



Annual Historic Bluffton Arts and Seafood Festival  
October 15 - 23, 2016  
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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### **Saturday, October 15, 2016**

#### **COLLIN STOKES MEMORIAL INSHORE FISHING TOURNAMENT, 8AM**

Join us for the 2nd Annual Collin Stokes Fishing Tournament at Shelter Cove Marina, Hilton Head Island. Lines in at 8:00am; weigh-in at 5:30pm. \$125.00 per boat; prizes for largest redfish and largest trout; Captain's Meeting on Friday, October 14 at 5pm at Shelter Cove Marina Store. All proceeds to benefit Waddell Mariculture Center. For more information call Shelter Cove Marina at 843-842-7001.

**THE BLUFFTON HERITAGE DISCOVERY TOUR AND CELEBRATION 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM** Kick off the Bluffton Arts & Seafood Festival with Celebrate Bluffton's tour of historic properties. This self-paced tour is filled with stories of the remarkable people and events that have contributed to the charm and character of our Lowcountry town. Whether your Bluffton roots are just taking hold or stretch back generations, spend a few minutes with one of the guides at each location and you'll have a new appreciation of our heritage. After the tour, A Call to Action invites you to come back to the Campbell Chapel A.M.E. Church where you can enjoy a Gospel concert featuring Marlena Smalls and the Hallelujah Singers. The concert begins at 4:30pm and you're also invited to stay for dinner! An authentic Lowcountry Gullah supper will follow at 5:30pm.

Our exciting itinerary is as follows:

- 10:00am-4:00pm- self paced tour of multiple historic properties
- 4:30pm-5:30pm- Gospel concert featuring the legendary Dr. Marlena Smalls and the Hallelujah Singers
- 5:30pm-7:30pm- Authentic Lowcountry Gullah dinner with music and storytelling For further descriptions and details, [click here](#). Advance registration is strongly recommended.

Purchase tickets on the [Celebrate Bluffton website](#)

### **Sunday, October 16, 2016**

**FRIENDS OF BLUFFTON ARTISTS 5th ANNUAL INVITATIONAL LOCAL ARTIST SHOWCASE**, a celebration of exceptional handmade, original local art including oil and acrylic paintings, pottery and much, much more 11:00AM - 4:00PM [Showcase Artists](#) Musicians will entertain throughout the day on the main stage along with Bluffton School of Dance and The May River Theatre presenting songs from their performances. Art Exhibits, Music and More on Calhoun Street.

**EMPTY BOWLS 12:00 NOON – 4:00PM** A true celebration of Art & Cuisine! Join us at Jacob Preston Studio, 10 Church Street, and help feed the hungry through our donation to local food charities. Buy a handmade bowl by local potters (Brynne Bowler, Tim Holsinger, Manuel Lopez, Jacob Preston and many of Tim's students) and choose from a variety of soups to fill it. Enjoy the soup while visiting with the potters.

**BOAT PARADE ON THE MAY      BLESSING OF THE FLEET**  
**GOSPEL MUSIC                      CHURCH OF THE CROSS      4:00PM**

Bring your lawn chair, view the Boat Parade and enjoy Gospel music by Lavon Stevens on the bluff or join the parade in your own boat. Make plans now to gather at the sandbar before 3:00 PM and process to the Church of the Cross.



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OYSTER FEST, 5:00 - 8:00PM, Bluffton Oyster Factory Park First Oyster Roast of the Season, Shrimp Boil & BBQ, Live Music by Muddycreek.

**Monday, October 17, 2016**

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DINNER & LEARN TOUR at [Waddell Mariculture Center](#) 5:00PM 21 Sawmill Creek Road, Bluffton Reservations required. \$30/per person. Proceeds to Waddell Mariculture Center. Call Mary at 843-815-2472 or 843-815-2474. Join Al Stokes, Manager/Wildlife Biologist IV, as he presents what is happening at the Waddell Mariculture Center during the renovation process. Eric Horan, environmental photographer and certified master naturalist, will join Dr. Stokes in presenting his exploration of the waterways of the Low Country through his camera followed by a Crab-Pickin' and Oyster-Shuckin' Demonstration by the ladies of The Bluffton Oyster Company. Guests will benefit from the results of their hard work as a prelude to the Dinner Buffet. The buffet, catered by the Toomers, includes Gumbo 2 Ways (chicken and seafood), Caesar salad, cornbread, cookies and tea. Beer and wine will be available for purchase. A brief boat tour of the Colleton River with Captain Chris of May River Excursions will be available at no extra charge.

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MAY RIVER THEATRE HISTORICAL HAUNTED WALK, 6:00 PM AND 8:00PM Please join us for a walking GHOST TOUR of historic downtown Bluffton. Hear spooky Bluffton tales told by May River Theatre



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actors and infamous Blufftonians. Comfortable walking shoes suggested; bring your own flashlight; rain or shine; children welcome (suggested ages 8 and up). Tours begin at May River Theatre, Bluffton Town Hall, Ulmer Auditorium, 20 Bridge Street. \$25.00 per person. For reservations go to [www.mayrivertheatre.com](http://www.mayrivertheatre.com).

### **Wednesday, October 19, 2016**

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**AUTHOR NIGHT - "CELEBRATE THE RICH HISTORY & CULTURE OF THE LOWCOUNTRY THROUGH PAT CONROY'S WRITINGS"** Join us for an unforgettable evening of tribute to Beaufort's own Pat Conroy, the Lowcountry's greatest claim to literary fame. In conversation will be celebrated authors Cassandra King Conroy, Conroy's wife; Ellen Malphrus, Conroy's protégée; and Bernie Schein, Conroy's closest friend. This promises to be an exceptional opportunity for readers to engage with writers who were influenced by the renowned Conroy, not only as an author but also as a husband, mentor, and friend. 5:30PM Complimentary hors d'oeuvres provided by Southern Spice Catering and Events; 6:00PM Showtime, at the Rotary Community Center at Oscar Frazier Park (11 Recreation Court Bluffton SC 29910). Cost: \$15.00 donations accepted, proceeds to the Waddell Mariculture Center. Book sale and signing. Reservations required: call Mary at 843-815-2472 or 843-815-2474.

