food trucks, specialty coffee, and a varied assortment of unique arts and crafts. By shopping at the American Legion Farmers Market, you are supporting local farmers and businesses. For more details visit [www.americanlegionfarmersmarket.com](http://www.americanlegionfarmersmarket.com)

### 9am - 1pm City Center Farmer's Market

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

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### 9am - 12:45pm Colleen Critcher Exhibit [21/49]

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### 10am - 1pm HMRA Farmers Market [4/16]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** The Historic Marion Revitalization Association Farmers Market is open on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturday, March through November.

### 10am - 5pm Legend: Francis Marion in the Pee Dee Exhibit [1/57]

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### 10am - 1pm Melons at the Market Tasting

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

The Pee Dee State Farmers Market is having a Melon Tasting Event Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Swing by the market and pick up a melon for a tasty summer treat and grab a free recipe card while you're there.

### 10am - 12pm Youth Class: Natural Art

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

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### 2pm - 4pm Yu-Gi-Oh! Saturday Play [8/26]

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**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

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### 2:30pm - 3:30pm Read To Me: Therapy Dogs

**Where:** Sumter County Library, 111 N Harvin St, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** Come read to our local therapy dogs. They love a good story!

Sun Jul 2, 2023

### 10am - 5pm Legend: Francis Marion in the Pee Dee Exhibit [1/57]

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### 2:30pm - 5:30pm Pokémon Sunday League [8/34]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** Heroes Hideout is starting a Pokémon League on Sundays. The entry is \$5. Pack per win.

### 4:30pm - 5:30pm Wild Weekends

**Where:** Lynches River County Park, 5094 County Park Rd, Coward, SC 29530, USA

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Join us every Saturday and Sunday for live animal meet-and-greets! We'll introduce you to one of our animals and allow you the opportunity to meet that animal up close. Animal presentations are every Saturday at 11:30am and 3:00pm and Sundays at 2:00pm. Stop by and say hello to your favorite critter!

Mon Jul 3, 2023

### 9am - 5pm Colleen Critcher Exhibit [22/49]

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## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

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**Description:**

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### 11am - 12:30pm Town of Cheraw Independence Celebration [1/2]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Join the Town of Cheraw for its annual Independence Celebration event today. The traditional children's parade will begin at 11 a.m. All children are welcome to ride their bikes, trikes, or wagons/strollers in the parade, with prizes being awarded for the most Patriotic costume and best-decorated bike, trike, or wagon. The festivities continue Monday evening at Cheraw High School stadium from 6 to 10 p.m. with live music, an FX game trailer, Party Planet waterslides, and food trucks. The stage will host the Chairmen of the Board band playing your favorites starting at 7 p.m. Spectacular fireworks display with dazzling special effects and bright lights by Zambelli Fireworks will be the grand finale that will begin around 10:00 p.m. This is a rain-or-shine event and free admission (a small fee is charged for games, water slides, and face painting). So bring your lawn chairs and towels and enjoy the celebration!

### 1:30pm - 4:30pm Drop In & Paint Mondays [1/8]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** The Cheraw Community Center offers participants to drop in and paint on Mondays. Bring your own supplies and paint with others.

### 6pm - 10pm Town of Cheraw Independence Celebration [2/2]

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### 7pm - 10pm Florence Flamigos vs Macon Bacon

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**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** The Florence Flamigos will play Macon Bacon during its Spirit of Florence Night with Fireworks.

Wed Jul 5, 2023

### 9am - 5pm Colleen Critcher Exhibit [23/49]

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### 10am - 6:30pm Special Storytime with Lydia Carnesdale

**Where:** Lee County Public Library, 200 N Main St, Bishopville, SC 29010, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** Two Sessions at 10am and 5:30pm

## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

### 10am - 12pm The Wednesday Ride

**Where:** Lee State Park, 487 Loop Rd, Bishopville, SC 29010, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Join other horseback riders each Wednesday for a laid back ride at the park. The ride distance is planned to be 3.7 miles, starting and ending at the arena. Meeting Place: Arena What to Bring: horse, bug repellent, water bottle Cost: Free Additional Dates: - Wednesday, Mar 1, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Mar 8, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Mar 15, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Mar 22, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Mar 29, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Apr 5, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Apr 12, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Apr 19, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Apr 26, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm

### 10:30am - 12:30pm Movie: Diary of a Wimpy Kid 1

**Where:** Sumter County Library, 111 N Harvin St, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

### 11am - 2pm Florence County Library's "All Together Now" Program [1/5]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

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### 7pm - 9pm Sumter Ballroom Dance Club

**Where:** 155 Haynsworth Street, Sumter, SC

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

We meet each week to promote and learn ballroom dance, except on holidays. We concentrate on one style of ballroom dance for 6 - 8 weeks. Lesson and practice time each week. Styles include Waltz, Foxtrot, Tango, EC Swing, Cha Cha Cha, Rumba, Bolero, Salsa, Samba, WC Swing, Shag and a few line dances for fun! No partner necessary. Come dance! (803) 968-4760 Check us out on Facebook!

### 7pm - 7pm Trivia Night

**Where:** 2 S. Main Street, Sumter, SC

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Join us for Trivia every Wednesday night, except holidays. Some nights are themed, while others are general. Come check it out and play! More info on their Facebook page. (803) 774-4425 [sumteroriginalbrewery@gmail.com](mailto:sumteroriginalbrewery@gmail.com) [sumteroriginalbrewery.com](http://sumteroriginalbrewery.com)

## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

Thu Jul 6, 2023

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### 10:30am - 12pm Build and Grow with Lowe's at Wesmark Branch

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### 12pm - 6pm Lake City Farmers Market [1/21]

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**Description:**

The Lake City Farmers Market is open Thursday from 12 to 6 p.m. Enjoy seasonal produce, plants, artisan jewelry, strawberries, homemade baked goods, local honey, and one-of-a-kind crafts. Located in the air-conditioned Bean Market.

### 2pm - 3pm Library Teen Program [1/4]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

The Florence County Library hosts various teen programs throughout the month. July 6: movie, July 11: video time and the lego club, July 13: gaming day. These programs meet at 2 p.m. and are for 6-12 graders.

### 6:30pm - 9pm Sumter SC Poets' and Artists' Group

**Where:** 11 Moise Dr, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

This is not a critique group, it's an enjoyment group. Bring a poem or chapter of your book to read, or something you are working on. Artists and crafters bring some of your work to share. If you prefer, just come to listen and see the work of others. You are welcome to bring a guest. If you need help concerning any aspects of writing or publishing those with experience will try to help. For More Information email Susan. Please put Writers Group in the email subject line. [labellerrouge@hotmail.com](mailto:labellerrouge@hotmail.com)



## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

### 7pm - 10pm Florence Flamingos vs. Macon Bacon

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### 10am - 11am Needle Nuts [2/6]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Join the Darlington Library on the first Friday of every month at 10 a.m. for Needle Nuts. Bring your current knitting, crochet, or cross-stitch project. Create with others while making new friends.

### 10am - 12pm Romantic Comedy Movie Matinee (adults 18+)

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

The Doctors Bruce and Lee Foundation Library will show a 2011 romantic comedy about how a man's seemingly perfect life unravels when he learns that his wife has been unfaithful and wants a divorce. Over 40 and suddenly single, the man is adrift in the fickle world of dating. Then, a self-styled player takes the man under his wing to teach him how to be a hit with the ladies. Starring Steve Carell, Ryan Gosling, and Julianne Moore, the movie has a runtime of 1 hour and 58 minutes. Admission is free and light refreshments will be served.

### 10am - 5pm Sean McGuinness : Strange Beast Exhibit [54/74]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Inspired by the Godzilla movies he watched as a child, Columbia based artist Sean McGuinness has spent the last twenty years turning his fascination with Japanese kaiju into art and photo-based web comics. His eclectic work will be featured in the exhibition Sean McGuinness: Strange Beast at the FCM Waters Gallery, April 24 - August 4. The exhibition will be presented by the Florence County Museum and sponsored by the Florence Regional Arts Alliance.

### 10:30am - 11:30am A Tale with Tails

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** The Marion County Library presents A Tale with Tails today. Bring your fuzzy-tailed friends for a pet-themed storytime. Treats will be provided.

### 11am - 5pm Lou Haney: Presented in Technicolor Exhibit [17/45]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** The Jones-Carter Gallery will feature artist Lou Haney in her Presented in Technicolor exhibit. The exhibit will be on display from June 9-August 12.

### 11am - 5pm Smoke House and Dreamscapes Exhibits [17/45]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

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## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

### 12pm - 5pm American Legion Farmers Market

**Where:** 2 South Artillery Drive Sumter, SC

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Come visit every Friday year-round for a great selection of locally grown fruits and vegetables, pasture-raised meats, food trucks, specialty coffee, and a varied assortment of unique arts and crafts. By shopping at the American Legion Farmers Market, you are supporting local farmers and businesses. For more detail visit [www.americanlegionfarmersmarket.com](http://www.americanlegionfarmersmarket.com)

### 3pm - 5pm Friday Family Movies [4/5]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

The library will offer Friday Family Movies throughout the summer. Movies will be shown on Fridays at 3:00 p.m. in the Privette Children's Program Room. Movies are scheduled for June 16 - July 14. All movies are free of charge. For more information, contact the Greenberg Children's Library at 843-292-7382.

### 7pm - 10pm Florence Flamingos vs Wilmington Sharks

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** The Florence Flamingos will play the Wilmington Sharks tonight. The theme is Under the Sea / Nickelodeon.

### 7:30pm - 9:30pm Loomis Bros. Circus [1/5]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

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Sat Jul 8, 2023

### 9am - 1pm American Legion Farmers Market

**Where:** 2 S. Artillery Road, Sumter, SC

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

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### 9am - 1pm City Center Farmer's Market

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

### 9am - 5pm Colleen Critcher Exhibit [23/49]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

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### 9am - 11am Florence Cars and Coffee [1/3]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Bring the family out on the second Saturday of each month to show off your vehicle or just walk around and see what cool rides are in and around Florence! Free coffee and soda.

### 9am - 11:30am Free Tennis Fun Days [1/4]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

The Ron James Youth Tennis program is hosting Free Tennis Fun Days from 9 to 11:30 a.m. There will be tennis instruction, games, and refreshments for ages 6 to 18. No experience is necessary, all equipment will be provided.

### 10am - 3pm Julia Deckman: Feed Me and Florence Regional Arts Alliance: Small Works Exhibit [8/29]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

The Steven F. Gately Gallery is hosting two exhibits. Julia Deckman: Feed Me and the Florence Regional Arts Alliance: Small Works will be on display through August 11.



## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

### 10am - 5pm Legend: Francis Marion in the Pee Dee Exhibit [1/57]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

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### 11am - 1pm Bicycle Safety Education Class

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Safe Kids Pee Dee/Coastal led by McLeod Health is hosting a Bicycle Safety Education Class. To Register, call Safe Kids Pee Dee/Coastal at 843-777-5021

### 11am - 5pm Lou Haney: Presented in Technicolor Exhibit [17/45]

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### 12pm - 5pm Family Fun Day [1/2]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

The Lake Paul Wallace Authority is hosting its Family Fun Day Saturday. Enjoy an afternoon of activities including bounce houses, water slides, food trucks, games, and a DJ.

### 1pm - 3pm Family Day: Who was the Swamp Fox?

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

From toddlers to grandparents, Family Days at the Florence County Museum are sure to offer something for everyone. Join us the second Saturday of each month for Family Day at the FCM. No registration is required and it's free. The theme this month is Who was the Swamp Fox? Join the FCM for a very revolutionary Family Day. Inspired by two current exhibitions, Legend: Francis Marion in the Pee Dee and Snow's Island: Frontier of Prose and Lore, create your own Swamp Fox mask, Cypress Swamp scene and Revolutionary War Era Whirligig Craft. Learn more about General Francis Marion and South Carolina's historic landscape.

### 1pm - 3pm Florence County Museum's Family Day [1/6]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

From toddlers to grandparents, Family Days with the Florence County Museum are sure to offer something for everyone. Join them the second Saturday of each month from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. No registration is required. This event is free of charge

### 2pm - 4pm Yu-Gi-Oh! Saturday Play [9/26]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Join Heroes Hideout for its Yu-Gi-Oh! Saturday Play every Saturday. The entry fee is \$10. Participants receive two OTS Packs with every entry, a Double prize sport. The rounds are based on attendance. There is a Top 4 Prize payout.

### 2:30pm - 3:30pm Read To Me: Therapy Dogs

**Where:** Sumter County Library, 111 N Harvin St, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** Come read to our local therapy dogs. They love a good story!

### 3:30pm - 5:30pm Loomis Bros. Circus [2/5]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

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## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

### 5pm - 7pm Old School Youth Game Nights [1/2]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

As part of a fun and safe summer event series, join us on North Matthews Road for this edition of "Old School Youth Game Nights" from 5pm-7pm! Enjoy a variety of games, from sack races, double dutch, egg races, tug of war, and more!

### 7:30pm - 9:30pm Loomis Bros. Circus [3/5]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

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Sun Jul 9, 2023

### 10am - 5pm Legend: Francis Marion in the Pee Dee Exhibit [1/57]

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**Created by:** Eric McKnight

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### 10am - 11am Movie: Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile

**Where:** Sumter Opera House, 21 N Main St, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Summer Cinema Series @ SOH presents LYLE, LYLE, CROCODILE!! Movie times will be 10 AM, 1 PM, and 7 PM. Movie Admission is \$2 and may be purchased in advance. Popcorn & Water can be purchased on site for \$1 each. No outside food or drink allowed. If you have a group interested in attending, please call our Box Office at 803.436.2616 so we can obtain contact information and get a full tally for admission, popcorn, and water

### 10am - 11am Summer Kid Show Series 2023: Paws of Fury

**Where:** Beacon Cinemas, 1121 Broad St, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Tuesdays and Thursdays Mornings in June and July, join us for our Summer Kid Show Series! A new movie each week for only \$2.00 per person. Featuring \$2 drinks, \$2 popcorn and \$2 Cookie Dough Bites! Doors open at 9:15am each Tuesday and Thursday!

### 11am - 5pm Smoke House and Dreamscapes Exhibits [17/45]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

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### 1pm - 2pm One World, One Sky Special Event

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Families with small children are invited to join Dooley Planetarium Sunday for a FREE program called One World, One Sky: Big Bird's Adventure. This is a special event time and there will be another show at 3 pm for older audiences. The program is geared toward children under the age of 6 and introduces them to the Sun, Moon, and stars. OneWorld, One Sky: Big Bird's Adventure was created as part of a global partnership between the Adler; Sesame Workshop, the nonprofit educational organization behind Sesame Street; the Beijing Planetarium and the Liberty Science Center (Jersey City, NJ). Doors will open 30 minutes prior to the presentation for visitors to arrive early and explore the planetarium. There is no admission fee for this event, but seating is first come first served. There will be no late seating once the doors have closed.

### 2pm - 2:30pm Dinosaur Planter

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Ferns have been around since dinosaurs were out munching on them! In this workshop, participants will plant a fern in hollowed-out dinosaurs. All materials are included in the cost of the workshop. Participants are welcome to bring beverages of choice (BYOB).

### 2:30pm - 5:30pm Pokémon Sunday League [9/34]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** Heroes Hideout is starting a Pokémon League on Sundays. The entry is \$5. Pack per win.

## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

### 3pm - 4pm Black Holes

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Join Dooley Planetarium on Sunday for a program called Black Holes -narrated by John de Lancie. This program produced by Clark Planetarium incorporates several of the latest theories regarding black holes. Where do they come from? Will the Earth ever be sucked into one? Do "Worm Holes" really exist? Designed for general audiences, this full-length animated production features 3-D simulations of black holes and the strange physical effects they can create. With a host of advisors from around the country, this proves to be the most up-to-date and visually stunning show about black holes ever produced! The program will begin promptly at 3 pm. Seating will begin 30 minutes prior to the presentation for visitors to arrive early and explore the planetarium. This event has no admission fee, but seating is first come, first served. Not late seating will be available once the doors are closed.

### 3pm - 5pm Loomis Bros. Circus [4/5]

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### 4pm - 6pm Movie: Studio Ghibli Fest 2023: Nausicaa of the Valley of...

