

Old Town News ~ June 2008



Look at what's happening in Historic Old Town!

Ecclesia Construction Relocates to Main Street

Ecclesia Construction Company, LLC has relocated from its former downtown location on Caldwell Street to a more prominent spot on East Main Street. Ecclesia offers both pre-construction and construction services, including planning; design build/team build services; general contracting; and construction management. Ecclesia is known for its Charrette process. According to the website, a Charrette is "a series of meetings and design sessions facilitating creative problem solving in design and estimating to achieve a client's goals in an untraditional accelerated timeframe."

Led by Jeff Whittle, President and Manager, the Ecclesia team is committed to educating clients on finance, design, and construction processes, as well as discussing their options for material and building components, so they can make informed decisions about their projects. For more information, please contact Ecclesia Construction Company, LLC at (803) 327-5670 or visit the website: www.ecclesiaconstruction.com

Old Town Outfitters: "Because You'd Rather Be Outside"

Old Town Outfitters has celebrated its 5th anniversary! It has also introduced a new motto: "Because You'd Rather Be Outside." Since April of 2003, owners David Shook, Denise Shook, and Bonna Shook have been helping people enjoy the outdoors by selling quality outdoor products from their downtown location. Such products include kayaks and paddles; backpacking and hiking gear; and disc golf equipment and accessories. The store also recently became an authorized dealer for Coleman camping products. In addition, Old Town Outfitters offers outdoor hats and clothing for the entire family, including an expanded selection of items from the popular Life is Good product line.

Old Town Outfitters is located at 153 E. White Street, on the corner of E. White Street and Oakland Avenue. It is now open seven days per week: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 10:00am to 7:00pm; Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10:00am to 5:00pm; and Sundays from 1:30pm to 5:00pm. For more information, please contact (803) 324-9133 or visit the website: www.theoutdoorstorewithmore.com

Historical Marker Honors Black and Hampton

On Thursday, May 15th, the City of Rock Hill, along with the Culture and Heritage Museums, held a ceremony downtown to dedicate the Black Plantation/Hampton Rally Historical Marker, in honor of Alexander Templeton Black and Wade Hampton.

Black, one of Rock Hill's founders, formerly owned a 448 $\frac{1}{2}$ acre cotton plantation spanning the area now known as downtown. Wanting to establish a town here, Black created and sold 23 lots along a new Main Street; and he allowed the railroad to use some of his land. He was a business-savvy man who helped build Rock Hill into the city we know today. In his honor, Church Street was eventually renamed Black Street.

Hampton, a former Civil War general, ran for governor in 1876. After a rally was held in Rock Hill, political support turned in his favor. The vote in York County and the Upstate was critical to his victory in the election. Hampton Street was named in his honor.

The Black Plantation/Hampton Rally Historical Marker is located downtown, on the corner of Black Street and Hampton Street.

Spotlight on an Old Town Establishment

Each month, the Old Town News highlights a business that is already established in Historic Old Town as a reminder of the many services and products available in this area.

June's spotlight is on...

***SOUTHERN CONSIGNMENT ***



Southern Consignment is a store "specializing in antiques, fine home furnishings, and accessories." On any given day, a variety of items are available for purchase. Such items include desks, china cabinets, hutches, small occasional tables, dressers, lamps, dining room furniture, mirrors, artwork, and more.

Owners Jack and Sherilyn Anderson opened Southern Consignment in Old Town back in January of 2007. In addition to offering unique, vintage home furnishings and decor for sale, the Andersons invite the public to bring items to consign. Items are accepted during business hours on a space-available basis, provided that the Andersons believe they will sell within a sensible period of time. Southern Consignment is known for selling quality antique furniture at reasonable prices.

