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# SC Farm Fun



## Agritourism Events

### May 2019 Newsletter

Thank you for signing up for our monthly newsletter to keep you informed about SC Agritourism Events.

**Agritourism** is agriculture based activities that brings people to farms, ranches, or other agricultural settings. Visit [www.SCAgritourism.org](http://www.SCAgritourism.org) to find out more about SC Agritourism.

Be sure to visit [www.SCFarmFun.org](http://www.SCFarmFun.org) to plan your next fun adventure on the farm, home grown only in South Carolina!

Like the South Carolina Agritourism [Facebook](#) page.

### May Events:

#### ArtFields

4/26/19 – 5/4/19

9-day event features 400+ Southeastern artists, live music, food, and tons of warm hospitality. ArtFields will award \$140,000 in prize money during our April 26 - May 4, 2019 art competition and festival in Lake City, South Carolina. Accepted artists are invited to exhibit their work in one of the historic downtown Lake City venues for nine days. Venues include everything from a former mercantile to an historic barbershop. Our nontraditional setting makes for an unforgettable experience. Winners are determined by popular choice and juried panel. Cast your vote by joining us in Lake City! Admission is FREE

Lake City \* SC

<https://www.artfieldssc.org/>

#### South Carolina Strawberry Festival

4/26/19 – 5/4/19

The South Carolina Strawberry Festival is Fort Mill's welcome to spring where you will spend the week enjoying the sweet taste of our homegrown sun-kissed strawberries. This year we are celebrating our 10th Anniversary! Join us in beautiful historic Fort Mill, SC from April 26th to May 4th for an exciting week of the sweetest strawberries in the south! Admission is FREE

Fort Mill \* SC

803-547-2116

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

[info@scstrawberryfestival.com](mailto:info@scstrawberryfestival.com)

## **Greenville Spring Plant & Flower Festival**

5/2/19 - 5/5/19

Thursday – Saturday 8am – 6pm

Sunday 10am – 4pm

Spring is really here! It's time to enjoy the beauty of nature and get our lawns and gardens ready for the spring and summer seasons. There's no better place to find all you will need than at the annual Spring Plant & Flower Festival. A vast selection of colorful spring flowers and plants will cover the landscape. The festival is also a great place to get other useful products and helpful information on many topics of interest to gardeners and consumers...

Greenville State Farmers Market • 1354 Rutherford Road • Greenville \* SC

[asummerall@scda.sc.gov](mailto:asummerall@scda.sc.gov)

864-244-4023

<https://agriculture.sc.gov/divisions/agency-operations/state-farmers-markets/plant-and-flower-festivals/>

## **36<sup>th</sup> Annual Johnston Peach Blossom Festival**

5/2/19 – 5/4/19

9am – 4pm

A celebration held in the Town of Johnston to coincide with the blooming of peach trees. Includes Entertainment, Parade, Food Concessions, Arts and Crafts, Pageant, and Rides.

Downtown Johnston \* SC

<https://johnstondevelopmentcorp.org/events/peach-blossom-festival/>

## **Black Cowboy Festival 2019**

5/2/19 – 5/4/19

10am – 9pm

Rodeo events, Music, documentary's, food vendors and much more.

Greenfield Farms \* 4585 Spencer Rd \* Rembert \* SC

803-499-9658

[www.blackcowboyleftival.net](http://www.blackcowboyleftival.net)

## **Clemson Farmers Market 5th Annual Healthy Living Expo**

5/2/19

3 – 6pm

The Clemson Farmers Market is gearing up for a busy 2019 Season. 25+ vendors selling fresh, locally grown produce, farm products, specialty foods, and handmade arts and crafts. Many vendors will be offering product samples and demonstrating their crafting skills. Cooking demos & tastings provided by Val & Katie from Friends Farm and Catering. Music at the Market featuring local favorites Amongst the Trees. FREE bike safety checks compliments of Sweet Tea Cycles. Giant inflatable slide for the kids.

20+ vendors from area businesses and organizations offering information, demonstrations, products, and hands-on activities that support healthy living, wellness, and quality of life. Watch a demo, register for classes, check out programs & services in our area, enjoy healthy food samples & recipes, and much, much more. For the Market's schedule, directions and vendor information visit, or general information contact Kathi Dimmock, Market Manager, at [kathi.dimmock@att.net](mailto:kathi.dimmock@att.net) or 864-654-3918.

Village Green at Patrick Square \* Clemson \* SC

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

[facebook.com/clemsonfarmersmarket](https://www.facebook.com/clemsonfarmersmarket)

## **Sheep Shearing Day**

5/4/19

10am- 5pm

Come experience a working farm to see wool go from sheep to shawl! Many other farm activities such as Border Collie & Labrador demos, knitters, spinners & weavers, soap making, saw & grist mills, bluegrass music and so much more! The black smith will fire up the forge, DNR's fishing simulator, colonial cooking, samplings of meats & other farm products. Get your SC Agritourism passport stamped!

Concessions will be available. And be sure to bring a cooler to shop the Farm Store & take-home farm fresh meats and other local products!

