

High Country Regional Visitor Center
UPCOMING EVENTS
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WEEKLY EVENTS

AFTERNOON ART CLUB

Every Tuesday, 3:30 – 4:30 pm

Blowing Rock Art & History Museum

Children ages 6 to 10 years of age are invited to join us at the Museum for creative art-making activities. Participants will find inspiration from current exhibitions and will introduce them to different art mediums, from watercolor to clay.

Registration is required. Email Jennifer@BlowingRockMuseum.org

DOODLEBUG CLUB

Every Thursday, 10:30-11:30am & 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Blowing Rock Art & History Museum

Preschool-age children and a parent/guardian are invited to Doodlebug Club -- a fun, educational art program focused on basic art skills (holding your paintbrush, identifying primary colors, etc.) while introducing children to different art media, from watercolor to clay. After clean-up it is storytime! This program is a great way to introduce your child to art and meet other children and parents. \$5 Space is limited, reservation required. email: jennifer@blowingrockmuseum.org or call 828-295-9099

WEEKLY FREE LIVE MUSIC

Nightly throughout the High Country

Find live bluegrass, country and modern music nightly on our list of free live music.

Visit: highcountryhost.com/NC-High-Country-FREE-Music

FARMERS MARKETS

Every Tues, Thurs & Saturday throughout the High Country

Find fresh fruit, veggies, meats, pastas, breads and more! Some markets feature craft vendors, food trucks, live music and children activities. View the complete list at: highcountryhost.com/High-Country-Farmers-Markets

VALLE CRUCIS PARK BIRDWALK

Every Wednesday, 8:30am – 10:30am

Join the High Country Audubon Society for a bird walk at Valle Crucis Community Park every Wednesday. Enjoy an opportunity to see our beautiful birds in the area in a walk led by one of your community members. These walks will start on April 3rd and end on October 30th, 2019.

MUSIC ON THE LAWN

Free outdoor concerts **every Friday** evening, 5:30 – 8:30, weather permitting! Enjoy classic country, blues, bluegrass, and other genres in an always-changing lineup. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket. Drinks and snacks available.

Inn At Ragged Gardens, Blowing Rock

ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE- MEET THE ARTISTS

The Blowing Rock Historical Society will present the 11th Annual Artists in Residence at Edgewood Cottage this summer. The doors to Edgewood Cottage will swing open again to welcome 31 new and returning artists. These artists will display their art in a studio setting for 16 weeks. Each week, visitors will meet different artists working in a variety of media, including oils, watercolor, photography, collage, sculpture, furniture-making, and pottery. Because of the variety of art, visitors can often find art for every interest and budget. Admission to the Cottage is free.

For the schedule, see <https://www.artistsatedgewood.org/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

RED, WHITE & BLUEGRASS

Tues, July 16, 6pm, American Legion Hall, Blowing Rock
Enjoy live bluegrass music from the area's best performers!

HORN IN THE WEST

Tuesday – Sunday, 8 pm, Horn in the West Theatre, Boone

Horn in the West is our nation's longest-running Revolutionary War outdoor drama. The play brings to life the story of the hardy pioneers who, with the help of famed frontiersman, Daniel Boone, and Cherokee allies, settled in the Blue Ridge wilderness as they sought freedom from British tyranny. Loved by young and old alike, the *Horn in the West* drama is located in the heart of Boone, North Carolina in one of the most beautiful outdoor theaters in the country. This adventure has offered thrilling outdoor entertainment to generations of Americans since it premiered in 1952. The house gates open at 7:30 p.m. Come early and tour the Hickory Ridge Living History Museum, which opens at 5:30 p.m. on show nights!

"A WHALE OF A TALE" THEATRE FOR CHILDREN

The Lees-McRae College Summer Theatre will kick off the month of July with the premiere of *A Whale of a Tale*. *A Whale of a Tale* is the creative re-telling of the biblical story of Jonah. **Showings July 20, 27, and August 3. All shows begin at 10 a.m.** in the Shelton Learning Commons on the campus of Lees-McRae and cost \$10. Composed and written by John Thomas Oaks and Tommy Oaks, the show captures children's imagination as two actors play all the parts and move with hilarity from a pirate's saloon to the ocean, to the belly of a fish and back. Purchase tickets at the Hayes Auditorium box office during regular hours or at the Shelton Learning Commons 30 minutes prior to showtime.