**Where:** Beacon Cinemas, 1121 Broad St, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

### 4:30pm - 5:30pm Wild Weekends

**Where:** Lynches River County Park, 5094 County Park Rd, Coward, SC 29530, USA

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Join us every Saturday and Sunday for live animal meet-and-greets! We'll introduce you to one of our animals and allow you the opportunity to meet that animal up close. Animal presentations are every Saturday at 11:30am and 3:00pm and Sundays at 2:00pm. Stop by and say hello to your favorite critter!

### 5pm - 8pm Gospel in the Park [2/5]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Gospel in the Park series returns Sunday, May 7 from 5 pm to 8 pm in Pride Park in Hartsville. Get your lawn chairs ready, come out for a shouting good time.

### 6pm - 8pm Loomis Bros. Circus [5/5]

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**Created by:** Eric McKnight

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Mon Jul 10, 2023

### 8am - 9am Swimming Lessons @ Woodland Pool

**Where:** Woodland Pool, Mitchell St, Shaw AFB, SC 29152, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Dive into summer with confidence! Certified swimming instructors are ready to teach you the skills you need to make a splash at Woodland Pool. 10 lessons are just \$80. Plus siblings get a \$10...

### 9am - 5pm Colleen Critcher Exhibit [27/49]

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**Description:**

Bring the family out on the second Saturday of each month to show off your vehicle or just walk around and see what cool rides are in and around Florence! Free coffee and soda.

## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

### 9am - 1pm Hartsville Farmers Market [1/7]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

The Farmers Market sponsored by Main Street Hartsville will be set up on East Carolina Avenue. The farmers market will feature vendors with wholesome, homegrown and handmade unique items, gifts, and other fun activities. The market is open on the 2nd Saturday April-December from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### 10am - 5pm Legend: Francis Marion in the Pee Dee Exhibit [1/57]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

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### 1:30pm - 4:30pm Drop In & Paint Mondays [1/8]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** The Cheraw Community Center offers participants to drop in and paint on Mondays. Bring your own supplies and paint with others.

### 4pm - 7pm DCHI Pop Up Market [2/6]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** The Dillon County Health Initiative (DCHI) Pop Up market dates are the 2nd Monday during the months of May through October.

### 5:30pm - 5:30pm Plant Swap (adults 18+)

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

The Doctors Bruce and Lee Foundation Library will host a plant swap with Carmen Ketron for adults (ages 18+) on Monday in the Stukes Meeting Room. Carmen Ketron, an urban horticulture agent from Clemson Extension, will give a brief presentation on summer plants. Participants should bring a plant to the program that they are willing to trade with someone else. After the presentation, participants will swap the plants they brought with each other. Participation is free, but space is limited and registration is required.

### 7pm - 9pm Movie: Studio Ghibli Fest 2023 - Castle in the Sky

**Where:** Beacon Cinemas, 1121 Broad St, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** Studio Ghibli Fest 2023 continues! Join us this July for "Castle in the Sky" DUB: July 10th at 7:00 p.m. SUB: July 12th at 7:00 p.m.

Tue Jul 11, 2023

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### 9am - 4pm USC Sumter Softball Summer Youth & Skill Camp

**Where:** University of South Carolina-Sumter, 200 Miller Rd, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** July 11th, 12th, 13th 9:00 am- 12:00 pm Youth Camp 6 years old - 11 years old 1:00 pm- 4:00 pm Skills Camp 12 years old - 17 years old

## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

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### 10am - 12pm Summer Kid Show Series 2023: Sonic the Hedgehog 2

**Where:** Beacon Cinemas, 1121 Broad St, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Tuesdays and Thursdays Mornings in June and July, join us for our Summer Kid Show Series! A new movie each week for only \$2.00 per person. Featuring \$2 drinks, \$2 popcorn and \$2 Cookie Dough Bites! Doors open at 9:15am each Tuesday and Thursday!

### 10:30am - 11:30am LEGO for Littles/Ages 0-5

**Where:** Sumter County Library, 111 N Harvin St, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** Get together with moms and let your littles play with our Duplo Lego sets. Imagination is all you need!

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### 2pm - 3pm Library Teen Program [2/4]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

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**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** The Florence Flamingos will play the Lexington County Blowfish tonight.

## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

Wed Jul 12, 2023

### 9am - 5pm Colleen Critcher Exhibit [27/49]

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**Created by:** Eric McKnight

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### 9am - 4pm USC Sumter Softball Summer Youth & Skill Camp

**Where:** University of South Carolina-Sumter, 200 Miller Rd, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** July 11th, 12th, 13th 9:00 am- 12:00 pm Youth Camp 6 years old - 11 years old 1:00 pm- 4:00 pm Skills Camp 12 years old - 17 years old

### 10am - 12pm Get Artsy with Ashley [1/2]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** Come paint with local artist and teacher Ashley Eaddy! She will teach the basics of painting in a fun and creative environment.

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### 10am - 6:30pm Special Storytime with Lydia Carnesdale

**Where:** Lee County Public Library, 200 N Main St, Bishopville, SC 29010, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** Two Sessions at 10am and 5:30pm

### 10am - 12pm The Wednesday Ride

**Where:** Lee State Park, 487 Loop Rd, Bishopville, SC 29010, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Join other horseback riders each Wednesday for a laid back ride at the park. The ride distance is planned to be 3.7 miles, starting and ending at the arena. Meeting Place: Arena What to Bring: horse, bug repellent, water bottle Cost: Free Additional Dates: - Wednesday, Mar 1, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Mar 8, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Mar 15, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Mar 22, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Mar 29, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Apr 5, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Apr 12, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Apr 19, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Apr 26, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm

### 10:30am - 11:30am Bee-Bot Coding/Ages 3-6/South Sumter Branch \*Registration Required\*

**Where:** Sumter County Library, 111 N Harvin St, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

South Sumter Branch-Registration opens May 30th. Please call to register @ 773-7273. Come code with Bee-Bot, a child friendly floor robot! An excellent way to introduce coding to our younger patrons.

### 10:30am - 12:30pm Movie: The BFG

**Where:** Sumter County Library, 111 N Harvin St, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight



## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

### 11am - 2pm Florence County Library's "All Together Now" Program [1/5]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Youth can explore the world with the Florence County Library System during the 2023 Summer Reading Program. This year's theme, "All Together Now!" encourages children and teens to discover the world and other cultures through reading. The Summer Reading Program, open to youth from babies to young adults, features weekly programs, storytimes, a summer reading club, and more. Special summer programming will be held on Wednesdays at 11:00 and 2:00 p.m. in the Joseph Stukes Meeting Room at the Florence County Library. Seating will be limited. Parents can call the library to reserve their seats one week before the event. You must register by Tuesday before the event. The schedule is as follows: June 14 - Orisiri: African Folklore and Drumming 21 - Soap Bubble Circus 28 - Gravity Check: Jugglers July 5 - Porkchop Productions: Imperfect Strangers: Ant & the Grasshopper. 12 - SCAquarium

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**Created by:** Eric McKnight

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### 12pm - 6pm Julia Deckman: Feed Me and Florence Regional Arts Alliance: Small Works Exhibit [10/29]

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**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

### 6:30pm - 9pm Open Studio [1/6]

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**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Addie's Baby is hosting an Open Studio every Wednesday and Thursday in July. Come in a paint whatever you want. This is self-guided with limited instruction. Pre-registration is required

### 7pm - 9pm Sumter Ballroom Dance Club

**Where:** 155 Haynsworth Street, Sumter, SC

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

We meet each week to promote and learn ballroom dance, except on holidays. We concentrate on one style of ballroom dance for 6 - 8 weeks. Lesson and practice time each week. Styles include Waltz, Foxtrot, Tango, EC Swing, Cha Cha Cha, Rumba, Bolero, Salsa, Samba, WC Swing, Shag and a few line dances for fun! No partner necessary. Come dance! (803) 968-4760 Check us out on Facebook!

### 7pm - 7pm Trivia Night

**Where:** 2 S. Main Street, Sumter, SC

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Join us for Trivia every Wednesday night, except holidays. Some nights are themed, while others are general. Come check it out and play! More info on their Facebook page. (803) 774-4425 sumteroriginalbrewery@gmail.com sumteroriginalbrewery.com

## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

Thu Jul 13, 2023

### 9am - 5pm Colleen Critcher Exhibit [27/49]

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### 10:30am - 11:30am The Three Armadillos Tuff: Reading & Craft Event/Main/All Ages

**Where:** Sumter County Library, 111 N Harvin St, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** Teacher Carol Russel will read The Three Armadillos Tuff. There will be a craft following the story.

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### 12pm - 6pm Lake City Farmers Market [1/21]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

The Lake City Farmers Market is open Thursday from 12 to 6 p.m. Enjoy seasonal produce, plants, artisan jewelry, strawberries, homemade baked goods, local honey, and one-of-a-kind crafts. Located in the air-conditioned Bean Market.

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## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

### 3pm - 7pm Back-to-School Cookout

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Lake City has planned its Back to School cookout. There will be food, music, school supplies, and games. Your child must be with you in order to receive a backpack filled with school supplies.

### 6pm - 10pm Pageland Watermelon Festival [1/3]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** The 2023 Pageland Watermelon Festival is scheduled for July 13-15. Stay tuned for more details.

### 6:30pm - 9pm Cheraw Picnic Concert

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Join the Cheraw Arts Commission for its Picnic Concert tonight. Pack a picnic, bring a blanket or chair, and enjoy the free concert. The Rawtown Ramblers will perform June 22. Warren Davis & the Teal Brothers will perform July 13.

### 6:30pm - 8pm Cheraw Picnic Concert [2/2]

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### 6:30pm - 8:30pm Crochet Night for Childhood Cancer

**Where:** First Church of God, 1835 Camden Hwy, Sumter, SC 29153, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Join us as we make caps, hats, beanies and toboggans for kids battling cancer in the Carolinas. If you knit crochet or want to learn, we would love to have you join us. Hats will be sent to Children's Cancer Partners of the Carolinas - serving over 1,850 children in North and South Carolina. Supplies Provided

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### 6:30pm - 9pm Sumter SC Poets' and Artists' Group

**Where:** 11 Moise Dr, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

This is not a critique group, it's an enjoyment group. Bring a poem or chapter of your book to read, or something you are working on. Artists and crafters bring some of your work to share. If you prefer, just come to listen and see the work of others. You are welcome to bring a guest. If you need help concerning any aspects of writing or publishing those with experience will try to help. For More Information email Susan. Please put Writers Group in the email subject line. [labellerouge@hotmail.com](mailto:labellerouge@hotmail.com)

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Fri Jul 14, 2023

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### 12pm - 5pm American Legion Farmers Market

**Where:** 2 South Artillery Drive Sumter, SC

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Come visit every Friday year-round for a great selection of locally grown fruits and vegetables, pasture-raised meats, food trucks, specialty coffee, and a varied assortment of unique arts and crafts. By shopping at the American Legion Farmers Market, you are supporting local farmers and businesses. For more detail visit [www.americanlegionfarmersmarket.com](http://www.americanlegionfarmersmarket.com)

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### 3pm - 5pm Friday Family Movies [5/5]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

The library will offer Friday Family Movies throughout the summer. Movies will be shown on Fridays at 3:00 p.m. in the Privette Children's Program Room. Movies are scheduled for June 16 - July 14. All movies are free of charge. For more information, contact the Greenberg Children's Library at 843-292-7382.

### 7pm - 10pm Florence Flamingos vs. Macon Bacon

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** The Florence Flamingos will play Macon Bacon tonight during its First Responders Night.

Sat Jul 15, 2023

### 8am - 11:45pm Pageland Watermelon Festival [3/3]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

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### 9am - 1pm American Legion Farmers Market

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### 9am - 1pm Cheraw Market on Market [3/5]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Cheraw's Market on Market is Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in downtown Cheraw. The family-friendly monthly event features art, produce, food and entertainment on the third Saturday of each month from May through November. Local farmers from Cheraw's Farmer Market will bring their produce to the downtown area for purchase. A variety of food items will be available for purchase from restaurants. Contact the Cheraw Arts Commission for additional information about the Market event. The office number is 843.537.8420 x 12.

### 9am - 1pm City Center Farmer's Market

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### 10am - 11:30am Bonsai Making

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Join Brady for this Bonsai-making workshop, where you'll receive all of the materials to create your own Bonsai under the guidance and instruction of the Tropical House Manager. Come along for a crafty morning and walk away with a new connection to other plant lovers in Florence plus your very own Bonsai. The workshop is limited to 10 participants, all materials are included in the cost of the workshop.

### 10am - 1pm HMRA Farmers Market [5/16]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** The Historic Marion Revitalization Association Farmers Market is open on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturday, March through November.

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### 11am - 10pm Love N The Air Picnic & Food Fair@ Sumter...

**Where:** Sumter American Legion Fair Grounds, Sumter County Civic Center, 700 W Liberty St, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Love N The Air Picnic & Food Fair@ Sumter Fairgrounds 11am-9pm July 15 Bring: Coolers & Wine Totes, Pillows, Blankets, Towels. 10k people expected! food trucks + car & bike show + picnic! (strictly adults 21+) About this Event Calling out ALL CLUBS, SOLO RIDERS, NON-CLUB. ALLOWED: SIDE BY SIDE/ GOLF-CART/SLING-SHOT/ MOTORCYCLE. NOT ALLOWED: DIRTY BLANKETS/ DIRT BIKES/ATV/ FOOD&DRINKS/ PETS/ TENTS/GLASS. Sumter American Legion Fair Grounds 700 West Liberty Street, Sumter, SC, 29150 \*Age Requirement: 21+. \* Show Time: 6:00pm. \* Date: July 15, 2023 (Sat). "Love N The Air Picnic" - Picnic starts @ 11:00am VIP EXPRESS. "Love N The Air Picnic" - Picnic starts @ 1:00pm \* NON-EXPRESS. - A Picnic Blanket- Picnic Basket or Bag \* Bags & Coolers & Baskets will be checked at front entrance gate.- Plates, Cups {no glass}, Utensils, and Napkins- Corkscrew or Bottle Opener- Yoga + charcuterie + fun in the sun! Grab your yoga mats, blankets, sunscreen, + positive energy and join us! 60-minute outdoor yoga class A PICNIC WHERE YOU CAN BRING YOUR OWN BLANKET, PICNIC BASKET, COOLER, LAWN CHAIR AND LISTEN TO SOME OF THE BEST MUSIC BY THE NATIONS TOP DJ'S FROM 80's 90's 2000's TO NOW. TRY FOOD FROM OVER 50 VENDORS FROM FOODTRUCKS TO ART & CRAFT We will be playing the best of Classic and New R&B and Soul Music. Bring your own cooler with a cooler pass (No Glass or alcohol allowed)

### 11am - 1pm Ribbon Cutting and Open House for the NEW Bookmobile!

**Where:** Sumter County Library

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

The Sumter County Library invites the community to a ribbon cutting and open house for our new bookmobile. The ribbon cutting will be at 11AM in the parking lot in front of the downtown Main Library. The Bookmobile will be open until 1 PM for anyone who would like to see the new vehicle. Close

## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

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### 1pm - 2:30pm Take Flight - A Crow Yoga Workshop

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

During this 90-minute workshop, instructors will break down the necessary components needed to achieve CROW POSE. They will go over wrist care, strengthening drills, how to use props to support you, and a couple of different variations of crow and their alignment. Participants might not take flight during this class but will walk away from this workshop knowing their next steps in achieving this fun asana. You do NOT have to have crow in your practice for this workshop, but it is recommended that you are comfortable taking their Vinyasa classes. If you already have a strong crow, this workshop can help you find how to take it to the next level. Journals are encouraged for taking notes.

### 1:30pm - 4:30pm The House of Magic: Magic Show Fundraiser

**Where:** Sumter County Patriot Hall, 135 Haynsworth St, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** Hugely popular, energetic magic show - one that gets rave reviews from young and old! Meet Mickey & Minnie before the show!

### 2pm - 4pm Yu-Gi-Oh! Saturday Play [10/26]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Join Heroes Hideout for its Yu-Gi-Oh! Saturday Play every Saturday. The entry fee is \$10. Participants receive two OTS Packs with every entry, a Double prize sport. The rounds are based on attendance. There is a Top 4 Prize payout.

### 2:30pm - 3:30pm Read To Me: Therapy Dogs

**Where:** Sumter County Library, 111 N Harvin St, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** Come read to our local therapy dogs. They love a good story!