### **Thursday, October 20, 2016**

**WINE TASTING** 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Enjoy this culinary event at The Oyster Bar located in The Promenade at 15 State of Mind Street. 10 premium wines perfectly paired with seafood hors d'oeuvres. \$20.00 per person; advance reservations only. Call Jimmy at 843-338-8129.

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**PRIVATE ISLAND VIP OYSTER ROAST & BOAT EXCURSION, 3:00PM - 6:00PM**

Little Jack Rowe Island in conjunction with May River Excursions will be hosting an Oyster Roast of May River oysters on Little Jack Rowe Island. \$50.00 per person, includes boat taxi to and from Little Jack. Reservations only at 843-684-3296.

**Saturday, October 22, 2016**

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**10K ROAD RACE & 5K FUN RUN** 8:00AM – 10:30AM Bluffton Oyster Factory Park. Join us for a run through Old Town Bluffton with scenic river and marsh views. Compete in a fast-paced 10K or complete the 5K with the entire family! Both events will be professionally chip timed.

**CHILDREN'S FISHING TOURNAMENT, BLUFFTON OYSTER CO.** 10:00AM –12:30PM Register between 10:00 - 10:30AM at The Bluffton Oyster Company. Weigh-In at 12:30PM at the Bluffton Oyster Company. There is no fee. Prizes will be awarded.

**ART & SEAFOOD STREET FEST** 10:00AM – 5:00PM **HISTORIC DISTRICT BLUFFTON** **FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY** Enjoy our juried art show featuring over 100 local and regional artists from 10 different states, displaying an array of fine art: oils, pastels, acrylics, photography, pottery, ceramics, water color and



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much, much more. Local seafood and low country cuisine served by area restaurants. Cherish our Waterways and Low Country Environmental Exhibits. History of Bluffton at The Heyward House Museum and Welcome Center.

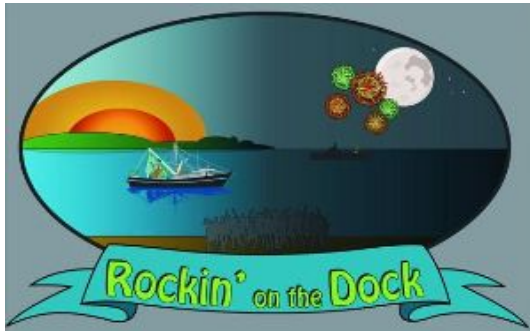
**MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT** Presented by Mike Reichenbach Chevrolet Favorite bands will entertain on three stages throughout the day.

Main Stage: Native 10:00AM - 12:20 PM  
B Town Playaz 12:45PM - 2:30PM  
Spike Ivory 3:00PM - 5:00PM  
Stage 2: Mike Korbar 10:00AM - 11:30AM  
Jeff Merrill 12:00PM - 2:30PM  
Lee Tyler Post 2:45PM - 5:00PM  
Stage 3: Jordan Ross 10:00AM - 12:15PM  
John Emil 12:45PM - 2:15PM  
Craig Coyne 2:30PM - 5:00PM

**ART IN THE PARK** 10:00AM – 5:00PM DuBois Park on Boundary Street

Presented by Sea Smiles Pediatric Dentistry Children's art activities under the pavilion with SOBA. Visit the stations around the pavilion and create your very own masterpiece. Prizes, games, pirates, fun and much, much more for the budding artists of all ages.

Family oriented magic show with Gary Maurer 1:00PM  
**ROCKIN' ON THE DOCK** 6:00PM - DUSK BLUFFTON OYSTER CO.  
Presented by Vaux & Marscher PA Law Firm



Seafood Extravaganza Tasting Live music by Gary Byrd and the Outlaws Fireworks at Dusk End the full day of activities with a grand finale. Eat great local seafood and watch the fireworks for a night to remember!

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Julie Gribble 1:45PM - 4:00PM

Stage 2: Angela Easterling 11:00AM - 1:00PM

Gary Pratt 1:30PM - 4:00PM

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The "ART OF CUISINE" IRON CHEF CHALLENGE in Neptune's Galley.

12:00PM-2:00PM. Join the fun and watch top chefs from the area compete to create the best seafood dishes.

**JUST FOR KIDS RACE, 2:00PM, BLUFFTON OYSTER FACTORY PARK**

Bring the children to race a modified "Kiddie Pool" at the Oyster Company Park landing. All participants are required to bring their own life jacket. No charge; sponsored by Marshgrass Adventures. For more information call Eric at 843-684-3296.

**PADDLESPORTS PARADE, 5:00 PM, BLUFFTON OYSTER FACTORY PARK**

The last event of the festival. Bring your own kayak and/or paddle board and meet other local paddling enthusiasts. Dress up your vessel, wear a costume or just come as you are. For more information call Eric at 843-684-3296.

No Parking in Downtown Bluffton on Saturday, the 22nd, and Sunday, the 23rd. Free Shuttles provided by our sponsor, Old Town Trolley Tours, from Red Cedar Elementary (Bluffton Parkway to Red Cedar Street). Saturday, 10/22: 10:00AM - 9:00PM Sunday, 10/23: 10:00AM – 5:00PM For more information 843-757-BLUF (2583)