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Living and creating my art here in Greenville is a dream job. I recently moved to Greenville from Stevens Point, Wisconsin where I was a working artist and part owner in an Art Gallery. With a back ground in Art Education I have dabbled in a little of everything, but found clay fit my personality best. ( anyone who knows me will tell you, I love making a mess! )

I had been working with clay for 5 year when I found my

voice as an artist. Living in Northern Wisconsin ("The Northwoods") I was surrounded by trees, so it was only natural that my work started to reflect what I was seeing around me. I would spend hours just watching trees. How they interact with the sky, the ground and with each other. Much like my tree vases. They can stand alone or group them together and see how they interact with each other. Living in Greenville, at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains, I continue to be inspired by the beauty around me. Now, I have different trees and flowers, mountains and even architecture making their way into my work. Whether it is a hike on Paris Mountain or a walk down Main Street, I couldn't be happier to be in Greenville. I am fortunate enough to have two studios here in Greenville, splitting my time between them. Most days I am at Art Crossing in Falls Park near Hall's Chop House. I make smaller pieces and glaze pieces at this location. Then I also work in the studio at the Art Cellar on North Main across from Noma Square, under Jersey Mike's. This is where I do my big pieces, more glazing and fire my work. I also teach classes at the Art Cellar. I display and sell work at both locations.



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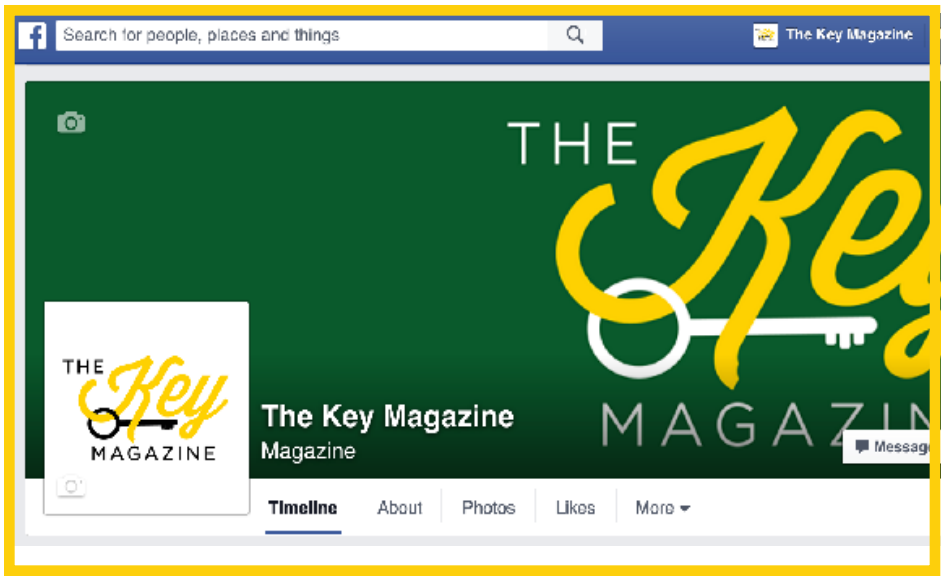
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### **Fourth Annual Campfire Social**

**October 26th @ Greenbriar Farms**

Greenbriar Farms hosts their 4th annual Campfire Social Charity Event this coming October. This event will feature food from various chefs, craft brews from around SC as well as live music by The Soulfeathers. Admission is \$75. For more information head to Greenbriar Farms’ website!

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### **Edwin McCain Live**

**September 22 @ The Peace Center**

The Peace Center hosts Greenville’s own songwriting sensation on September 22. Known for hits like “I’ll Be” and “I Could Not Ask For More,” McCain has garnered national recognition as both a pop music star and TV host. This show is sure to be an incredible one that you won’t want to miss!

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## City of Greer Food Truck Rollout

**October 19th @ 301 E Poinsett Street**

Come enjoy the beautiful fall weather in the Upstate with food trucks, tailgating games, drinks, live music and more in Greer on October 19th. A fun event for foodies and fun lovers of all ages! Please contact the City of Greer for more information.

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## Roper Mountain Holiday Lights

**November 23 - December 30 @ Roper Mountain Science Center**

An Upstate holiday tradition you surely won't want to miss, be sure to check out the Holiday Lights at the Roper Mountain Science Center. Come check out the Winter Wonderland and then drive through the marvelous light show. With a little luck you might even run into Mr. Claus!

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## Greenville Drive Baseball

### Through The Fall

Come see the Greenville Drive play at Fluor Field! A sure fire way to spend a beautiful Summer or Fall evening. Check out their website for the complete schedule and tickets! [www.GreenvilleDrive.com](http://www.GreenvilleDrive.com)

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[www.CityOfSpartanburg.org](http://www.CityOfSpartanburg.org)

## Spartanburg International Festival

**October 7th @ Downtown Spartanburg**

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[www.CityOfSpartanburg.org](http://www.CityOfSpartanburg.org)

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**TBD - December 2017 @ Downtown Spartanburg**

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# Anderson County

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[www.Clemson.edu](http://www.Clemson.edu)

## Academy Sports B.A.S.S. National Championship

### October 19 @ Green Pond Landing

The 2017 Academy Sports + Outdoors B.A.S.S. National Championship presented by Magellan will be held on South Carolina's Lake Hartwell at Green Pond Landing and Event Center on October 19-21, 2017. Come see the country's best anglers give it everything they've got!