### 8pm - 9pm Alumni Show

**Where:** Sumter Little Theatre, 14 Mood Ave, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Sumter Little Theatre Youth program alumni Carlos Waters and Logan Martin will be performing their original pieces in this alumni event. Saturday night at 8pm and Sunday matinee at 3pm. Admission is free and all donations will go to our youth program. Come out and support these young Sumter artists!!

### 8:45pm - 10:45pm Dillon Screen on the Green [1/4]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Dillon's Screen on the Green is Saturday! There will be lots of activities for the entire family as well as food trucks. The movie will begin just as soon as it gets dark enough, so I am shooting for about 8:45 pm. Bring your blankets, chairs and coolers, kick back, and enjoy a wonderful movie under the stars with family and friends. Upcoming movies are July 15 - The Lion King (2019), August 12 - I Wanna Dance with Somebody, September 9 - Lightyear, and October 7 - The Little Mermaid (Live Action)!

Sun Jul 16, 2023

### 9am - 12pm SC7 Paddles the Revolutionary Rivers

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

The SC Revolutionary Rivers Trail is a National Water Trail following the Lynches River from Lynches River County Park to the cypress and tupelo-laden stomping grounds of Revolutionary War hero General Francis Marion. General Francis Marion earned the name of the Swamp Fox during the Revolutionary War because he and his band of militia could disappear into the cypress swampland. Designated a National Recreation Trail in 2014, the 66-mile trail offers paddlers a captivating experience of floating through swampland that was once traversed by Patriots engaged in warfare against the Loyalists. These stretches offer appeal to more than just history enthusiasts. Birders and ecologists appreciate the terrain's rich biodiversity as well. Coordinated through Florence CVB, the trail also features a series of short excursions and overnight rustic camping opportunities provided by local outfitters. Participants will paddle from Venters Landing to The Cut Landing. The cost is \$5 if you bring your kayak and gear or \$60 if you rent a kayak and gear. Paddlers must have enough experience to steer the kayak. This paddle will include lunch.

### 10am - 5pm Legend: Francis Marion in the Pee Dee Exhibit [29/57]

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## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

### 11am - 5pm Smoke House and Dreamscapes Exhibits [17/45]

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### 2:30pm - 5:30pm Pokémon Sunday League [10/34]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** Heroes Hideout is starting a Pokémon League on Sundays. The entry is \$5. Pack per win.

### 4:30pm - 5:30pm Wild Weekends

**Where:** Lynches River County Park, 5094 County Park Rd, Coward, SC 29530, USA

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Join us every Saturday and Sunday for live animal meet-and-greets! We'll introduce you to one of our animals and allow you the opportunity to meet that animal up close. Animal presentations are every Saturday at 11:30am and 3:00pm and Sundays at 2:00pm Stop by and say hello to your favorite critter!

Mon Jul 17, 2023

### 9am - 5pm Colleen Critcher Exhibit [33/49]

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### 10am - 11am Book Club: The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

The next book club meeting is Monday. Participants will discuss The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot by Marianne Cronin. Copies of the print book, including large print, are available at the circulation desk. The digital audiobook can be found through the Libby App on the Jasmine Digital Library collection.

### 10am - 5pm Sean McGuinness : Strange Beast Exhibit [60/74]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

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### 10:30am - 10:30am B-Rad the Kids Magician

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

The Marion County Library is hosting B-Rad the Kids Magician today. He will be at the Marion Opera House at 10:30 a.m. and the Mullins Library at 2:30 p.m.

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### 1:30pm - 4:30pm Drop In & Paint Mondays [1/8]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** The Cheraw Community Center offers participants to drop in and paint on Mondays. Bring your own supplies and paint with others.

Tue Jul 18, 2023

### 8am - 9am Swimming Lessons Registration

**Where:** Woodland Pool, Mitchell St, Shaw AFB, SC 29152, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

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### 10am - 11am Lyle, Lyle Crocodile

**Where:** Sumter Opera House, 21 N Main St, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Summer Cinema Series @ SOH presents LYLE, LYLE, CROCODILE!! Movie times will be 10 AM, 1 PM, and 7 PM. Movie Admission is \$2 and may be purchased in advance. Popcorn & Water can be purchased on site for \$1 each. No outside food or drink allowed. If you have a group interested in attending, please call our Box Office at 803.436.2616 so we can obtain contact information and get a full tally for admission, popcorn, and water

### 11am - 5pm Lou Haney: Presented in Technicolor Exhibit [26/45]

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### All day Kids Movies for \$2 [1/2]

Tue Jul 18, 2023 - Wed Jul 19, 2023

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Join Regal Swamp Fox Cinemas all summer, every Tuesday and Wednesday for Regal Summer Movie Express. During the first show of the day, enjoy \$2 tickets as they bring great family movies back to the BIG screen!

### 12pm - 6pm Julia Deckman: Feed Me and Florence Regional Arts Alliance: Small Works Exhibit [13/29]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

The Steven F. Gately Gallery is hosting two exhibits. Julia Deckman: Feed Me and the Florence Regional Arts Alliance: Small Works will be on display through August 11.

### 5:30pm - 6:30pm City Council

**Where:** 21 N. Main Street, Sumter, SC 29150

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

The Council Chambers are located on the 4th floor located in the historic Sumter Opera House at 21 N. Main Street, Sumter. Regular City Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday's of each month at 5:30 PM. For more information and agendas, visit <http://www.sumtersc.gov/city-council>.

### 6pm - 12am 2023 Meet the Authors Series

**Where:** Sumter Museum

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Check out this list for more upcoming book events! Between the months of June and August. Tickets available for purchase at the Museum. Thursday-Saturday, 10:00a- 4:30p or call (803) 775-0908

### 7:30pm - 9:30pm FLT's Performance of The Lion King Jr. [1/6]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** The Florence Little Theatre's summer production of Disney's The Lion King Jr. is July 18-23.

## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

### 8pm - 10pm Cheraw Outdoor Movie

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** Join the Cheraw Arts Commission for its free outdoor movie. "Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile" will be shown June 27. On July 18, they will show "LUCA."

Wed Jul 19, 2023

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### 10am - 12pm Get Artsy with Ashley [2/2]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** Come paint with local artist and teacher Ashley Eaddy! She will teach the basics of painting in a fun and creative environment.

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### 10am - 6:30pm Special Storytime with Lydia Carnesdale

**Where:** Lee County Public Library, 200 N Main St, Bishopville, SC 29010, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** Two Sessions at 10am and 5:30pm

### 10am - 12pm The Wednesday Ride

**Where:** Lee State Park, 487 Loop Rd, Bishopville, SC 29010, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Join other horseback riders each Wednesday for a laid back ride at the park. The ride distance is planned to be 3.7 miles, starting and ending at the arena. Meeting Place: Arena What to Bring: horse, bug repellent, water bottle Cost: Free Additional Dates: - Wednesday, Mar 1, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Mar 8, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Mar 15, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Mar 22, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Mar 29, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Apr 5, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Apr 12, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Apr 19, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Apr 26, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm

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**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

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### 6:30pm - 9pm Open Studio [3/6]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Addie's Baby is hosting an Open Studio every Wednesday and Thursday in July. Come in a paint whatever you want. This is self-guided with limited instruction. Pre-registration is required

### 7pm - 9pm Sumter Ballroom Dance Club

**Where:** 155 Haynsworth Street, Sumter, SC

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

We meet each week to promote and learn ballroom dance, except on holidays. We concentrate on one style of ballroom dance for 6 - 8 weeks. Lesson and practice time each week. Styles include Waltz, Foxtrot, Tango, EC Swing, Cha Cha Cha, Rumba, Bolero, Salsa, Samba, WC Swing, Shag and a few line dances for fun! No partner necessary. Come dance! (803) 968-4760 Check us out on Facebook!

### 7pm - 7pm Trivia Night

**Where:** 2 S. Main Street, Sumter, SC

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Join us for Trivia every Wednesday night, except holidays. Some nights are themed, while others are general. Come check it out and play! More info on their Facebook page. (803) 774-4425 sumteroriginalbrewery@gmail.com sumteroriginalbrewery.com

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### 10am - 11am Book Club: The First Mistake

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

The Pamplico Book Club will meet Thursday to discuss The First Mistake by Sandie Jones. The following is a book summary: An addictively readable new domestic suspense about a wife, her husband, and the woman who is supposedly her best friend. Copies of the book are available at the desk for checkout.

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### 11am - 1pm Cheraw Lunchtime Music

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Pick up lunch from your favorite restaurant and enjoy some music. Chairs will be provided. Rakim McQueen will perform June 8. Kris Houser will perform July 20.

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### 12pm - 6pm Lake City Farmers Market [1/21]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

The Lake City Farmers Market is open Thursday from 12 to 6 p.m. Enjoy seasonal produce, plants, artisan jewelry, strawberries, homemade baked goods, local honey, and one-of-a-kind crafts. Located in the air-conditioned Bean Market.

### 1pm - 2pm Florence County Book Club: The Enlightenment of Bees

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

The Doctors Bruce and Lee Foundation Library's Book Club for Adults announces its selection for July 20, 2023. The book selection for July is The Enlightenment of Bees by Rachel Linden. Linden's contemporary women's fiction story speaks to the universal struggle of what it means to live a meaningful life where the passions we have meet the needs of the world. From the slums of Mumbai to a Hungarian border camp during the refugee crisis, Mia experiences the euphoria, disillusionment, and heartbreaking reality of humanitarian work abroad. The Book Club meets in person monthly on the third Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the Founders room. The library welcomes new participants to join in the lively book discussions. Registration is required to participate. To register, or for additional information, email book club coordinator Debbie Quesada at [debbiequesada@florencelibrary.org](mailto:debbiequesada@florencelibrary.org) or call 843-413-7074.

### 5:30pm - 6:30pm Free Public Tours [2/4]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

An in-depth, docent-led tour is a great way to obtain a better understanding of any of our exhibits. Regularly scheduled docent-led tours take place every third Thursday of the month at 5:30 pm. A tour of any one of our galleries lasts approximately thirty minutes. For a list of dates and subject matter, please see the docent-led tour schedule.

### 6:30pm - 9pm Sumter SC Poets' and Artists' Group

**Where:** 11 Moise Dr, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

This is not a critique group, it's an enjoyment group. Bring a poem or chapter of your book to read, or something you are working on. Artists and crafters bring some of your work to share. If you prefer, just come to listen and see the work of others. You are welcome to bring a guest. If you need help concerning any aspects of writing or publishing those with experience will try to help. For More Information email Susan. Please put Writers Group in the email subject line. [labellerouge@hotmail.com](mailto:labellerouge@hotmail.com)

### 7pm - 9pm 3rd Thursdays Concert Series: North Tower Band

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

The Town of Cheraw Recreation & Leisure Services presents the 2023 summer concert series 3rd Thursdays. The concerts are from 7 to 9 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.). Bring your own cooler and chair. For ages 21+. \$7 admission. Eat at a Cheraw restaurant the day of the concert and present your receipt for \$2 off admission.

### 7pm - 10pm Florence Flamingos vs Lexington County Blowfish

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** The Florence Flamingos will play the Lexington County Blowfish tonight.

### 7:30pm - 9:30pm FLT's Performance of The Lion King Jr. [3/6]

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## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

Fri Jul 21, 2023

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### 9am - 12pm Take Notice: American Revolution in the Backcountry

**Where:** Sumter County Museum, 122 N Washington St Suite A, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

General George Washington is raising troops for the American Revolution in the Backcountry. Troops will muster, with Liberty Live, at the Sumter County Museum. Activities include: Enlistment/quill writing, cockade making, 18th C. medicine, soldiers' drill, cartridge rolling, soldier's rations, intelligence gathering and techniques. Open to rising 4th to 8th graders. Limited to the first 30 participants. Registration required at [www.sumtercountymuseum.org](http://www.sumtercountymuseum.org). The fee is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. Your fee includes take home items including cockade, enlistment paper, candy cartridge, and more. A snack and water will be provided for each child.

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### 12pm - 5pm American Legion Farmers Market

**Where:** 2 South Artillery Drive Sumter, SC

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Come visit every Friday year-round for a great selection of locally grown fruits and vegetables, pasture-raised meats, food trucks, specialty coffee, and a varied assortment of unique arts and crafts. By shopping at the American Legion Farmers Market, you are supporting local farmers and businesses. For more detail visit [www.americanlegionfarmersmarket.com](http://www.americanlegionfarmersmarket.com)

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**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

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## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

Sat Jul 22, 2023

### 8am - 6pm Christmas in July

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Mele Kalikimaka! It's Christmas in July! Come to the Market, get a jump start on Christmas decorating, and take a picture with Santa! There will be a special on Hawaiian shaved ice, and if you tell the welcome table "Mele Kalikimaka" you'll get a free lei

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### 9am - 11:30am Free Tennis Fun Days [2/4]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

The Ron James Youth Tennis program is hosting Free Tennis Fun Days from 9 to 11:30 a.m. There will be tennis instruction, games, and refreshments for ages 6 to 18. No experience is necessary, all equipment will be provided.

### 10am - 11am 2nd Annual Krawlin for Christ Jeep Show and Shine

**Where:** Sumter County Civic Center, 700 W Liberty St, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** For CHRIST Jeep Show and Shine! We will have Jeep Vendors, a Flex Ramp, Live Music, Food Vendors and our Jeep Show and Shine

### 10am - 1pm Darlington Back to School and Community Resource Fair

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Get ready to head back to school and discover valuable community resources at the Darlington: Back to School & Community Resource Fair on Public Square in downtown Darlington. (Children must be present to receive backpacks.) Please contact Nichole Gibson at 803-563-3948 or [ngibson@welvista.org](mailto:ngibson@welvista.org) or Pastor Corey Milling at 843-992-4259 with any questions.

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### 10am - 1pm Local Author Showcase

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

The Local Author Showcase will feature book talks, Q & A, and book signings featuring eight local authors. The authors include the following: Sherman Carmichael, Georgia Gates, David Brown, Nigel Fulmore-Smith, Dianne Poston Owens, Janae Williams, Catherine Rogers Sewell, and Courtne James.

## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

### 10am - 11am Plant Swap [1/2]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Join Forest Lake Greenhouses for another Plant Swap. This is a great opportunity to meet fellow plant enthusiasts, exchange plants, and learn more about tropical plants. Bring up to five healthy, pest-free plants or cuttings to swap with others. Mandi will be on hand to answer your questions and provide tips and advice. You never know what treasures you might find! This event is free and open to the public, so bring your friends and family along. Whether you're a seasoned plant parent or just starting out, there's something for everyone at our plant swap. Don't miss out on this fun and educational event! RSVP now on Eventbrite to secure your spot.

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### 2pm - 12am 2023 Meet the Authors Series

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**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Check out this list for more upcoming book events! Between the months of June and August. Tickets available for purchase at the Muesum. Thursday-Saturday, 10:00a- 4:30p or call (803) 775-0908

### 2pm - 9:30pm Bennettsville Beach Blast

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

The annual Beach Blast is Saturday. Children 12 and under are free. Festivities including waterslides, bounce houses, food trucks, and music will begin at 2 p.m. The Blackwater Band will perform at 7 p.m. Coolers are allowed (no glass). The BlackWater Band will perform from 6:30 to 9:30. Admission \$5

### 2pm - 4pm Yu-Gi-Oh! Saturday Play [11/26]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Join Heroes Hideout for its Yu-Gi-Oh! Saturday Play every Saturday. The entry fee is \$10. Participants receive two OTS Packs with every entry, a Double prize sport. The rounds are based on attendance. There is a Top 4 Prize payout.

### 2:30pm - 3:30pm Read To Me: Therapy Dogs

**Where:** Sumter County Library, 111 N Harvin St, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** Come read to our local therapy dogs. They love a good story!

### 7pm - 10pm Florence Flamingos vs. Wilmington Sharks

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** The Florence Flamingos will play the Wilmington Sharks during its NASCAR themed night.

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### 1:30pm - 2:30pm Annual Princess Ball

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Join the Little Gym for this delightful event, where princesses from various kingdoms come together to celebrate and enjoy an enchanting afternoon. There will be music and dancing fit for royalty. Guests are encouraged to dress in elegant attire!