LEES-MCRAE SUMMER THEATRE: "FROM THE MOUNTAINTOP: THE EDGAR TUFTS STORY"

July 11 – 17, 7pm with 2pm matinees some days. Hayes Auditorium, Lees-McRae College campus, Banner Elk.

What did Banner Elk, North Carolina, look like in the 1890s? With the vision of a young seminary student, one tiny town gained a church, a college, an orphanage, and a hospital." The story of Edgar Tufts is compelling and heartwarming. Set to music, this work is presented after thoughtful research among the families who have lived here for generations. Using traditional mountain music mixed with a lyrical style, audiences will be moved and inspired by this great man. Tickets and further info at <https://www.lmc.edu/community/summer-theatre/index.htm>

LEES-MCRAE HISTORIC WALKING TOUR

The aim of these daily tours is to uncover the history of and unveil a new side to many of the most notable places in downtown Banner Elk. Each walking tour starts at Hayes Auditorium and features a variety of interesting stops along the way. You will learn about locations such as: Banner Elk Presbyterian Church, grave site of Edgar Tufts, Historic Commons at Lees-McRae College, original Grace Hospital, and much more. Tours are free and last approximately 45 minutes. Registration for the tours takes place at the Hayes Auditorium box office. Tours are: Monday, July 15 at 12:30 p.m.
Tuesday, July 16 at 12:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 17 at 12:30 p.m.

JULY FINE ART & MASTER CRAFTS FESTIVAL

Friday - Sunday, July 19-21, Friday: 1:00 - 5:00 p.m., Saturday: 10:00 - 5:00 p.m., Sunday: 10:00 - 4:00 p.m.

The Historic Banner Elk School, 185 Azalea Circle, Banner Elk, NC
July Festival will feature the National DiscDogathon on Saturday

ALLEGHANY COUNTY FIDDLERS' CONVENTION

July 19 & 20, Alleghany Fairgrounds, 1585 U.S. 21 North, Sparta, NC 28675

Northwest North Carolina and Southwest Virginia have been called the nation's hotbed of string musicians. You can't turn a corner without running into someone who plays an instrument or three or four. These are people who play for fun and not for a living. Their skills, nonetheless, are amazing. In this contest, bands and individual musicians are scored by three judges who are musicians themselves. The contestants with the highest scores win cash prizes and ribbons. More info at <http://www.alleghanyfiddlersconvention.com>

GRANDFATHER BY NIGHT

July 19, 7:30 PM, Grandfather Mountain, Linville

Explore the Grandfather Mountain after hours with your own naturalist guide.

BLACK LIGHT MINE TOUR

July 20, 9pm, Emerald Village, Little Switzerland

Emerald Village offers night-time underground mine tours that unlock vibrant hidden colors available only under ultraviolet light, commonly called black light. The tour is a guided tour, led by our professional staff. We provide the high-power ultraviolet lamps, flashlights, and safety glasses. You provide comfortable walking shoes and a curiosity for unique experiences! The tour lasts about 45 minutes. Cost of the tour is \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for students.

MUSIC CAROLINA: JAZZ QUARTET WITH MARTHA BASSETT

Saturday, July 20 at 7:30pm at the Ashe Civic Center, 962 Mt Jefferson Rd, West Jefferson

Jazz Quartet with Martha Bassett presented by Music Carolina and sponsored by the Ashe County Arts Council. at the Enjoy jazz standards and old classics with featured vocalist Martha Bassett. Tickets are \$20 adults, \$5 students and may be purchased at the Ashe Arts Center or by calling 336-846-2787.

ASHE COUNTY BLUEGRASS AND OLD TIME FIDDLERS CONVENTION

Friday and Saturday, July 26 and 27. Ashe County Park, in Jefferson.

The Fiddlers Convention is a celebration and showcase of the musical talent and heritage of the high country of North Carolina. Ashe County Park, in Jefferson, North Carolina will be the place to enjoy music and see the best in the region's old time traditional and bluegrass musicians. Admission is \$5 Friday, \$10 Saturday. Tickets can be purchased on site or by calling the Ashe County Arts Council at 336-846-2787. Details at www.ashefiddlersconvention.org.