Southern Consignment located at 411 Oakland Avenue. It is open every Tuesday through Thursday from 10:00am to 6:00pm; and every Friday and Saturday from 10:00am to 5:00pm. It is also open on various Mondays; please call before coming on a Monday. For more information, call (803) 366-0525 or visit the website: www.southernconsignment.net

JUNE EVENTS

Main Street Live

On **Thursday, June 5th from 5:30pm to 9:30pm**, Main Street Live will be held on Main Street. This fun street party is complete with food vendors, live bands, and a children's activity area. Photo identification is required to purchase an adult beverage wristband. Main Street Live is sponsored by the York County Regional Chamber of Commerce. For more information, visit the website: www.yorkcountychamber.com

30 Small Works: New Show Opening at Gallery Up

Gallery Up is a store, gallery, and custom frame shop operated by local artists. It is located at 201 E. Main Street. Gallery Up is open every Monday through Saturday from 10:00am to 5:00pm. Art can also be viewed and purchased online.

From **Thursday, June 19th through Friday, July 18th**, Gallery Up will feature 30 Small Works, a national juried exhibition of arts and crafts measuring 20 inches or less. These works include a diverse collection of paintings, videos, experimental jewelry, and ceramics. The 30 Works that will be on display represent 24 individual artists, 12 of which are from the Rock Hill/Charlotte area. They were selected from more than 200 works that were submitted by more than 90 artists. This inaugural exhibition was juried by Shaun Cassidy, accomplished artist and Winthrop University Fine Arts professor.

The art featured in the exhibition will be available for purchase. Openings will be held on **Thursday, June 19th and on Thursday, July 17th from 6:00pm to 9:00pm**. Gallery Up events are free and open to the public. For more information, call (803) 980-5355 or visit the website: www.galleryup.com

Art Crawl

On **Thursday, June 19th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm**, an Art Crawl will be held downtown. Artists will be displaying and selling their works outside along Main Street, as well as in the Gettys Center and in the Center for the Arts. Musical entertainment will be provided by The Professionals in front of the Gettys Center and by the Old Town Drum Circle in front of the York County Regional Chamber of Commerce building. A trolley will also be running between Main Street and New South Interiors, which is the newest business to relocate to The Cotton Factory on Chatham Avenue.

Photography Exhibition

From now until Saturday, June 28th, the 4th Annual Photography Competition Exhibition is on display at the Center for the Arts' Dalton Gallery, which is located at 121 E. Main Street. The opening reception and awards presentation will be held on **Thursday, June 19th at 6:00pm**. For more information, visit the website: www.yorkcountyarts.org

Glencairn 50th Anniversary Kick-Off Event

On **Sunday, June 22nd** from **3:00p to 5:00pm**, the City of Rock Hill and its Parks, Recreation, and Tourism department will be holding a Glencairn Garden 50th Anniversary Kick-Off Event. This event will include music, as well as a brief program reflecting on the history of the Garden and its significance to Rock Hill. It marks the beginning of a celebration that will last all year, as Glencairn Garden will be under construction this year in keeping with the Glencairn Garden Master Plan. In the spring of 2009, a 50th Anniversary Grand Finale Event will showcase the enhancements made to Glencairn Garden with a weekend of garden seminars, children's activities, concerts, and more. For additional information, call (803) 329-5620.



**Mark Your Calendar For This
Upcoming Old Town Event!**

Red, White, & BOOM!

Thursday, July 3rd from 5:30pm to 10:00pm

Rock Hill's annual Independence Day festival will be held downtown in the City Hall Plaza. During this festival, food and beverage vendors will be selling everything from cotton candy to ice cream and barbeque to beer. Photo identification will be required to purchase an adult beverage wristband.

Music by Heavy Sandwich will begin at 5:30pm, followed by Sticky Fingers, a Rolling Stones tribute band. For children, the festival will include face painting, as well as inflatables in the Black Street parking lot. Red, White, and BOOM! will conclude with a spectacular fireworks display at 9:30pm.

Suggestions for articles for Old Town News are welcome!

If your organization or business is located in Old Town (downtown Rock Hill or the 1 ½ -mile radius surrounding it) and you are planning any activities/events, please let us know. We will make every effort to highlight your events in Old Town News. If your organization or business is *not* located in Old Town, we would still be happy to highlight your events if they will be held in this area. If you would like to have a map of the Old Town boundaries, please send your request to the e-mail address below.

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