### 2pm - 4pm Macrame on a Dowel

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** In this workshop guest instructor Lauren Cobak will lead participants in making a wall hanging or large pot hanger using a wooden dowel.

### 2:30pm - 5:30pm Pokémon Sunday League [11/34]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** Heroes Hideout is starting a Pokémon League on Sundays. The entry is \$5. Pack per win.

### 3pm - 4pm Perfect Little Planet

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Join Dooley Planetarium on Sunday for Perfect Little Planet. Imagine the ultimate space vacation. Discover our solar system through a different set of eyes - a family from another star system seeking the perfect vacation spot. Fly over the surface of Pluto, our best-known Dwarf Planet. Dive over the ice cliffs of Miranda. Sail through the rings of Saturn. Feel the lightning storms at Jupiter. And walk on the surface of Mars. Which destination would you choose? This is the solar system journey for space travelers of all ages. The program will begin promptly at 3 pm. Seating will begin 30 minutes prior to the presentation for visitors to arrive early and explore the planetarium. This event has no admission fee, but seating is first come, first served. Not late seating will be available once the doors are closed.

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### 4:30pm - 5:30pm Wild Weekends

**Where:** Lynches River County Park, 5094 County Park Rd, Coward, SC 29530, USA

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Join us every Saturday and Sunday for live animal meet-and-greets! We'll introduce you to one of our animals and allow you the opportunity to meet that animal up close. Animal presentations are every Saturday at 11:30am and 3:00pm and Sundays at 2:00pm. Stop by and say hello to your favorite critter!

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## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

Mon Jul 24, 2023

### 8am - 9am Swimming Lessons @ Woodland Pool

**Where:** Woodland Pool, Mitchell St, Shaw AFB, SC 29152, USA

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**Description:**

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### 1:30pm - 4:30pm Drop In & Paint Mondays [1/8]

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**Description:** The Cheraw Community Center offers participants to drop in and paint on Mondays. Bring your own supplies and paint with others.

Tue Jul 25, 2023

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## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

### 10am - 11am Lyle, Lyle Crocodile

**Where:** Sumter Opera House, 21 N Main St, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Summer Cinema Series @ SOH presents LYLE, LYLE, CROCODILE!! Movie times will be 10 AM, 1 PM, and 7 PM. Movie Admission is \$2 and may be purchased in advance. Popcorn & Water can be purchased on site for \$1 each. No outside food or drink allowed. If you have a group interested in attending, please call our Box Office at 803.436.2616 so we can obtain contact information and get a full tally for admission, popcorn, and water

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## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

### 10am - 6:30pm Special Storytime with Lydia Carnesdale

**Where:** Lee County Public Library, 200 N Main St, Bishopville, SC 29010, USA  
**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events  
**Created by:** Eric McKnight  
**Description:** Two Sessions at 10am and 5:30pm

### 10am - 12pm The Wednesday Ride

**Where:** Lee State Park, 487 Loop Rd, Bishopville, SC 29010, USA  
**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events  
**Created by:** Eric McKnight  
**Description:**  
Join other horseback riders each Wednesday for a laid back ride at the park. The ride distance is planned to be 3.7 miles, starting and ending at the arena. Meeting Place: Arena What to Bring: horse, bug repellent, water bottle Cost: Free Additional Dates: - Wednesday, Mar 1, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Mar 8, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Mar 15, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Mar 22, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Mar 29, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Apr 5, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Apr 12, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Apr 19, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Apr 26, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm

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### 1pm - 4pm Metropolitan Opera's Akhnaten Summer Encore [1/2]

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**Created by:** Eric McKnight  
**Description:**  
The Met's critically acclaimed 2019 production of Philip Glass's mesmerizing modern masterpiece returns to cinemas today for two performances. This opera stars countertenor Anthony Roth Costanzo as the revolutionary pharaoh who attempted to alter his empire radically.

### 6:30pm - 9:30pm Metropolitan Opera's Akhnaten Summer Encore [2/2]

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### 6:30pm - 9pm Open Studio [5/6]

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**Created by:** Eric McKnight  
**Description:**  
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### 7pm - 9pm Sumter Ballroom Dance Club

**Where:** 155 Haynsworth Street, Sumter, SC  
**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events  
**Created by:** Eric McKnight  
**Description:**  
We meet each week to promote and learn ballroom dance, except on holidays. We concentrate on one style of ballroom dance for 6 - 8 weeks. Lesson and practice time each week. Styles include Waltz, Foxtrot, Tango, EC Swing, Cha Cha Cha, Rumba, Bolero, Salsa, Samba, WC Swing, Shag and a few line dances for fun! No partner necessary. Come dance! (803) 968-4760 Check us out on Facebook!

### 7pm - 7pm Trivia Night

**Where:** 2 S. Main Street, Sumter, SC  
**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events  
**Created by:** Eric McKnight  
**Description:**  
Join us for Trivia every Wednesday night, except holidays. Some nights are themed, while others are general. Come check it out and play! More info on their Facebook page. (803) 774-4425 sumteroriginalbrewery@gmail.com sumteroriginalbrewery.com



## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

Thu Jul 27, 2023

### 9am - 5pm Colleen Critcher Exhibit [34/49]

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### 12pm - 6pm Lake City Farmers Market [1/21]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

The Lake City Farmers Market is open Thursday from 12 to 6 p.m. Enjoy seasonal produce, plants, artisan jewelry, strawberries, homemade baked goods, local honey, and one-of-a-kind crafts. Located in the air-conditioned Bean Market.

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### 6:30pm - 9pm Sumter SC Poets' and Artists' Group

**Where:** 11 Moise Dr, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

This is not a critique group, it's an enjoyment group. Bring a poem or chapter of your book to read, or something you are working on. Artists and crafters bring some of your work to share. If you prefer, just come to listen and see the work of others. You are welcome to bring a guest. If you need help concerning any aspects of writing or publishing those with experience will try to help. For More Information email Susan. Please put Writers Group in the email subject line. [labellerouge@hotmail.com](mailto:labellerouge@hotmail.com)

## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

Fri Jul 28, 2023

### 8am - 9am Swimming Lessons @ Woodland Pool

**Where:** Woodland Pool, Mitchell St, Shaw AFB, SC 29152, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Dive into summer with confidence! Certified swimming instructors are ready to teach you the skills you need to make a splash at Woodland Pool. 10 lessons are just \$80. Plus siblings get a \$10..

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### 12pm - 5pm American Legion Farmers Market

**Where:** 2 South Artillery Drive Sumter, SC

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Come visit every Friday year-round for a great selection of locally grown fruits and vegetables, pasture-raised meats, food trucks, specialty coffee, and a varied assortment of unique arts and crafts. By shopping at the American Legion Farmers Market, you are supporting local farmers and businesses. For more detail visit [www.americanlegionfarmersmarket.com](http://www.americanlegionfarmersmarket.com)

### 5pm - 8pm Parent Survival Night: Land of Legos

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** These fun evenings allow Mom and Dad to enjoy a night out while the kids have fun playing. Dinner is included.

## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

### 5:30pm - 8:30pm Florence After Five featuring Julio and the Saltines

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Florence After 5 is Downtown's favorite award-winning block party. Held the final Friday of each month from May to September, the Downtown Development Corp. hosts a FREE concert in the 100 block of S. Dargan Street between Evans and Cheves Streets in Historic Downtown Florence. Florence After Five has been awarded "Best Community Festival," "Best Place to Dance," "Best Outdoor Event," "Best Local Concert," and "Best Place for Live Music." The events run from 5:30 until 8:30 p.m. The band takes the stage at 6:00 p.m. Food and beverages are available at the event. All food and beverage sales are made via tickets, which can be purchased at the ticket booth near the Florence County Museum. Just look for the big-ticket flag! Tickets are \$1 each. Both cash and cards are accepted. Convenient event parking is available in the free City of Florence Parking Garage accessed via 150 S. Irby Street or in any available on-street spaces on W. Evans and N. Dargan Street, the SC DHEC, or the BTC parking lot.

### 6pm - 9pm Fourth Fridays on Main

**Where:** Downtown Sumter

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

### 6pm - 9pm Kingtree Live [3/3]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Kingtree Live at the Depot returns Friday. The fun begins at 6 p.m. with activities including food trucks, games, inflatables & live music. Don't forget to bring your lawn chair.

### 7pm - 10pm Florence Flamingos vs. Wilmington Sharks

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** The Florence Flamingos will play the Wilmington Sharks tonight. The theme is Scout Night.

### 7pm - 9pm Friday Night Flicks [3/6]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Join Amazing Grace Park for a family-friendly movie! Bring a blanket and folding chair to watch a movie on the lawn. A local food truck will be onsite for dinner!

Sat Jul 29, 2023

### 7:30am - 9am Freedom Walk

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Join One Child at a Time for the Freedom Walk. Take a Stand against Human Trafficking and help raise awareness through the power of education and awareness.

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## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

### 10am - 10am Butterbean Tasting

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** Join the Pee Dee State Farmers Market for a butterbean tasting! Come hang out and enjoy some good produce!

### 10am - 4pm Carolinas Mind, Body & Soul Expo

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** Get ready to be transformed with Carolinas' Mind, Body & Soul Expo on Saturday, July 29 from 10am-4pm come get your breakthrough with our expo!

### 10am - 1pm HMRA Farmers Market [6/16]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** The Historic Marion Revitalization Association Farmers Market is open on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturday, March through November.

### 10am - 11:30am Kombucha Brewing Workshop

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Kombucha is all the rage, it's satisfying, it's fizzy, and it's (gasp) healthy! Join master brewer Carolyn Nisley on Saturday, July 29th for a masterclass in Kombucha fermentation and brewing. This workshop will provide thorough instruction, samples, and the step-by-step process for how you can safely become a master home brewer yourself.

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### 2pm - 4pm Yu-Gi-Oh! Saturday Play [12/26]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Join Heroes Hideout for its Yu-Gi-Oh! Saturday Play every Saturday. The entry fee is \$10. Participants receive two OTS Packs with every entry, a Double prize sport. The rounds are based on attendance. There is a Top 4 Prize payout.

### 2:30pm - 3:30pm Read To Me: Therapy Dogs

**Where:** Sumter County Library, 111 N Harvin St, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** Come read to our local therapy dogs. They love a good story!

### 7pm - 10pm Florence Flamingos vs. Lexington County Blowfish

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** The Florence Flamingos will play the Lexington County Blowfish tonight during its Christmas in July with fireworks night.

Sun Jul 30, 2023

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### 2:30pm - 5:30pm Pokémon Sunday League [12/34]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** Heroes Hideout is starting a Pokémon League on Sundays. The entry is \$5. Pack per win.

### 4:30pm - 5:30pm Wild Weekends

**Where:** Lynches River County Park, 5094 County Park Rd, Coward, SC 29530, USA

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Join us every Saturday and Sunday for live animal meet-and-greets! We'll introduce you to one of our animals and allow you the opportunity to meet that animal up close. Animal presentations are every Saturday at 11:30am and 3:00pm and Sundays at 2:00pm. Stop by and say hello to your favorite critter!

Mon Jul 31, 2023

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### 10am - 11am Plant Swap [2/2]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Join Forest Lake Greenhouses for another Plant Swap. This is a great opportunity to meet fellow plant enthusiasts, exchange plants, and learn more about tropical plants. Bring up to five healthy, pest-free plants or cuttings to swap with others. Mandi will be on hand to answer your questions and provide tips and advice. You never know what treasures you might find! This event is free and open to the public, so bring your friends and family along. Whether you're a seasoned plant parent or just starting out, there's something for everyone at our plant swap. Don't miss out on this fun and educational event! RSVP now on Eventbrite to secure your spot.

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### 1:30pm - 4:30pm Drop In & Paint Mondays [1/8]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** The Cheraw Community Center offers participants to drop in and paint on Mondays. Bring your own supplies and paint with others.

## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

Tue Aug 1, 2023

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### 10am - 11am Lyle, Lyle Crocodile

**Where:** Sumter Opera House, 21 N Main St, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Summer Cinema Series @ SOH presents LYLE, LYLE, CROCODILE!! Movie times will be 10 AM, 1 PM, and 7 PM. Movie Admission is \$2 and may be purchased in advance. Popcorn & Water can be purchased on site for \$1 each. No outside food or drink allowed. If you have a group interested in attending, please call our Box Office at 803.436.2616 so we can obtain contact information and get a full tally for admission, popcorn, and water

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### 12pm - 6pm Julia Deckman: Feed Me and Florence Regional Arts Alliance: Small Works Exhibit [22/29]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

The Steven F. Gately Gallery is hosting two exhibits. Julia Deckman: Feed Me and the Florence Regional Arts Alliance: Small Works will be on display through August 11.

### 6pm - 8pm Hartsville's National Night Out

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

The City of Hartsville is proudly celebrating National Night Out on August 1. Join them at Burry Park (131 Cargill Way) for a night of family fun! There will be food vendors, activities and a DJ.

Wed Aug 2, 2023

### 8am - 9am Swimming Lessons @ Woodland Pool

**Where:** Woodland Pool, Mitchell St, Shaw AFB, SC 29152, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Dive into summer with confidence! Certified swimming instructors are ready to teach you the skills you need to make a splash at Woodland Pool. 10 lessons are just \$80. Plus siblings get a \$10..



## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

### 9am - 12:45pm Colleen Critcher Exhibit [44/49]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

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### 10am - 5pm Legend: Francis Marion in the Pee Dee Exhibit [46/57]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

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### 10am - 5pm Sean McGuinness : Strange Beast Exhibit [72/74]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

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### 10am - 6:30pm Special Storytime with Lydia Carnesdale

**Where:** Lee County Public Library, 200 N Main St, Bishopville, SC 29010, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** Two Sessions at 10am and 5:30pm

### 10am - 12pm The Wednesday Ride

**Where:** Lee State Park, 487 Loop Rd, Bishopville, SC 29010, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Join other horseback riders each Wednesday for a laid back ride at the park. The ride distance is planned to be 3.7 miles, starting and ending at the arena. Meeting Place: Arena What to Bring: horse, bug repellent, water bottle Cost: Free Additional Dates: - Wednesday, Mar 1, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Mar 8, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Mar 15, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Mar 22, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Mar 29, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Apr 5, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Apr 12, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Apr 19, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Apr 26, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm

### 11am - 5pm Lou Haney: Presented in Technicolor Exhibit [36/45]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** The Jones-Carter Gallery will feature artist Lou Haney in her Presented in Technicolor exhibit. The exhibit will be on display from June 9-August 12.

### 11am - 5pm Smoke House and Dreamscapes Exhibits [17/45]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

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### 12pm - 6pm Julia Deckman: Feed Me and Florence Regional Arts Alliance: Small Works Exhibit [23/29]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

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### 1pm - 4pm Metropolitan Opera in HD: Verdi's Il Trovatore Encore [1/2]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** The Metropolitan Opera will offer two Encore performances of Verdi's Il Trovatore today.

### 6:30pm - 9:30pm Metropolitan Opera in HD: Verdi's Il Trovatore Encore [2/2]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

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### 7pm - 10pm Florence Flamingos vs. Lexington County

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** The Florence Flamingos will play the Lexington County Blowfish tonight.

## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

### 7pm - 9pm Sumter Ballroom Dance Club

**Where:** 155 Haynsworth Street, Sumter, SC

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

We meet each week to promote and learn ballroom dance, except on holidays. We concentrate on one style of ballroom dance for 6 - 8 weeks. Lesson and practice time each week. Styles include Waltz, Foxtrot, Tango, EC Swing, Cha Cha Cha, Rumba, Bolero, Salsa, Samba, WC Swing, Shag and a few line dances for fun! No partner necessary. Come dance! (803) 968-4760 Check us out on Facebook!

### 7pm - 7pm Trivia Night

**Where:** 2 S. Main Street, Sumter, SC

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Join us for Trivia every Wednesday night, except holidays. Some nights are themed, while others are general. Come check it out and play! More info on their Facebook page. (803) 774-4425 sumteroriginalbrewery@gmail.com sumteroriginalbrewery.com

Thu Aug 3, 2023

### 9am - 12:45pm Colleen Critcher Exhibit [44/49]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

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### 10am - 6pm Julia Deckman: Feed Me and Florence Regional Arts Alliance: Small Works Exhibit [24/29]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

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**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

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### 10am - 5pm Sean McGuinness : Strange Beast Exhibit [73/74]

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**Created by:** Eric McKnight

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**Created by:** Eric McKnight

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### 11am - 5pm Smoke House and Dreamscapes Exhibits [17/45]

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### 12pm - 6pm Lake City Farmers Market [1/21]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

The Lake City Farmers Market is open Thursday from 12 to 6 p.m. Enjoy seasonal produce, plants, artisan jewelry, strawberries, homemade baked goods, local honey, and one-of-a-kind crafts. Located in the air-conditioned Bean Market.

## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

### 6:30pm - 9pm Sumter SC Poets' and Artists' Group

**Where:** 11 Moise Dr, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

This is not a critique group, it's an enjoyment group. Bring a poem or chapter of your book to read, or something you are working on. Artists and crafters bring some of your work to share. If you prefer, just come to listen and see the work of others. You are welcome to bring a guest. If you need help concerning any aspects of writing or publishing those with experience will try to help. For More Information email Susan. Please put Writers Group in the email subject line. [labellerouge@hotmail.com](mailto:labellerouge@hotmail.com)

Fri Aug 4, 2023

### 9am - 12:45pm Colleen Critcher Exhibit [44/49]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

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### 10am - 6pm Julia Deckman: Feed Me and Florence Regional Arts Alliance: Small Works Exhibit [25/29]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

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### 10am - 11am Needle Nuts [3/6]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Join the Darlington Library on the first Friday of every month at 10 a.m. for Needle Nuts. Bring your current knitting, crochet, or cross-stitch project. Create with others while making new friends.

### 10am - 11am Needle Nuts [4/7]

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### 10am - 5pm Sean McGuinness : Strange Beast Exhibit [74/74]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

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**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

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## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

### 12pm - 5pm American Legion Farmers Market

**Where:** 2 South Artillery Drive Sumter, SC

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Come visit every Friday year-round for a great selection of locally grown fruits and vegetables, pasture-raised meats, food trucks, specialty coffee, and a varied assortment of unique arts and crafts. By shopping at the American Legion Farmers Market, you are supporting local farmers and businesses. For more detail visit [www.americanlegionfarmersmarket.com](http://www.americanlegionfarmersmarket.com)

### 7pm - 10pm Florence Flamingos vs Asheboro ZooKeepers

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** Tonight is the final home game for the Florence Flamingos. They will play the Asheboro ZooKeepers during its Fan Appreciation Night.

Sat Aug 5, 2023

### 8am - 12pm E-waste drop off at Public Works

**Where:** 1289 North Main Street, Sumter, SC

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Residents may drop off their E-waste from 8 a.m. to Noon on the first Saturday of each month at the Public Works Department located at 1289 North Main Street. E-waste items include computers, monitors, printers, TVs, VCRs, desktop copiers, CDs, DVDs, fax machines and microwaves. In addition, residents may take E-waste to the E-waste collection facility located at the Sumter County Landfill, Monday to Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information call 803-436-2241.

### 9am - 1pm American Legion Farmers Market

**Where:** 2 S. Artillery Road, Sumter, SC

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

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### 9am - 1pm City Center Farmer's Market

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

### 10am - 4pm Community Archaeology Day

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

The Archaeological Institute of the Pee Dee will host its Community Archaeology Day today. The free event is open to all ages and will include presentations on recent fieldwork on pre-contact and colonial sites in the Pee Dee, demonstrations of indigenous skills, crafts, and technologies such as flint knapping, pottery making, and spearthrowing, as well as an "Archaeology Roadshow" to which visitors can bring artifacts for identification and discussion. Visitors can also enjoy the current exhibit "Legend: Francis Marion in the Pee Dee" which includes artifacts recovered from key Marion sites and relates them to the important artworks of the nineteenth century depicting Marion and his campaigns. From 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., community members are invited to bring artifacts they have found to be examined and identified by experts. From 1 to 4 p.m., Dr. Scott Jones of Media Prehistorica will demonstrate a variety of indigenous skills and technologies, Sean Taylor of SC DNR will be knapping stone projectiles and demonstrating spear-throwing technology, and Bobby Southerlin of Archaeological Consultants of the Carolinas will be making pots using Native American technologies. AIPD Board Member Florence native Terry James will also be on hand to demonstrate and discuss the material culture and lifeways of enslaved African Americans in the Pee Dee. Also, from 1 to 4 p.m., visitors are welcome to enjoy a slate of lectures held in the museum multipurpose room. Zeigler added that the event will be a great opportunity for the public to catch up on some of the remarkable archaeology that has been taking place over the last two years in the Pee Dee. The excavations at the 18th century Cashaway Baptist Church in Marlboro County and the Copperhead Bluff pre-contact site in Florence County will both be the subject of presentations, as will the work on blood residue Paleo Indian stone tool, including a knife blade from Williamsburg County, that is shedding new light on the arrival of the first humans in what is now South Carolina more than 13,000 years ago.

### 10am - 1pm HMRA Farmers Market [7/16]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** The Historic Marion Revitalization Association Farmers Market is open on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturday, March through November.

### 10am - 11am Herbal Infusions: The Art of Tea Making

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Indulge your senses and explore the fascinating world of herbal tea-making with Caroline. In this workshop, you'll discover the art of crafting delicious and soothing herbal infusions using aromatic herbs. Caroline will guide you through the process of selecting, preparing, and blending various herbs to create your own unique tea blends. Gain insights into the health benefits that can be unlocked through the power of herbal teas, and learn how to incorporate them into your daily routine. No matter your level of experience, this workshop welcomes both tea enthusiasts and those curious about the world of herbal infusions.

## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

### 10am - 5pm Legend: Francis Marion in the Pee Dee Exhibit [46/57]

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### 2pm - 4pm Yu-Gi-Oh! Saturday Play [13/26]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Join Heroes Hideout for its Yu-Gi-Oh! Saturday Play every Saturday. The entry fee is \$10. Participants receive two OTS Packs with every entry, a Double prize sport. The rounds are based on attendance. There is a Top 4 Prize payout.

### 2:30pm - 3:30pm Read To Me: Therapy Dogs

**Where:** Sumter County Library, 111 N Harvin St, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** Come read to our local therapy dogs. They love a good story!

### 4pm - 10pm Southeastern Bluegrass Association Concert [3/7]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

The Southeastern Bluegrass Association of South Carolina will hold monthly concerts on the first Saturday of every month. The doors open at 4 p.m. Come on out for jamming, socializing, and open mic. Light snacks and soft drinks are available for purchase. Admission is \$10, \$7 for members, \$5 for students, and free for children 12 and younger.

### 5pm - 7pm Old School Youth Game Nights [2/2]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

As part of a fun and safe summer event series, join us on North Matthews Road for this edition of "Old School Youth Game Nights" from 5pm-7pm! Enjoy a variety of games, from sack races, double dutch, egg races, tug of war, and more!

Sun Aug 6, 2023

### 10am - 5pm Legend: Francis Marion in the Pee Dee Exhibit [46/57]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

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## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

### 2pm - 5pm Legend: Francis Marion in the Pee Dee Exhibit [51/57]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

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### 2:30pm - 5:30pm Pokémon Sunday League [13/34]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** Heroes Hideout is starting a Pokémon League on Sundays. The entry is \$5. Pack per win.

### 4:30pm - 5:30pm Wild Weekends

**Where:** Lynches River County Park, 5094 County Park Rd, Coward, SC 29530, USA

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Join us every Saturday and Sunday for live animal meet-and-greets! We'll introduce you to one of our animals and allow you the opportunity to meet that animal up close. Animal presentations are every Saturday at 11:30am and 3:00pm and Sundays at 2:00pm. Stop by and say hello to your favorite critter!

Mon Aug 7, 2023

### 11am - 5pm Smoke House and Dreamscapes Exhibits [17/45]

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Tue Aug 8, 2023

### 10am - 5pm Legend: Francis Marion in the Pee Dee Exhibit [52/57]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

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### 10am - 11am Lyle, Lyle Crocodile

**Where:** Sumter Opera House, 21 N Main St, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Summer Cinema Series @ SOH presents LYLE, LYLE, CROCODILE!! Movie times will be 10 AM, 1 PM, and 7 PM. Movie Admission is \$2 and may be purchased in advance. Popcorn & Water can be purchased on site for \$1 each. No outside food or drink allowed. If you have a group interested in attending, please call our Box Office at 803.436.2616 so we can obtain contact information and get a full tally for admission, popcorn, and water

### 11am - 5pm Lou Haney: Presented in Technicolor Exhibit [41/45]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

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**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

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## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

Wed Aug 9, 2023

### 10am - 5pm Legend: Francis Marion in the Pee Dee Exhibit [52/57]

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**Created by:** Eric McKnight

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## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

Thu Aug 10, 2023

### 9am - 11am Florence Cars and Coffee [1/4]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

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### 9am - 1pm Hartsville Farmers Market [1/7]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

The Farmers Market sponsored by Main Street Hartsville will be set up on East Carolina Avenue. The farmers market will feature vendors with wholesome, homegrown and handmade unique items, gifts, and other fun activities. The market is open on the 2nd Saturday April-December from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### 10am - 12pm Class: Houseplants 101

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

If you are looking to add more plants indoors or want to know more about caring for the houseplants you do have, this class is for YOU! Join Polly Holbrook as she discusses a brief history of houseplants, houseplant care, trending houseplants, and characteristics of the Aroid plant family (Araceae). Each attendee will be given a houseplant of their choice and will be given information on how to care for that houseplant! The houseplants selected for you are all the "original houseplants" that were among the first recorded during the Victorian Era. Bring a piece of history home with you and leave with all the knowledge you need to add plants to your indoor décor.

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### 12pm - 12am 2023 Meet the Authors Series

**Where:** Sumter County Museum, 122 N Washington St Suite A, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Check out this list for more upcoming book events! Between the months of June and August. Tickets available for purchase at the Museum. Thursday-Saturday, 10:00a- 4:30p or call (803) 775-0908

### 12pm - 6pm Lake City Farmers Market [1/21]

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### 5:30pm - 7:30pm Deckman Reception and Artist Talk

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**Created by:** Eric McKnight

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## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

### 6:30pm - 8:30pm Crochet Night for Childhood Cancer

**Where:** First Church of God, 1835 Camden Hwy, Sumter, SC 29153, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Join us as we make caps, hats, beanies and toboggans for kids battling cancer in the Carolinas. If you knit crochet or want to learn, we would love to have you join us. Hats will be sent to Children's Cancer Partners of the Carolinas - serving over 1,850 children in North and South Carolina. Supplies Provided

### 6:30pm - 9pm Sumter SC Poets' and Artists' Group

**Where:** 11 Moise Dr, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

This is not a critique group, it's an enjoyment group. Bring a poem or chapter of your book to read, or something you are working on. Artists and crafters bring some of your work to share. If you prefer, just come to listen and see the work of others. You are welcome to bring a guest. If you need help concerning any aspects of writing or publishing those with experience will try to help. For More Information email Susan. Please put Writers Group in the email subject line. [labellerouge@hotmail.com](mailto:labellerouge@hotmail.com)

Fri Aug 11, 2023

### 10am - 6pm Julia Deckman: Feed Me and Florence Regional Arts Alliance: Small Works Exhibit [29/29]

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### 12pm - 5pm American Legion Farmers Market

**Where:** 2 South Artillery Drive Sumter, SC

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Come visit every Friday year-round for a great selection of locally grown fruits and vegetables, pasture-raised meats, food trucks, specialty coffee, and a varied assortment of unique arts and crafts. By shopping at the American Legion Farmers Market, you are supporting local farmers and businesses. For more detail visit [www.americanlegionfarmersmarket.com](http://www.americanlegionfarmersmarket.com)

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Sat Aug 12, 2023

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## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

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### 1pm - 1pm Florence County Museum's Family Day [1/5]

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**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

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### 1pm - 3pm Florence County Museum's Family Day [2/6]

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### 2pm - 4pm Yu-Gi-Oh! Saturday Play [14/26]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Join Heroes Hideout for its Yu-Gi-Oh! Saturday Play every Saturday. The entry fee is \$10. Participants receive two OTS Packs with every entry, a Double prize sport. The rounds are based on attendance. There is a Top 4 Prize payout.

### 2:30pm - 3:30pm Read To Me: Therapy Dogs

**Where:** Sumter County Library, 111 N Harvin St, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** Come read to our local therapy dogs. They love a good story!

### 3pm - 5pm Aroha Afro Latin Dance's FUNDamentals Day

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Once a month, on a Saturday, Aroha Afro Latin Dance offers a class that covers the basics of Salsa, Bachata, and Kizomba. Beginners are welcome. No partner is necessary. Singles, Couples & Groups are encouraged to attend.

## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

### 6pm - 9pm Hemingway's End of Summer Street Dance

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

The Town of Hemingway is hosting its End of Summer Street Dance Saturday. The Bailey Road Band will perform from 6 to 8 p.m. Kona Ice will be free (for kids) from 6 to 8 p.m.

### 7pm - 9pm Hartsville's Screen on the Green [3/5]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

The City of Hartsville is excited to announce its Screen on the Green dates and movies for 2023. Everyone is welcome, movies are family-friendly, and admission is always free. The movies will start at dusk in Burry Park. They encourage attendees to bring blankets and/or lawn chairs for their comfort during the movie!

### 7pm - 10pm Marion Summer Concert Series [3/4]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** The Historic Marion Revitalization Association is hosting another sundown concert Saturday at 7 p.m.

### 8pm - 11pm SKBK Social with DJ Joel [3/3]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Join Aroha Afro Latin Dance for its monthly social with DJ Joel. The socials start with an Intro lesson for those who were not able to come to the FUNdamentals Class. Following the lesson DJ Joel will be on music while everyone else is on the floor!

### 8:30pm - 10:30pm Dillon Screen on the Green [2/4]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Dillon's Screen on the Green is Saturday! There will be lots of activities for the entire family as well as food trucks. The movie will begin just as soon as it gets dark enough, so I am shooting for about 8:45 pm. Bring your blankets, chairs and coolers, kick back, and enjoy a wonderful movie under the stars with family and friends. Upcoming movies are July 15 - The Lion King (2019), August 12 - I Wanna Dance with Somebody, September 9 - Lightyear, and October 7 - The Little Mermaid (Live Action)!

Sun Aug 13, 2023

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### 2:30pm - 5:30pm Pokémon Sunday League [14/34]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** Heroes Hideout is starting a Pokémon League on Sundays. The entry is \$5. Pack per win.

### 3pm - 4pm The Evening Skies of August

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

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**Description:**

Join Dooley Planetarium on Sunday for The Evening Skies of August as part of their FREE public planetarium shows offered each month. This program will provide an overview of the night sky for August and showcase constellations, planets, and various deep-sky objects that are visible at this time of year. The program will begin promptly at 3 pm. Doors will open 30 minutes prior for visitors to arrive early and explore the planetarium. This event has no admission fee, but seating is first come, first served.

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### 4:30pm - 5:30pm Wild Weekends

**Where:** Lynches River County Park, 5094 County Park Rd, Coward, SC 29530, USA

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Join us every Saturday and Sunday for live animal meet-and-greets! We'll introduce you to one of our animals and allow you the opportunity to meet that animal up close. Animal presentations are every Saturday at 11:30am and 3:00pm and Sundays at 2:00pm. Stop by and say hello to your favorite critter!

## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

### 5pm - 8pm Gospel in the Park [3/5]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Gospel in the Park series returns Sunday, May 7 from 5 pm to 8 pm in Pride Park in Hartsville. Get your lawn chairs ready, come out for a shouting good time.

**Mon Aug 14, 2023**

### 4pm - 7pm DCHI Pop Up Market [3/6]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** The Dillon County Health Initiative (DCHI) Pop Up market dates are the 2nd Monday during the months of May through October.

**Tue Aug 15, 2023**

### 10am - 11am Lyle, Lyle Crocodile

**Where:** Sumter Opera House, 21 N Main St, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Summer Cinema Series @ SOH presents LYLE, LYLE, CROCODILE!! Movie times will be 10 AM, 1 PM, and 7 PM. Movie Admission is \$2 and may be purchased in advance. Popcorn & Water can be purchased on site for \$1 each. No outside food or drink allowed. If you have a group interested in attending, please call our Box Office at 803.436.2616 so we can obtain contact information and get a full tally for admission, popcorn, and water

### 5:30pm - 6:30pm City Council

**Where:** 21 N. Main Street, Sumter, SC 29150

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

The Council Chambers are located on the 4th floor located in the historic Sumter Opera House at 21 N. Main Street, Sumter. Regular City Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday's of each month at 5:30 PM. For more information and agendas, visit <http://www.sumtersc.gov/city-council>.

