



Upcoming Events



Laurinburg Rings in the Season



Come celebrate the Christmas season in Laurinburg, NC

### Entertaining out-of-town guests

As the end of this year finally rolls around, the holidays will bring friends and family together...all be it with social distancing in mind. Once everyone has "caught up," the conversation will turn to, "what should we do today?" – So some thoughts.

In exploring our community, we would suggest visiting locations which showcase and celebrate our heritage. From the Scottish Heritage Center to the John Blue House, to the Old Laurel Hill Church, several locales present our history wonderfully.

To start, migrate to the corner of Church Street and Main Street and our historic downtown. Here you will find the Art Garden. This community space is home of a rotating art gallery, whose components are all recycled materials salvage from the county. During the Christmas Season the space is also the home of the town's Christmas tree.

As you look down Main Street, you will see a whole series of Christmas trees in-place for the Holidays. Each tree is decorated by an individual or group/business, with various themes and traditions.



Throughout the Downtown area you will find the stores decorated and stocked with gifts for all. Additionally, you will see the series of wreaths that have been purchased in memory, or to celebrate those that cannot join us.

From downtown, we would suggest you then take in the following: Start at the North Carolina Rural Heritage Center and the John Blue House. The house and grounds are a reflection of living in the rural Carolinas in the 19th century.



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A magnificent example of Steamboat Gothic architecture, the century-old John Blue House provides a glimpse into an important part of Scotland County's past—the culture of the rural Carolinas. John Blue, Sr. built the house entirely of heart of pine lumber from trees on the grounds.

The home, is the centerpiece of a collection of post Civil War homesteads telling the story of a different time in the region. The John Blue House is currently under restoration, but you can still follow a cell-phone tour while on the grounds.

Located across the street from the John Blue house is the Museum of Agriculture and History. Formally the Museum of Scotland County, the exhibits range from farm equipment, to automobiles, to early textile machines that Mr. Blue helped invent.

Sharing the building is the Indian Museum of the Carolinas. This museum, highlights artifacts not just of the Lumbee tribe, but Native American artifacts from around the country.



The Rural Heritage Center including the John Blue House is managed by the Scotland County Historic Properties and they can assist in making sure you get the most out of your visit. They are under "winter hours" so please call ahead: **{910} 277-2456**

From Rural Heritage we would head to the Scottish Heritage Center. Located on the campus of St. Andrews University, the Center provides insight into the settling of the area by Highland Scots. Bill Caudill is the director and can provide more insight than I ever could. You can contact Bill by email at **bill@sa.edu**.



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From there I would give you a few options: One is Cypress Bend Vineyards. Owned by Dan and Tina Smith, the vineyard features 11 different muscadine table wines, a malbec and a cabernet sauvignon – all at a sprawling farm that has been family-owned since 1807. The grounds are beautiful and the vineyard is open for tastings and tours. They also hold Jazzy Fridays every week.

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

The second stop is the St Andrews Equestrian Center. The Center is world-renowned for the quality of its mounts and its riders. Numerous events and competitions are held each year. The Equestrian Center is open by appointment and there are stands for spectators to watch practice. Contact the Center for more specific information.

**{910} 276-7771**

Finally, take advantage of our connection with the Golden Knights Parachute Team. These Army daredevils practice out at the old Maxton Airport and civilians are welcome to watch them as they “return to earth.” Practice is held most days from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

[www.goarmy.com/events/golden-knights](http://www.goarmy.com/events/golden-knights)



There is truly something for everyone in Scotland County and so many things of which we all can be proud to show off to our visiting family and friends. For more information on these and other tourism attractions visit [www.visitnc-soul.com](http://www.visitnc-soul.com).

We hope you have a safe and Happy Holidays. We will see you after the New Year!!



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## Laurinburg Welcomes Our Visitors

The City of Laurinburg and Scotland County look forward to welcoming you to our community and showing our Southern hospitality. For more information on where to stay, please visit the Scotland County Tourism Web site at [www.visitnc-soul.com](http://www.visitnc-soul.com)

### Hotels

<b>Comfort Inn</b>	910-277-7788	<b>Pine Acres Lodge</b>	910-276-1531
<b>Hampton Inn</b>	910-277-1516	<b>Scotland Inn</b>	910-276-0632
<b>Holiday Inn Express</b>	910-291-3300	<b>Oasis RV Park</b>	910-266-8372
<b>Quality Inn</b>	910-277-0080		

### Casual Dining

<b>Captain Larry's Seafood House</b>	910-276-1880
<b>Fore's Family Restaurant</b>	910-506-2112
<b>Jerry's Deli and Grill</b>	910-266-9020
<b>Mi Casita Restaurante Mexicano</b>	910-276-0032
<b>Southernway Restaurant</b>	910-607-4057
<b>The Main Table</b>	910-361-4273
<b>Wooly McDuff's Neighborhood Grille</b>	910-276-6632

### Quick Serve Dining

<b>Golden Corral</b>	910-277-1620	<b>Golden Run</b>	910-277-7734
<b>Greek Village</b>	910-277-7700	<b>Jin Jin Chinese Food</b>	910-277-1616
<b>Smithfield's Bar-B-Q</b>	910-266-870	<b>Little Fuji Grill</b>	910-277-9922
<b>Zaxby's</b>	910-266-8700	<b>Miyako</b>	910-506-4081
<b>Huddle House</b>	910-610-4100	<b>Taki Japanese Restaurant</b>	910-291-9908
<b>Waffle House</b>	910-277-9259	<b>Jesse's Pizza &amp; Hot Sub</b>	910-277-8538
<b>China Garden</b>	910-266-8885	<b>Pizza Inn</b>	910-276-6565