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## Electric City Gobbler 5K

### Thanksgiving Day @ Anderson Mall

Come out to the Anderson Mall to run, walk or jog in the annual Electric City Gobbler 5k. There will also be a one mile fun run for kids! Proceeds benefit the Operation Active Kids program. Gear up for a full day of turkey and football by kicking the day off with a run! Check out Your First Flight's website for more information on the event as well as info on how to register!

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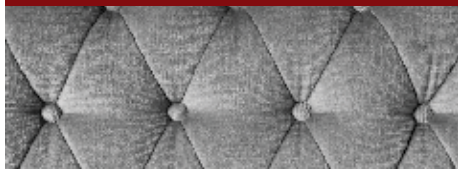
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# Pickens County

## Watercolor Artwork Show

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[www.VisitPickensCounty.com](http://www.VisitPickensCounty.com)

## Manse Jolly Rides Again

**Through November 30**

Manse Jolly Rides Again, performed at the newly renovated Hagood Community Center Auditorium through November 30, tells the story of a Confederate Soldier returning home post-Civil War. Great show for all ages! Tickets are available at the door. Visit Pickens County's website for more info on dates and times.

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## Storytelling Festival

**October 21 @ Hagood Mill**

Come out to Hagood Mill for the annual 2017 Storytelling Festival. Featuring some of the nation's best old time storytellers sharing their stories with visitors about all sorts of folks, funnies, cultures and places. Admission is \$5 at the door on the day of the festival. Check the Pickens County website for more info.

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[www.VisitPickensCounty.com](http://www.VisitPickensCounty.com)

## Ed Harrison Memorial Celtic Christmas

**December 16 @ Hagood Mill**

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**October 4th - 8th**

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[www.NPS.gov](http://www.NPS.gov)

## Strut Your Mutt

**October 28th @ Gaffney Visitors Center**

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**December 8**

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[www.YorkCountyArts.com](http://www.YorkCountyArts.com)

## **Feis Cholbhair**

**November 10th - 11th**

The Town of Clover presents the Feis Chlobhair: Highland Games & Scots-Irish Festival in November! They'll have whiskey tastings, music, food, dance and a live pipe band. What a great way to explore your own heritage or check out a new culture. For more information be sure to check out the City of Clover's website!

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## **Christmas Parade & Christmas On Limestone**

**November 30th - December 2**

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[www.ExploreAsheville.com](http://www.ExploreAsheville.com)

## Home Land Exhibit

**Daily @ Asheville Art Museum**

The Asheville Art Museum presents Home Land: a brand new exhibit that explores connections between southeastern Native artists and their ancestral homelands. Much of the works on display are from Lambert Wilson's personal collection. For more information check out Asheville's website.

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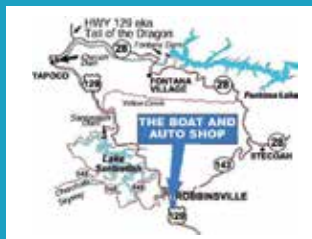
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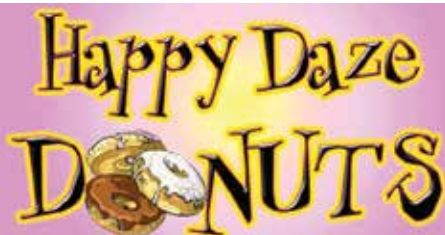


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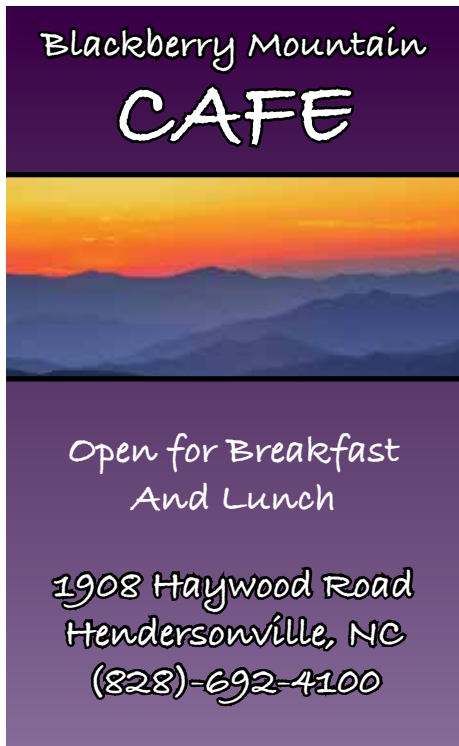
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**October 21st**

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