Old McCaskill's Farm \* 377 Cantey Lane \* Rembert \* SC

[oldmccaskillsfarm@gmail.com](mailto:oldmccaskillsfarm@gmail.com)

803-600-3980

<http://www.oldmccaskillfarm.com>

## 2019 Strawberry Festival

5/4/19

11am – 4pm

There will be entertainment, Art & Craft Vendors, Food vendors, and of course, STRAWBERRIES! Hosted by Strawberry Festival and Country Fair. Featuring Georgia's Tea Room serving homemade strawberry shortcake, storyteller, magic shows, beach music, and, of course, good ole' family entertainment. All on the beautiful grounds of Slater Hall. (<http://www.slaterhallsc.org/>) This event supports the efforts of Foothills Family Resources, a health and community welfare organization serving northern Greenville county by moving people from crisis to self-sufficiency.

Slater Hall Community Center \* 5 Whitney St \* Slater \* SC

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

## McLeod Farms Annual Strawberry Festival

5/4/19

Family grown, family owned. McLeod Farms is famous in McBee, South Carolina, for its juicy peaches, but their strawberries are a sweet-tasting delight that you can't ignore. Every May, families have a blast picking fresh strawberries and eating strawberry-inspired desserts including ice cream and shortcake. Hopefuls can enter their best strawberry dessert recipe in a tasty contest and children can expend their energy on bouncy inflatables.

McLeod Farms \* 25455 US-1 \* McBee \* SC

843-335-8335

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

## May Harvest Dinner

5/7/19

6:30 – 9:30pm

Join us for a harvest feast at City Roots farm. Be prepared for a family style, four-course farm to table dinner featuring seasonal ingredients from local farmers and artisans. Enjoy a

welcome cocktail by Bourbon and wine pairings by Advintage. Tickets are \$75.

City Roots \* 1005 Airport Boulevard \* Columbia \* SC

[www.f2tproductions.com/events](http://www.f2tproductions.com/events)

## Mini Paint Classes

5/11/19

9:30 – 11:45am

Just in time for Mother's Day! Art of Life Studio is hosting 2 mini-paint classes at the Kershaw County Farmers Market. Two sessions: Sunflower 9:30-10:15 a.m. Birds Nest 11-11:45 a.m. Each session only \$15 per person, 12"x12" pre-drawn canvas. Tickets must be pre-purchased. All ticket purchasers receive a carnation. Sunflower tickets -

<https://www.facebook.com/events/617517738674766/> and Birds Nest tickets -

<https://www.facebook.com/events/317350202309854/>

Kershaw County Farmers Market \* 906 Broad St \* Camden \* SC

## MAY FARM DAY

5/11/19

9am – 1pm

Hopefully rain won't dampen this Farm Day and we can all have some down on the farm fun and shopping. Multiple Artisans, Farms and Animals to see. Cibi Cibi Food Truck will be here. Stop by and grab some lunch!!! Fort Lawn Fire Department is going to try and bring a truck for the kids to see...of course emergencies come first. We'll have games for the kiddos---corn hole--connect four and more.

Thames Farm \* 3510 Catawba River Rd \* Fort Lawn \* SC

803-323-7789

[thamesvet@truvista.net](mailto:thamesvet@truvista.net)

## Spring into Summer Fest

5/11/19

9am-3pm

Find a fresh new Mother's Day gift from local artisans and bakers; get your garden plants and your fresh vegetables; select from an array of pasture-raised meats; enjoy live music, local ice cream, and custom sandwiches made from market ingredients.

City Center Farmers Market \* 369 West Cheves Street \* Florence \* SC

843-665-2047

[jpeze@cityofflorence.com](mailto:jpeze@cityofflorence.com)

## **Veterans Harvest Dinner**

5/14/19

6:30– 9:30pm

Join us for a special dinner cooked by Veteran chefs to benefit the Veteran Farmers Coalition and the Saratoga WarHorse Foundation. Chefs Kristian Niemi (Army - Bourbon and Farm to Table Event Company, Brandon Velie (Marines - Juniper) and many more veteran chefs will prepare a special four-course menu made from ingredients sourced from veteran-owned farms. Beer and wine is included.

The Farmer Veteran Coalition assists veterans in farming through various programs and initiatives across the nation. \$85 per person. Veterans may attend for free (seats limited).

City Roots \* 1005 Airport Boulevard \* Columbia \* SC

[www.f2tproductions.com/events](http://www.f2tproductions.com/events)

## **Twin Creeks Lavender 1st Annual U pick**

5/16, 5/17, 5/24, 5/25, 5/31, 6/1, 6/7, 6/8, 6/14, 6/15

9am – 3pm

Twin Creeks Lavender is excited to announce the dates of our 2019 U pick season...May 16th, 17th, 24th, 25th, 31st, June 1st, 7th, 8th, 14th, and 15th from 9am-3pm. Pre-registered tickets on Eventbrite are \$5 per person. Children 5 & under and adults 65 & older get in free. If space is available walk-ups are \$6, so reserve your spot now. Please visit [www.twincreekslavender.com](http://www.twincreekslavender.com) for rules and regulations of our U pick season dates.