**Wed Aug 16, 2023**

### 10am - 6:30pm Special Storytime with Lydia Carnesdale

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**Description:** Two Sessions at 10am and 5:30pm

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### 1pm - 2pm Florence County Book Club: The Last Bookshop in London

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

The Doctors Bruce and Lee Foundation Library's Book Club for Adults announces its selection for August 17, 2023. The book selection for August is *The Last Bookshop in London: a Novel of World War II* by Madeline Martin. Set in London, this historical fiction novel is a tribute to the people of London who survived the Blitz during World War II. The story emphasizes what true fighters Londoners were during this horrific time. The Book Club meets in person monthly on the third Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the Founders room. The library welcomes new participants to join in the lively book discussions. Registration is required to participate. To register, or for additional information, email book club coordinator Debbie Quesada at [debbiequesada@florenceclibrary.org](mailto:debbiequesada@florenceclibrary.org), or call 843-413-7074.

### 6:30pm - 9pm Sumter SC Poets' and Artists' Group

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**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

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Fri Aug 18, 2023

### All day A.G.E. Con 2023

Fri Aug 18, 2023 - Sat Aug 19, 2023

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

AGE Con welcomes anime and gaming fans from around to the southeast to a two-day festival focused on these genres. A GE Con will feature panel discussions, gaming tournaments, vendors, displays, gaming activation booths, and much more!

### 12pm - 5pm American Legion Farmers Market

**Where:** 2 South Artillery Drive Sumter, SC

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### 6pm - 9pm Hartsville Downtown Block Series [1/3]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

The Downtown Block Party Series is back! Make Downtown Hartsville your destination to get your groove on with live music, family, friends, and more! Yummy vendors will be under the East College Avenue lights just for you. May 19: Level 10 Band sponsored by Sonoco. June 16: 803 Band. August 18: Terence Lonon and the Untouchables, sponsored by Duke Energy. September 15: Black Water Band sponsored by the City of Hartsville. October 20: Analog Saints sponsored by Coker University.

## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

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### 9am - 1pm Cheraw Market on Market [4/5]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Cheraw's Market on Market is Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in downtown Cheraw. The family-friendly monthly event features art, produce, food and entertainment on the third Saturday of each month from May through November. Local farmers from Cheraw's Farmer Market will bring their produce to the downtown area for purchase. A variety of food items will be available for purchase from restaurants. Contact the Cheraw Arts Commission for additional information about the Market event. The office number is 843.537.8420 x 12.

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**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

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**Created by:** Eric McKnight

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### 12pm - 5pm Family Fun Day [2/2]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

The Lake Paul Wallace Authority is hosting its Family Fun Day Saturday. Enjoy an afternoon of activities including bounce houses, water slides, food trucks, games, and a DJ.

### 2pm - 4pm Yu-Gi-Oh! Saturday Play [15/26]

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**Created by:** Eric McKnight

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**Created by:** Eric McKnight

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### 5pm - 5pm FMS: "Back to School Night" Presented by Aarons

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Bring the family to the Florence Motor Speedway for another racing experience! The races feature vintage cars, super trucks, mini stocks, late models and chargers.

### 5pm - 9pm Music in Moore Park

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** Moore Park and Downtown Pageland will be alive with music and food trucks tonight. The food trucks open at 5 p.m. The music begins at 7 p.m.

Sun Aug 20, 2023

### 2:30pm - 5:30pm Pokémon Sunday League [15/34]

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**Created by:** Eric McKnight

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## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

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**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

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**Tue Aug 22, 2023**

### 10am - 11am Lyle, Lyle Crocodile

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**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

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### 5pm - 6pm Law Talk: Landlord Tenant Law

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

The South Carolina Bar has partnered with the Florence County Library System to offer Law Talk: Landlord Tenant Law. Law Talk sessions are free legal education events open to the public. Each Law Talk is taught by a SC licensed attorney or judge and typically includes a 30-45 minute presentation followed by a brief question and answer session.

**Wed Aug 23, 2023**

### 10am - 6:30pm Special Storytime with Lydia Carnesdale

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## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

Thu Aug 24, 2023

### 12pm - 6pm Lake City Farmers Market [1/21]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

The Lake City Farmers Market is open Thursday from 12 to 6 p.m. Enjoy seasonal produce, plants, artisan jewelry, strawberries, homemade baked goods, local honey, and one-of-a-kind crafts. Located in the air-conditioned Bean Market.

### 6pm - 9pm Bennettsville Summer Concert featuring the Beach Fever Band

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Bennettsville is hosting its Summer concert tonight featuring the Beach Fever Band. Doors open at 5 p.m. and the concert begins at 6 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs and coolers. It is free to attend.

### 6:30pm - 9pm Sumter SC Poets' and Artists' Group

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### 7:30pm - 9:30pm Crystal Gayle

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Crystal Gayle is a beloved country music icon whose successes include Number 1 country and pop hits, Gold and Platinum albums, and trophies from the Grammy's, Country Music Association, and American Music Awards. Nothing highlights Crystal's career better than her star on the fabled Hollywood Walk of Fame. Crystal's many hits include her signature worldwide smash "Don't It Make My Brown Eyes Blue," "Talkin' in Your Sleep," "Half the Way," and "When I Dream." Her album "We Must Believe in Magic" was the first by a female country artist to reach platinum sales. Famous for her nearly floor-length hair, Crystal was voted one of the 50 most beautiful people in the world by People Magazine, and in 2016 the Academy of Country Music honored her with the Cliffee Stone Pioneer Award. Gayle was inducted into the Grand Ole Opry in January 2017 by her sister and Opry legend Loretta Lynn.

Fri Aug 25, 2023

### 12pm - 5pm American Legion Farmers Market

**Where:** 2 South Artillery Drive Sumter, SC

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

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### 5:30pm - 8:30pm Florence After Five featuring Chocolate Chip & Company Band

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Florence After 5 is Downtown's favorite award-winning block party. Held the final Friday of each month from May to September, the Florence Downtown Development Corp. hosts a FREE concert in the 100 block of S. Dargan Street between Evans and Cheves Streets in Historic Downtown Florence. Florence After Five has been awarded "Best Community Festival," "Best Place to Dance," "Best Outdoor Event," "Best Local Concert," and "Best Place for Live Music." The events run from 5:30 until 8:30 p.m. The band takes the stage at 6:00 p.m. Food and beverages are available at the event. All food and beverage sales are made via tickets, which can be purchased at the ticket booth near the Florence County Museum. Just look for the big-ticket flag! Tickets are \$1 each. Both cash and cards are accepted. Convenient event parking is available in the free City of Florence Parking Garage accessed via 150 S. Irby Street or in any available on-street spaces on W. Evans and N. Dargan Street, the SC DHEC, or the BTC parking lot.

### 6pm - 9pm Fourth Fridays on Main

**Where:** Downtown Sumter

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

### 7pm - 9pm Friday Night Flicks [4/6]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Join Amazing Grace Park for a family-friendly movie! Bring a blanket and folding chair to watch a movie on the lawn. A local food truck will be onsite for dinner!

## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

Sat Aug 26, 2023

### All day Gospel on the Green

Sat Aug 26, 2023

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** Stay tuned more detail to come!

### 8am - 11am Back2School 5K

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** The 6th running of the Back2School 5K is a benefit run for South Florence High School Cross Country Team. The course is fast and flat.

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### 9am - 11:30am Free Tennis Fun Days [3/4]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

The Ron James Youth Tennis program is hosting Free Tennis Fun Days from 9 to 11:30 a.m. There will be tennis instruction, games, and refreshments for ages 6 to 18. No experience is necessary, all equipment will be provided.

### 9am - 4pm Pee Dee Doll Club's 36th Annual Doll & Toy Show and Sale

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

The Pee Dee Doll Club is proud to host it's 36th Annual Doll & Toy Show and Sale! There will be verbal appraisals available by Robin Wyatt & Bradley Justice for \$5 per item. Raffle proceeds to benefit NC Museum of Dolls, Toys & Miniatures. Admission is \$6 for adults and children 12 & under FREE admission.

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Sun Aug 27, 2023

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Fri Sep 1, 2023

### 10am - 11am Needle Nuts [4/6]

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**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

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## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

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**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

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Sat Sep 2, 2023

### 8am - 12pm E-waste drop off at Public Works

**Where:** 1289 North Main Street, Sumter, SC

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Residents may drop off their E-waste from 8 a.m. to Noon on the first Saturday of each month at the Public Works Department located at 1289 North Main Street. E-waste items include computers, monitors, printers, TVs, VCRs, desktop copiers, CDs, DVDs, fax machines and microwaves. In addition, residents may take E-waste to the E-waste collection facility located at the Sumter County Landfill, Monday to Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information call 803-436-2241.

### 8am - 5pm Southeastern Classic Autofair & Swap Meet

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** The Southeastern Classic Autofair & Swap Meet is Saturday from 8 a.m. at the Pee Dee State Farmers Market.

### 8am - 2pm The Kenny Shelley Memorial Classic Auto Fair

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Bring the family out to the 1st Annual Memorial Classic Auto Fair and Swap Meet in memory of Kenny Shelley who did this show annually for many years. In addition to the car show, there will be door prizes, music, miscellaneous vendors, a 50/50 raffle and much more as they remember Kenny and his lifelong love of cars. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Omar Shriners.

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### 4pm - 10pm Southeastern Bluegrass Association Concert [4/7]

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**Description:**  
The Southeastern Bluegrass Association of South Carolina will hold monthly concerts on the first Saturday of every month. The doors open at 4 p.m. Come on out for jamming, socializing, and open mic. Light snacks and soft drinks are available for purchase. Admission is \$10, \$7 for members, \$5 for students, and free for children 12 and younger.

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**Description:**  
Join us every Saturday and Sunday for live animal meet-and-greets! We'll introduce you to one of our animals and allow you the opportunity to meet that animal up close. Animal presentations are every Saturday at 11:30am and 3:00pm and Sundays at 2:00pm Stop by and say hello to your favorite critter!

### 8pm - 11pm Theatrical Play: Clue

**Where:** Sumter Little Theatre, 14 Mood Ave, Sumter, SC 29150, USA  
**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events  
**Created by:** Eric McKnight

Tue Sep 5, 2023

### 10am - 11am Lyle, Lyle Crocodile

**Where:** Sumter Opera House, 21 N Main St, Sumter, SC 29150, USA  
**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events  
**Created by:** Eric McKnight  
**Description:**  
Summer Cinema Series @ SOH presents LYLE, LYLE, CROCODILE!! Movie times will be 10 AM, 1 PM, and 7 PM. Movie Admission is \$2 and may be purchased in advance. Popcorn & Water can be purchased on site for \$1 each. No outside food or drink allowed. If you have a group interested in attending, please call our Box Office at 803.436.2616 so we can obtain contact information and get a full tally for admission, popcorn, and water

### 12pm - 6pm Robert Garey: A Retrospective Exhibit [5/35]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events  
**Created by:** Eric McKnight  
**Description:** The Steven F. Gately Gallery is hosting artist Robert Garey in his A Retrospective exhibit

Wed Sep 6, 2023

### 10am - 6:30pm Special Storytime with Lydia Carnesdale

**Where:** Lee County Public Library, 200 N Main St, Bishopville, SC 29010, USA  
**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events  
**Created by:** Eric McKnight  
**Description:** Two Sessions at 10am and 5:30pm

### 10am - 12pm The Wednesday Ride

**Where:** Lee State Park, 487 Loop Rd, Bishopville, SC 29010, USA  
**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events  
**Created by:** Eric McKnight  
**Description:**  
Join other horseback riders each Wednesday for a laid back ride at the park. The ride distance is planned to be 3.7 miles, starting and ending at the arena. Meeting Place: Arena What to Bring: horse, bug repellent, water bottle Cost: Free Additional Dates: - Wednesday, Mar 1, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Mar 8, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Mar 15, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Mar 22, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Mar 29, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Apr 5, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Apr 12, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Apr 19, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Apr 26, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm

### 10:30am - 11:30am Storytime at Wesmark Library

**Where:** West Sumter Library, 180 W Wesmark Blvd, Sumter, SC 29150, USA  
**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events  
**Created by:** Eric McKnight

## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

### 12pm - 6pm Robert Garey: A Retrospective Exhibit [6/35]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

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### 7pm - 9pm Sumter Ballroom Dance Club

**Where:** 155 Haynsworth Street, Sumter, SC

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

We meet each week to promote and learn ballroom dance, except on holidays. We concentrate on one style of ballroom dance for 6 - 8 weeks. Lesson and practice time each week. Styles include Waltz, Foxtrot, Tango, EC Swing, Cha Cha Cha, Rumba, Bolero, Salsa, Samba, WC Swing, Shag and a few line dances for fun! No partner necessary. Come dance! (803) 968-4760 Check us out on Facebook!

### 7pm - 7pm Trivia Night

**Where:** 2 S. Main Street, Sumter, SC

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Join us for Trivia every Wednesday night, except holidays. Some nights are themed, while others are general. Come check it out and play! More info on their Facebook page. (803) 774-4425 [sumteroriginalbrewery@gmail.com](mailto:sumteroriginalbrewery@gmail.com)

Thu Sep 7, 2023

### 10am - 6pm Robert Garey: A Retrospective Exhibit [7/35]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** The Steven F. Gately Gallery is hosting artist Robert Garey in his A Retrospective exhibit

### 12pm - 6pm Lake City Farmers Market [1/21]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

The Lake City Farmers Market is open Thursday from 12 to 6 p.m. Enjoy seasonal produce, plants, artisan jewelry, strawberries, homemade baked goods, local honey, and one-of-a-kind crafts. Located in the air-conditioned Bean Market.

### 1pm - 3pm Indigo Dyeing Workshop

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

In this workshop, participants will learn some of the history of indigo and its part in South Carolina history, how to make a vat, and dye cotton fabric using Shibori tie-dye methods. We know you'll LOVE the beautiful, unique patterns these techniques produce! Each participant will use these methods to dye two 18" x 18" cotton napkins and a 28" x 28" kitchen towel..

### 3:30pm - 4:30pm Downtown Book Club

**Where:** Sumter County Library, 111 N Harvin St, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

### 5:30pm - 8pm Lighthouse Ministries: The Good Neighbor Gala

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Join Lighthouse Ministries on Thursday, September 7, as they host the Good Neighbor Gala. The event will honor "The Good Neighbor of the Year" and is a fundraiser for Lighthouse Ministries. Enjoy drinks, dinner, and Good Neighbor gifts and stories.

### 6:30pm - 9pm Sumter SC Poets' and Artists' Group

**Where:** 11 Moise Dr, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

This is not a critique group, it's an enjoyment group. Bring a poem or chapter of your book to read, or something you are working on. Artists and crafters bring some of your work to share. If you prefer, just come to listen and see the work of others. You are welcome to bring a guest. If you need help concerning any aspects of writing or publishing those with experience will try to help. For More Information email Susan. Please put Writers Group in the email subject line. [labellerouge@hotmail.com](mailto:labellerouge@hotmail.com)

### 7pm - 9pm Twilight in the Back Country

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Come join us at the Sumter County Museum for a candlelight guided tour in our Carolina Backcountry. Take an evening stroll and learn about life in the early 1800s from our costumed volunteer interpreters. Enjoy our wine and cheese table while listening to beautiful live instrumental music. \$10 for members \$15 for nonmembers [Register here](#)

### 8pm - 11pm Theatrical Play: Clue

**Where:** Sumter Little Theatre, 14 Mood Ave, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

Fri Sep 8, 2023

### 10am - 6pm Robert Garey: A Retrospective Exhibit [8/35]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** The Steven F. Gately Gallery is hosting artist Robert Garey in his A Retrospective exhibit

### 12pm - 5pm American Legion Farmers Market

**Where:** 2 South Artillery Drive Sumter, SC

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Come visit every Friday year-round for a great selection of locally grown fruits and vegetables, pasture-raised meats, food trucks, specialty coffee, and a varied assortment of unique arts and crafts. By shopping at the American Legion Farmers Market, you are supporting local farmers and businesses. For more detail visit [www.americanlegionfarmersmarket.com](http://www.americanlegionfarmersmarket.com)

### 3pm - 5:30pm Family Movie Night

**Where:** West Sumter Library, 180 W Wesmark Blvd, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

### 7:30pm - 9:30pm FLT's Performance of The Sound of Music [1/8]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** The Florence Little Theatre will perform The Sound of Music from September 8-16.