Twin Creeks Lavender \* 4638 Midway Road, \* Williamston \* SC

864-940-1684

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

## **May Days Lecture, Plant Sale, and BBQ!**

5/17/19 & 5/18/19

8:30am – 3:30pm

Join us for our annual May Days event! Most activities below will happen at the same times

on both May 17th and May 18th.

Guest Speaker (SATURDAY ONLY): 10:30AM-noon, \$10 per person. Great Gardens of the US: What We Can See, Learn, and Apply in our Own Gardens by Bryce Lane.

Plant Sale (Friday and Saturday): Want to add some additions to your landscape Looking for that WOW factor Our plant sale is for you! The plant sale will feature many varieties of choice, hard-to-find and unusual plants. Our staff horticulturists will be able to assist you with any questions and we only sell what we believe in, so every plant is a winner.

Free Garden Open (Friday and Saturday): Enjoy FREE self-guided exploration of the grounds from 8:30AM to 3:30PM each day. You can walk leisurely through the garden, enjoying the nature and photographing your experience.

Lunch by Schoolhouse BBQ (Friday and Saturday) For only \$8 if you preregister and \$10 on the day of, there will be a delicious BBQ lunch served from Schoolhouse BBQ.

Moore Farms Botanical Garden \* 100 New Zion Rd \* Lake City \* SC

<https://www.facebook.com/moorefarmsbg/>

<http://moorefarmsbg.org/>

## **Outdoor Adventures for Girl Scouts**

5/18/19

8am – 3pm

An Outdoor Farm Adventure open to all levels of Girl Scouts. Activities at both farms to earn the Outdoor Art Badge and a fun patch at the strawberry patch. Troop leaders, please contact Alicia at Carolina Pride Pastures to schedule your arrival time. Arrival times begin at 8 am with the last arrival time at 3. The tour of the two farms will take between 2-3 hours.

Carolina Pride Pastures \* 1416 SC Highway 34 \* Pomaria \* SC

803-480-3750

[Alicia@ccpastures.com](mailto:Alicia@ccpastures.com)

## **Farm, Fitness, Fun**

5/18/19

9 – 11:30am

We are excited to share our farm with all of you in this special program!

Adults will have a chance to participate in a yoga class, while children can participate in farm activities hosted by a certified teacher. Yoga class begins at 9:30 am and ends at 10:30.

Everyone will have time to enjoy the farm during this event. After class you will be able to wander the farm, visit with the animals, see what is growing in the garden, and do some fun shopping in the farm store!

Hard Earth Farm \* 145 Red oak Road \* Modoc\* SC

706-836-6924

[hardearthfarms@gmail.com](mailto:hardearthfarms@gmail.com)

## **La Belle Amie Vineyard**

May 2019

Afternoon music (weather permitting) on every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. There is no admission fee for those days.

BELOW IS A LIST OF ADMISSION SATURDAYS: Admission is reduced by \$2 if you bring 2 canned/dry good food items for the area food bank. Inclement weather may cause a last-minute postponement or cancellation, so check the website or call prior to coming out for an event. All events are on Saturday from 12 noon to 5pm.

May 4- Key West Fest (\$10)

May 11- May Day Saturday (\$5)

May 18- Oldies Music Saturday (\$5)

May 25- Memorial Day Saturday (\$7)

La Belle Amie Vineyard \* 1120 Saint Joseph Road \* Little River \* SC

843-399-9463 (WINE)

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

## **Iris Festival**

5/25/19 - 5/28/19

Sumter's Iris Festival is South Carolina's oldest continuous festival and is consistently ranked among the top festivals in the Southeast. The festival includes concerts, arts & crafts, plants & flowers, antique & classic car shows, a number of contests and lots of children's activities. The fun begins the evening before the festival, with the annual "Crowning of The King & Queen" followed by the "Taste at the Gardens", featuring great music and great food from some of the area's leading restaurants and caterers.

Iris Festival (held annually on Memorial Day Weekend) Hours:

- Thursday 6 - 9pm
- Friday & Saturday 10am - 6pm
- Sunday 10am - 5pm



Swan Lake Iris Garden \* Sumter \* SC

<https://www.sumtersc.gov/irisfestival>

## **Blythewood DOKO Rodeo**

5/31/19 – 6/1/19

Rodeo 7:30pm gates open 5:30pm

Come early for best seats, food & fun. Mechanical bull & pony rides. 8 pro events: Bull riding, Broncs, Barrel racing steer wrestling, Cowgirl breakaway & more. National celebrity funnyman Matt Merritt. Tickets available at the gate Adults \$16. Youth (6-12) \$8. Buckaroos 5 & under free!! Free parking.

Community Park Arena \* 311 Blythewood Road \* Blythewood \* SC 29016

<https://blythewoodrodeo.com/>

[info@blythewoodrodeo.com](mailto:info@blythewoodrodeo.com)

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