### 8pm - 11pm Theatrical Play: Clue

**Where:** Sumter Little Theatre, 14 Mood Ave, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

Sat Sep 9, 2023

### 8:15am - 10:15pm Dillon Screen on the Green [3/4]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Dillon's Screen on the Green is Saturday! There will be lots of activities for the entire family as well as food trucks. The movie will begin just as soon as it gets dark enough, so I am shooting for about 8:45 pm. Bring your blankets, chairs and coolers, kick back, and enjoy a wonderful movie under the stars with family and friends. Upcoming movies are July 15 - The Lion King (2019), August 12 - I Wanna Dance with Somebody, September 9 - Lightyear, and October 7 - The Little Mermaid (Live Action)!

### 8:30am - 12:30pm 12th Annual Run for Brighter Days

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

The Run for Brighter Days is a run/walk at Lynches River County Park located on Lynches River in the Pee Dee region. The park includes a cool Environmental Discovery Center with interactive fun and live exhibits, and to round out the fun there is a treetop canopy walk. They will have good tunes again this year with Roadtrip Radio, along with awards and a variety of food for all. The 5k/Walk Start time is 8:30 AM and Kids Fun Run starts at 7:45 AM. All Kids get a Free t-shirt and Medal!

### 9am - 1pm American Legion Farmers Market

**Where:** 2 S. Artillery Road, Sumter, SC

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Come visit every Saturday year-round for a great selection of locally grown fruits and vegetables, pasture-raised meats, food trucks, specialty coffee, and a varied assortment of unique arts and crafts. By shopping at the American Legion Farmers Market, you are supporting local farmers and businesses. For more details visit [www.americanlegionfarmersmarket.com](http://www.americanlegionfarmersmarket.com)

### 9am - 11am Art Class: Cubes

**Where:** Sumter County Gallery of Art, 200 Hasel St, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Second Saturday Classes at Sumter County Gallery of Art are for ages 4-12 Members \$20 Non members \$25 For more information and registration click here A canvas has only one surface that can be painted, but a cube has six! In this class, students will be thinking 3-dimensionally to create six brilliant works of art on one vessel.

### 9am - 1pm City Center Farmer's Market

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

### 9am - 11am Florence Cars and Coffee [3/3]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Bring the family out on the second Saturday of each month to show off your vehicle or just walk around and see what cool rides are in and around Florence! Free coffee and soda.

## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

### 9am - 11:30am Free Tennis Fun Days [4/4]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

The Ron James Youth Tennis program is hosting Free Tennis Fun Days from 9 to 11:30 a.m. There will be tennis instruction, games, and refreshments for ages 6 to 18. No experience is necessary, all equipment will be provided.

### 9am - 12:30pm Friends of the Library Book Sale

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

The Doctors Bruce and Lee Foundation Library in Florence will hold its annual book sale Saturday, September 9, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30p.m. A wide variety of gently used or like-new popular fiction, non-fiction, and children's books will be available, along with assorted DVDs and CDs. Most items will be priced from one to two dollars or less. Additionally, a selection of new books on local history topics will be available at special pricing. The sale will take place in the Joseph Stukes Meeting Room. Cash and major credit/debit cards accepted. Proceeds from items sold go to Friends of Florence County Library to support library programs, services, and collections. For more information, call (843) 413-7074.

### 10am - 3pm Robert Garey: A Retrospective Exhibit [9/35]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** The Steven F. Gately Gallery is hosting artist Robert Garey in his A Retrospective exhibit

### 11am - 12pm Read to a Therapy Dog

**Where:** Sumter County Library, 111 N Harvin St, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Come and read to trained therapy dogs: Sparky, Skipper, and Missy! This event is held the 2nd Saturday of every month at the Downtown Library, 111 North Harvin Street.

### 1pm - 3pm Florence County Museum's Family Day [2/5]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

From toddlers to grandparents, Family Days with the Florence County Museum are sure to offer something for everyone. Join them the second Saturday of each month from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. No registration is required. This event is free of charge

### 1pm - 3pm Florence County Museum's Family Day [3/6]

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### 2pm - 4pm Yu-Gi-Oh! Saturday Play [18/26]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Join Heroes Hideout for its Yu-Gi-Oh! Saturday Play every Saturday. The entry fee is \$10. Participants receive two OTS Packs with every entry, a Double prize sport. The rounds are based on attendance. There is a Top 4 Prize payout.

### 2:30pm - 3:30pm Read To Me: Therapy Dogs

**Where:** Sumter County Library, 111 N Harvin St, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** Come read to our local therapy dogs. They love a good story!

### 7pm - 9pm Hartsville's Screen on the Green [4/5]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

The City of Hartsville is excited to announce its Screen on the Green dates and movies for 2023. Everyone is welcome, movies are family-friendly, and admission is always free. The movies will start at dusk in Burry Park. They encourage attendees to bring blankets and/or lawn chairs for their comfort during the movie!

### 7pm - 10pm Marion Summer Concert Series [4/4]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** The Historic Marion Revitalization Association is hosting another sundown concert Saturday at 7 p.m.

### 7:30pm - 9:30pm FLT's Performance of The Sound of Music [2/8]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** The Florence Little Theatre will perform The Sound of Music from September 8-16.

### 8pm - 11pm Theatrical Play: Clue

**Where:** Sumter Little Theatre, 14 Mood Ave, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

Sun Sep 10, 2023

### 9am - 1pm Hartsville Farmers Market [1/7]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

The Farmers Market sponsored by Main Street Hartsville will be set up on East Carolina Avenue. The farmers market will feature vendors with wholesome, homegrown and handmade unique items, gifts, and other fun activities. The market is open on the 2nd Saturday April-December from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### 2:30pm - 5:30pm Pokémon Sunday League [18/34]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** Heroes Hideout is starting a Pokémon League on Sundays. The entry is \$5. Pack per win.

### 3pm - 5pm FLT's Performance of The Sound of Music [3/8]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** The Florence Little Theatre will perform The Sound of Music from September 8-16.

### 3pm - 5pm Free Public Show [1/8]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Dooley Planetarium has a show scheduled for today. Stay tuned for more details. Doors open 30 minutes prior to the show's start time. Late entry into the planetarium is not allowed. When the doors are opened, it floods the entire room with light and ruins the experience for the entire audience. Programs generally run 45 minutes and include a live portion that covers what is visible in the current sky. Dooley Planetarium does not charge for its programs. Seating for these show is on a first-come, first-seated basis.

### 4:30pm - 5:30pm Wild Weekends

**Where:** Lynches River County Park, 5094 County Park Rd, Coward, SC 29530, USA

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Join us every Saturday and Sunday for live animal meet-and-greets! We'll introduce you to one of our animals and allow you the opportunity to meet that animal up close. Animal presentations are every Saturday at 11:30am and 3:00pm and Sundays at 2:00pm Stop by and say hello to your favorite critter!

### 5pm - 8pm Gospel in the Park [4/5]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Gospel in the Park series returns Sunday, May 7 from 5 pm to 8 pm in Pride Park in Hartsville. Get your lawn chairs ready, come out for a shouting good time.

### 8pm - 11pm Theatrical Play: Clue

**Where:** Sumter Little Theatre, 14 Mood Ave, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

Mon Sep 11, 2023

### 4pm - 7pm DCHI Pop Up Market [4/6]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** The Dillon County Health Initiative (DCHI) Pop Up market dates are the 2nd Monday during the months of May through October.

### 6pm - 8pm Adult Pottery

**Where:** Sumter County Gallery of Art, 200 Hasel St, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Adult classes at Sumter County Gallery of Art are for 15 years old and up Members \$110 Non members \$120 Click this link for more information and registration Learn step by step processes of using clay to build functional and sculptural ceramic pieces. Explore both hand building and wheel throwing methods in this class. Production of the pieces will be completed with glazed finishes.

Tue Sep 12, 2023

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## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

### 3:30pm - 4:30pm Book Club: Between the Lines

**Where:** West Sumter Library, 180 W Wesmark Blvd, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Band of Sisters," by New York Times bestselling author Lauren Willig will be discussed. Club meets at Wesmark Branch of the Sumter County Library, 180 West Wesmark Blvd

### 7:30pm - 9:30pm FLT's Performance of The Sound of Music [4/8]

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Wed Sep 13, 2023

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**Where:** West Sumter Library, 180 W Wesmark Blvd, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** Come join us at our Wesmark Branch for fun tales with Elise! Wesmark Branch, 180 W Wesmark Blvd,

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**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

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### 3pm - 4pm Bits and Pieces Puzzle Club

**Where:** West Sumter Library, 180 W Wesmark Blvd, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Join us and other members of the community to work on jigsaw puzzles from the library's collection (or bring your own!) This club is designed to be a great way for adults to relax. Club meets at Wesmark Branch, 180 West Wesmark Blvd.

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Thu Sep 14, 2023

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**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

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## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

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### 6pm - 7pm Acrylic Painting

**Where:** Sumter County Gallery of Art, 200 Hasel St, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

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### 6pm - 7pm Watercolor Painting

**Where:** Sumter Gallery of Art

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

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### 6:30pm - 8:30pm Crochet Night for Childhood Cancer

**Where:** First Church of God, 1835 Camden Hwy, Sumter, SC 29153, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Join us as we make caps, hats, beanies and toboggans for kids battling cancer in the Carolinas. If you knit crochet or want to learn, we would love to have you join us. Hats will be sent to Children's Cancer Partners of the Carolinas - serving over 1,850 children in North and South Carolina. Supplies Provided

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### 7:30pm - 9:30pm FLT's Performance of The Sound of Music [6/8]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** The Florence Little Theatre will perform The Sound of Music from September 8-16.

Fri Sep 15, 2023

### 10am - 6pm Robert Garey: A Retrospective Exhibit [13/35]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

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### 12pm - 5pm American Legion Farmers Market

**Where:** 2 South Artillery Drive Sumter, SC

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

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### 5:30pm - 8:30pm Tap into Downtown

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Downtown Florence's craft brew crawl is back! Tap into Downtown Florence with a craft brew crawl experience that includes the opportunity to sample twenty-four different craft brews, visit twelve unique shops serving taprooms, and more! Sample twenty-four other craft brews in up to twelve various downtown venues. This isn't your mama's craft beer event, either. They have chosen to focus on brews you can't find in most grocery stores and will occasionally toss in a few familiar varieties, too. Ticket holders must be 21+ to attend.

### 6pm - 9pm Hartsville Downtown Block Series [2/3]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

The Downtown Block Party Series is back! Make Downtown Hartsville your destination to get your groove on with live music, family, friends, and more! Yummy vendors will be under the East College Avenue lights just for you. May 19: Level 10 Band sponsored by Sonoco. June 16: 803 Band. August 18: Terence Lonon and the Untouchables, sponsored by Duke Energy. September 15: Black Water Band sponsored by the City of Hartsville. October 20: Analog Saints sponsored by Coker University.

## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

### 6pm - 9pm Hartsville Downtown Block Series [4/5]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

The Downtown Block Party Series is back! Make Downtown Hartsville your destination to get your groove on with live music, family, friends, and more! Yummy vendors will be under the East College Avenue lights just for you. May 19: Level 10 Band sponsored by Sonoco. June 16: 803 Band. August 18: Terence Lonon and the Untouchables, sponsored by Duke Energy. September 15: Black Water Band sponsored by the City of Hartsville. October 20: Analog Saints sponsored by Coker University.

Sat Sep 16, 2023

### 9am - 1pm American Legion Farmers Market

**Where:** 2 S. Artillery Road, Sumter, SC

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Come visit every Saturday year-round for a great selection of locally grown fruits and vegetables, pasture-raised meats, food trucks, specialty coffee, and a varied assortment of unique arts and crafts. By shopping at the American Legion Farmers Market, you are supporting local farmers and businesses. For more details visit [www.americanlegionfarmersmarket.com](http://www.americanlegionfarmersmarket.com)

### 9am - 1pm Cheraw Market on Market [5/5]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Cheraw's Market on Market is Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in downtown Cheraw. The family-friendly monthly event features art, produce, food and entertainment on the third Saturday of each month from May through November. Local farmers from Cheraw's Farmer Market will bring their produce to the downtown area for purchase. A variety of food items will be available for purchase from restaurants. Contact the Cheraw Arts Commission for additional information about the Market event. The office number is 843.537.8420 x 12.

### 9am - 1pm City Center Farmer's Market

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

### 9am - 1pm KFB Lynches River Adventure Race

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Keep Florence Beautiful is hosting the KFB Lynches River Adventure Race Saturday at 9 a.m. The race will feature a 5K trail run through Lynches River County Park where racers will get a glimpse of the park and wooded riverside trails. After the run, racers will grab their kayak and paddle 5 miles downstream on the scenic and historic Lynches River.

### 10am - 1pm HMRA Farmers Market [10/16]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** The Historic Marion Revitalization Association Farmers Market is open on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturday, March through November.

### 10am - 6pm Power Comicon

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Power Comicon is back! Whether you're looking for comics, toys, art or cosplay you can find it here. There is something for everyone! Tickets are \$10 per person, kids 12 & under get in free with a paid adult. See you soon!

### 10am - 11:59pm Society Hill Catfish Festival

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

The annual Catfish Festival is September 16 beginning at 10 a.m. The parade will begin at 11 a.m. There will also be a car show. The festival includes fun for the whole family. The festival is full of entertainment, arts and crafts, games, amusements, and food. Stay tuned for more details.

### 11am - 2pm 2023 Florence Wave Fest

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

The Florence Wave Fest is a free community event that promotes wellness by connecting children, youth, and families to available resources and fun activities! This celebratory event is held in recognition of National Self-Care Awareness Month which promotes the positive impact of mental health. The Wave Fest will have food truck(s), a Kids Zone, live entertainment, health screenings a wellness village for family resources and much more! Come out to get connected to resources and enjoy family fun!

### 11am - 12pm STEM Toys

**Where:** Sumter County Library, 111 N Harvin St, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Join us at the Downtown Library on the third Saturday of every month to enjoy some interactive play time with LEGOs, magnetic tiles, puzzles, and more, all while making new friends! 111 N. Harvin St.

## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

### 12pm - 5pm MFBG Beer Fest

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Travel to breweries across the Southeast without ever leaving Moore Farms Botanical Garden's scenic grounds during the 10th annual MFBG Beer Fest. More than 20 local and regional craft breweries will be represented offering a variety of beers and ciders that are sure to please even the most discerning brew aficionado. They will also have local eats and LIVE music featuring the Jebb Mac Band! You can't afford to miss out on the only beer fest in Pee Dee! Participants must be 21 or older to attend the event.

### 2pm - 4pm Yu-Gi-Oh! Saturday Play [19/26]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Join Heroes Hideout for its Yu-Gi-Oh! Saturday Play every Saturday. The entry fee is \$10. Participants receive two OTS Packs with every entry, a Double prize sport. The rounds are based on attendance. There is a Top 4 Prize payout.

### 2:30pm - 3:30pm Read To Me: Therapy Dogs

**Where:** Sumter County Library, 111 N Harvin St, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** Come read to our local therapy dogs. They love a good story!

### 7:30pm - 9:30pm FLT's Performance of The Sound of Music [8/8]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** The Florence Little Theatre will perform The Sound of Music from September 8-16.

Sun Sep 17, 2023

### 2:30pm - 5:30pm Pokémon Sunday League [19/34]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** Heroes Hideout is starting a Pokémon League on Sundays. The entry is \$5. Pack per win.

### 4:30pm - 5:30pm Wild Weekends

**Where:** Lynches River County Park, 5094 County Park Rd, Coward, SC 29530, USA

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Join us every Saturday and Sunday for live animal meet-and-greets! We'll introduce you to one of our animals and allow you the opportunity to meet that animal up close. Animal presentations are every Saturday at 11:30am and 3:00pm and Sundays at 2:00pm. Stop by and say hello to your favorite critter!

Mon Sep 18, 2023

### 6pm - 8pm Adult Pottery

**Where:** Sumter County Gallery of Art, 200 Hasel St, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Adult classes at Sumter County Gallery of Art are for 15 years old and up. Members \$110. Non members \$120. Click this link for more information and registration. Learn step by step processes of using clay to build functional and sculptural ceramic pieces. Explore both hand building and wheel throwing methods in this class. Production of the pieces will be completed with glazed finishes.

Tue Sep 19, 2023

### 10am - 11am Lyle, Lyle Crocodile

**Where:** Sumter Opera House, 21 N Main St, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Summer Cinema Series @ SOH presents LYLE, LYLE, CROCODILE!! Movie times will be 10 AM, 1 PM, and 7 PM. Movie Admission is \$2 and may be purchased in advance. Popcorn & Water can be purchased on site for \$1 each. No outside food or drink allowed. If you have a group interested in attending, please call our Box Office at 803.436.2616 so we can obtain contact information and get a full tally for admission, popcorn, and water.

### 11am - 4pm Pirate Day with the Backcountry Privateers

**Where:** Sumter County Museum, 122 N Washington St Suite A, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Free event and fun for the whole family. Join us for a day filled with lots of fun! Learn about medicine, flags, weapons and blacksmithing. Play some games, visit our mermaid, get a tattoo, go on a scavenger hunt, listen to pirate music, and shop in our pirate store! You don't want to miss our cannon and sword demonstrations, says aye! On Sept. 30 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 122 N. Washington St.

### 12pm - 6pm Robert Garey: A Retrospective Exhibit [14/35]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** The Steven F. Gately Gallery is hosting artist Robert Garey in his A Retrospective exhibit.

## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

### 3pm - 5pm Movie Time at Wesmark

**Where:** West Sumter Library, 180 W Wesmark Blvd, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** Come and enjoy a new movie every month! This event is intended for audiences 18+. Wesmark Branch Library is located at 180 West Wesmark Blvd.

### 4:30pm - 5:30pm Abstract Painting

**Where:** Sumter County Gallery of Art, 200 Hasel St, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Youth Classes at Sumter County Gallery of Art are for 8 years old and up Members \$110 Non members \$120 For more information and registration click here Abstract painting is more than just color on canvas. In this acrylic painting class, learn a new technique each week and master the art of the abstract. You might find it's more of a challenge than you think!

### 5:30pm - 6:30pm City Council

**Where:** 21 N. Main Street, Sumter, SC 29150

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

The Council Chambers are located on the 4th floor located in the historic Sumter Opera House at 21 N. Main Street, Sumter. Regular City Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday's of each month at 5:30 PM. For more information and agendas, visit <http://www.sumtersc.gov/city-council>.

### 6pm - 7pm Talk and Book Signing

**Where:** Temple Sinai, 15 Church St, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

alk and book signing at the Sumter County Museum with Rachel Barnett and Lyssa Harvey on "Kugels and Collards: Stories of Food, Family and Tradition in Jewish South Carolina." Free and open to the public at Temple Sinai Jewish History Center, 11 Church Street Reception to follow with refreshments and an opportunity to purchase books to be signed.

Wed Sep 20, 2023

### 10am - 6:30pm Special Storytime with Lydia Carnesdale

**Where:** Lee County Public Library, 200 N Main St, Bishopville, SC 29010, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** Two Sessions at 10am and 5:30pm

### 10am - 12pm The Wednesday Ride

**Where:** Lee State Park, 487 Loop Rd, Bishopville, SC 29010, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Join other horseback riders each Wednesday for a laid back ride at the park. The ride distance is planned to be 3.7 miles, starting and ending at the arena. Meeting Place: Arena What to Bring: horse, bug repellent, water bottle Cost: Free Additional Dates: - Wednesday, Mar 1, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Mar 8, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Mar 15, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Mar 22, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Mar 29, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Apr 5, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Apr 12, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Apr 19, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm - Wednesday, Apr 26, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm

### 10:30am - 11:30am Story Time

**Where:** West Sumter Library, 180 W Wesmark Blvd, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** Come join us at our Wesmark Branch for fun tales with Elise! Wesmark Branch, 180 W Wesmark Blvd,

### 12pm - 6pm Robert Garey: A Retrospective Exhibit [15/35]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** The Steven F. Gately Gallery is hosting artist Robert Garey in his A Retrospective exhibit

### 7pm - 9pm Sumter Ballroom Dance Club

**Where:** 155 Haynsworth Street, Sumter, SC

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

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### 7pm - 7pm Trivia Night

**Where:** 2 S. Main Street, Sumter, SC

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Join us for Trivia every Wednesday night, except holidays. Some nights are themed, while others are general. Come check it out and play! More info on their Facebook page. (803) 774-4425 [sumteroriginalbrewery@gmail.com](mailto:sumteroriginalbrewery@gmail.com) [sumteroriginalbrewery.com](http://sumteroriginalbrewery.com)

## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

Thu Sep 21, 2023

### 10am - 6pm Robert Garey: A Retrospective Exhibit [16/35]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** The Steven F. Gately Gallery is hosting artist Robert Garey in his A Retrospective exhibit

### 12pm - 6pm Lake City Farmers Market [1/21]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

The Lake City Farmers Market is open Thursday from 12 to 6 p.m. Enjoy seasonal produce, plants, artisan jewelry, strawberries, homemade baked goods, local honey, and one-of-a-kind crafts. Located in the air-conditioned Bean Market.

### 5:30pm - 6:30pm Free Public Tours [3/4]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

An in-depth, docent-led tour is a great way to obtain a better understanding of any of our exhibits. Regularly scheduled docent-led tours take place every third Thursday of the month at 5:30 pm. A tour of any one of our galleries lasts approximately thirty minutes. For a list of dates and subject matter, please see the docent-led tour schedule.

### 6pm - 7pm Acrylic Painting

**Where:** Sumter County Gallery of Art, 200 Hasel St, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Adult classes at Sumter County Gallery of Art are for 15 years old and up Members \$110 Non members \$120 Click this link for more information and registration In this acrylic class, participants will learn various painting techniques to create stunning imagery. From landscape paintings to still life, this class will explore different subjects in a variety of different methods. With plenty of opportunities for experimentation, this is a perfect class for any skill level!

### 6pm - 7pm Military Orders of the Purple Heart

**Where:** 529 N Wise Dr, Sumter, SC 29153, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

The General George L. Mabry Jr. Military Order of the Purple Heart meets at 6 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at the Combat Veterans Building, 529 N. Wise Drive. The meetings are held to foster an environment of goodwill and camaraderie among combat wounded Veterans as well as to promote patriotism, assist with finding resources and to provide services to all Veterans and their families. For more information: (803) 983-3770

### 6:30pm - 9pm Sumter SC Poets' and Artists' Group

**Where:** 11 Moise Dr, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

This is not a critique group, it's an enjoyment group. Bring a poem or chapter of your book to read, or something you are working on. Artists and crafters bring some of your work to share. If you prefer, just come to listen and see the work of others. You are welcome to bring a guest. If you need help concerning any aspects of writing or publishing those with experience will try to help. For More Information email Susan. Please put Writers Group in the email subject line. labellerouge@hotmail.com

Fri Sep 22, 2023

### 10am - 6pm Robert Garey: A Retrospective Exhibit [17/35]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** The Steven F. Gately Gallery is hosting artist Robert Garey in his A Retrospective exhibit

### 12pm - 5pm American Legion Farmers Market

**Where:** 2 South Artillery Drive Sumter, SC

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

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### 6pm - 7pm Fourth Friday Downtown Sumter

**Where:** North Main Street, N Main St, Sumter, SC, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

This year's Fourth Fridays will feature concerts on the lawn of the historic Sumter County Courthouse. Music kicks off at 6:30 p.m., admission is free and food and drink will be for sale. 2023 Schedule: - May 26 - Level 10 Live Band & Show - June 23 - The Jebb Mac Band - July 28 - Elijah Bradford and the Coffee House Music Revue - August 25 - The Footnotes - September 22 - Terence Lonon and the Untouchables Concert attendance is FREE, and we'll have lots of food and drink available for sale: - Food Trucks/Vendors Available: - Lisa Ann's Kitchen - Mi Promesa - Rollin In Da Dough - SO Cool Italian Icee - Sweet Frog - Sertoma will have plenty of cold brews for sale - Palmetto Optimist Club will be back with free books for the kids, as well as popcorn for sale - Downtown restaurants will be open for dine-in and take-out. Bring your chairs (no coolers) and spend an evening (or two) with us in Downtown Sumter! Sponsored by the City of Sumter and Yannis



## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

### 6pm - 9pm Fourth Fridays on Main

**Where:** Downtown Sumter  
**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events  
**Created by:** Eric McKnight

Sat Sep 23, 2023

### 9am - 1pm American Legion Farmers Market

**Where:** 2 S. Artillery Road, Sumter, SC  
**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events  
**Created by:** Eric McKnight  
**Description:**  
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**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events  
**Created by:** Eric McKnight

### 10am - 3pm Robert Garey: A Retrospective Exhibit [18/35]

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### 2pm - 4pm Yu-Gi-Oh! Saturday Play [20/26]

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**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events  
**Created by:** Eric McKnight  
**Description:** Come read to our local therapy dogs. They love a good story!

Sun Sep 24, 2023

### 1pm - 5pm South Carolina Bridal Showcase

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events  
**Created by:** Eric McKnight  
**Description:**  
At the SC Bridal Showcase, they have everything from the engagement ring to the honeymoon and beyond. You can shop for everything you need...at one time, under one roof!

### 2:30pm - 5:30pm Pokémon Sunday League [20/34]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events  
**Created by:** Eric McKnight  
**Description:** Heroes Hideout is starting a Pokémon League on Sundays. The entry is \$5. Pack per win.

### 3pm - 5pm Free Public Show [2/8]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events  
**Created by:** Eric McKnight  
**Description:**  
Dooley Planetarium has a show scheduled for today. Stay tuned for more details. Doors open 30 minutes prior to the show's start time. Late entry into the planetarium is not allowed. When the doors are opened, it floods the entire room with light and ruins the experience for the entire audience. Programs generally run 45 minutes and include a live portion that covers what is visible in the current sky. Dooley Planetarium does not charge for its programs. Seating for these show is on a first-come, first-seated basis.

### 4:30pm - 5:30pm Wild Weekends

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Mon Sep 25, 2023

### 6pm - 8pm Adult Pottery

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**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events  
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## Florence Festivals & Events, Sumter Festivals & Events

Tue Sep 26, 2023

### 10am - 11am Lyle, Lyle Crocodile

**Where:** Sumter Opera House, 21 N Main St, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

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**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** The Steven F. Gately Gallery is hosting artist Robert Garey in his A Retrospective exhibit

### 3pm - 4pm Beyond the Colors Coloring Group

**Where:** West Sumter Library, 180 W Wesmark Blvd, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

This adult coloring group is held the 4th Tuesday of every month. Come join us to mix and mingle with friends, both new and old, while exploring your artistic side! The Wesmark Branch is located at 180 West Wesmark Blvd.

### 4:30pm - 5:30pm Abstract Painting

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Wed Sep 27, 2023

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**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

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**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

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### 3:30pm - 4:30pm Scribbler's Writing Club

**Where:** West Sumter Library, 180 W Wesmark Blvd, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Wesmark Branch is located at 180 West Wesmark Blvd Writing doesn't have to be a solitary endeavor. Come join us to meet fellow local writers and get insight and guidance on your penned works. All levels of writing are welcome!

### 7pm - 9pm Sumter Ballroom Dance Club

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Thu Sep 28, 2023

### 10am - 6pm Robert Garey: A Retrospective Exhibit [21/35]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** The Steven F. Gately Gallery is hosting artist Robert Garey in his A Retrospective exhibit

### 12pm - 6pm Lake City Farmers Market [1/21]

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**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

### 6pm - 7pm Acrylic Painting

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**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

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Fri Sep 29, 2023

### 8am - 6pm Fall Plant & Flower Festival [1/3]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Browse and buy from local arts and crafts vendors at this undercover inside event. Free parking and admission. Food vendors will be on-site. Artisan space is still available! Call 843-665-5154 or email [dguilfoil@scda.sc.gov](mailto:dguilfoil@scda.sc.gov).

### 10am - 6pm Robert Garey: A Retrospective Exhibit [22/35]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** The Steven F. Gately Gallery is hosting artist Robert Garey in his A Retrospective exhibit

### 12pm - 5pm American Legion Farmers Market

**Where:** 2 South Artillery Drive Sumter, SC

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Come visit every Friday year-round for a great selection of locally grown fruits and vegetables, pasture-raised meats, food trucks, specialty coffee, and a varied assortment of unique arts and crafts. By shopping at the American Legion Farmers Market, you are supporting local farmers and businesses. For more detail visit [www.americanlegionfarmersmarket.com](http://www.americanlegionfarmersmarket.com)

### 5:30pm - 8:30pm Florence After Five featuring Rivermist

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Florence After 5 is Downtown's favorite award-winning block party. Held the final Friday of each month from May to September, the Florence Downtown Development Corp. hosts a FREE concert in the 100 block of S. Dargan Street between Evans and Cheves Streets in Historic Downtown Florence. Florence After Five has been awarded "Best Community Festival," "Best Place to Dance," "Best Outdoor Event," "Best Local Concert," and "Best Place for Live Music." The events run from 5:30 until 8:30 p.m. The band takes the stage at 6:00 p.m. Food and beverages are available at the event. All food and beverage sales are made via tickets, which can be purchased at the ticket booth near the Florence County Museum. Just look for the big-ticket flag! Tickets are \$1 each. Both cash and cards are accepted. Convenient event parking is available in the free City of Florence Parking Garage accessed via 150 S. Irby Street or in any available on-street spaces on W. Evans and N. Dargan Street, the SC DHEC, or the BTC parking lot.

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### 7pm - 9pm Friday Night Flicks [5/6]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Join Amazing Grace Park for a family-friendly movie! Bring a blanket and folding chair to watch a movie on the lawn. A local food truck will be onsite for dinner!

Sat Sep 30, 2023

### 8am - 6pm Fall Plant & Flower Festival [2/3]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

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### 9am - 1pm American Legion Farmers Market

**Where:** 2 S. Artillery Road, Sumter, SC

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Come visit every Saturday year-round for a great selection of locally grown fruits and vegetables, pasture-raised meats, food trucks, specialty coffee, and a varied assortment of unique arts and crafts. By shopping at the American Legion Farmers Market, you are supporting local farmers and businesses. For more details visit [www.americanlegionfarmersmarket.com](http://www.americanlegionfarmersmarket.com)

### 9am - 1pm City Center Farmer's Market

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

### 9am - 1pm Class: Birding

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Join instructor Jay Keck, SCWF's bird guide and admitted bird addict, to search for the beautiful songbirds at Moore Farms Botanical Gardens. After the walk, participants will return to the classroom for lunch\* and a presentation on birds. Jay will walk participants through identifying over a dozen bird species by ear. There will be a discussion on how to remember the songs, where you'll likely hear the birds performing them, and what visual cues you can use to identify the bird once you see it. The cacophony of sounds can be overwhelming during the spring! Let Jay help you decipher what you're hearing so your time in the woods can be even more enjoyable and productive this year! Participants are asked to please bring a bag lunch.

### 10am - 1pm HMRA Farmers Market [11/16]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** The Historic Marion Revitalization Association Farmers Market is open on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturday, March through November.

### 10:30am - 4pm Town of Coward Fall Harvest Festival

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Join the Town of Coward for a fun-filled family day with food, drinks, arts and crafts, face painting, bounce houses, a balloon artist, Bubble Guy, animals to pet, and entertainment. The event starts with a parade at 10:30 a.m.

### 2pm - 4pm Yu-Gi-Oh! Saturday Play [21/26]

**Calendar:** Florence Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:**

Join Heroes Hideout for its Yu-Gi-Oh! Saturday Play every Saturday. The entry fee is \$10. Participants receive two OTS Packs with every entry, a Double prize sport. The rounds are based on attendance. There is a Top 4 Prize payout.

### 2:30pm - 3:30pm Read To Me: Therapy Dogs

**Where:** Sumter County Library, 111 N Harvin St, Sumter, SC 29150, USA

**Calendar:** Sumter Festivals & Events

**Created by:** Eric McKnight

**Description:** Come read to our local therapy dogs. They love a good story!