MOUNTAIN HOME MUSIC CONCERT – “PIANO MAN OF THE BLUE RIDGE” JEFF LITTLE TRIO

Saturday, July 20, 7:30pm, Harvest House, 247 Boone Heights Drive, Boone

With few exceptions, the piano does not play a prominent part in Appalachian or Americana music, and is rarely the lead instrument. **But Jeff Little** is an exception – and a remarkable one. His distinctive two-handed style, much influenced by the mountain flat-picked guitar tradition, is breathtaking in its speed, precision and clarity. Little's involvement with fiddle tunes, old time country, and traditional blues dates to his growing up in Boone, North Carolina, where his family owned music shop was a regular gathering place for musicians who would just stop by to pick a few tunes. At an early age Jeff would regularly sit in with many of the musicians from the region, including one of America's most influential musicians: Doc Watson. These influences helped shape Jeff's approach to the piano which is based on these deep musical traditions. But there is also an echo of more contemporary mountain tradition in Jeff's performances.

\$18 advance, \$20 at the door, \$5 students, 12 and under free. www.mountainhomemusic.org

CANDLELIGHT GHOST TOURS

Saturday, July 20, 7:30 & 8pm, Wilkes Heritage Museum, 100 East Main Street in downtown Wilkesboro

\$10 per person. Ghost tours are 90-minute walking tours that begin at 7:30 pm and 8:00 pm. The tours are led by costumed guides. Highlights of the tour include the Old Wilkes Jail, Cleveland Cabin, and Tory Oak. Learn all about the hauntings of Historic Downtown Wilkesboro. Additional dates for the 2019 Candlelight Ghost Tour season are August 17, October 19, and October 26. The check-in for ghost tours will be on the front lawn of the Wilkes Heritage Museum. Parking is available along Main Street and in the public parking lot behind Stroud Miller Insurance off of South Bridge Street. Candlelight Ghost Tours is a fundraising event for the Wilkes Heritage Museum. All proceeds go towards the operational expenses for the organization.

SYMPHONY BY THE LAKE

Friday, July 26, 7:30pm, Chetola Resort, Blowing Rock

The Symphony of the Mountains, conducted by Cornelia Laemml Orth, in her 13th year as Music Director, will be performing a splendid variety of pop, show-tunes, film scores, patriotic music, and more. Be sure to buy your tickets in advance online (<https://symphonybythelake.com/tickets/>), by phone (828-295-7851), or in person at the Blowing Rock Chamber office (132 Park Avenue, Blowing Rock, NC). General admission adult tickets are \$40 or \$50 on the day of the show. Tickets for children under 12 are \$15. Bring a picnic to enjoy with friends and family, or savor a catered meal at the event. Enjoy the grand finale, complete with fireworks lighting up the night sky and reflected in Chetola Lake. This year's theme is "A Journey of Imagination", so come to the show ready to embark!

BRUSHY MOUNTAIN PEACH FESTIVAL

Saturday, July 27, 9-5, Downtown Wilkesboro

In addition to Brushy Mountain orchards and farms, the festival will feature artisan crafts, heritage demonstrations, music, and food vendors! Don't miss sampling a variety of foods incorporating peaches - from peach ice cream to peach butter!

ENSEMBLE STAGE PRESENTS “OPAL’S MILLION DOLLAR DUCK”

July 26 – August 3, Historic Banner Elk School. www.ensemblestage.com

When a pair of customers drop by Opal's Antique Junque Shop, they spot a still life of a dead mallard duck and an apple. Thinking it might be a priceless canvas missing from the local art museum, they offer Opal a "fair" price for it. But, she plans to give it to a friend

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and won't sell. What follows is a series of wild and entertaining schemes as the customers try to abscond with the painting and collect the reward.

"NEWSIES" AT LEES-MCRAE

The final main-stage performance in the Lees-McRae Summer Theatre season lineup is the rousing tale of Jack Kelly, a charismatic newsboy, and leader of the band of teenaged "newsies." When titans of publishing raise distribution prices at the newsboys' expense, Jack rallies newsies from across the city to strike against the unfair condition and fight for what is right. The show will **premiere July 30** in Hayes Auditorium and Broyhill Theatre with additional performances July 31, and August 1, 2, and 3 at 7 p.m. and matinee shows August 3 and 4 at 2 p.m. Tickets range in price, per person, from \$38–43 for adults, to \$18–20 for students and/or children. Tickets can be purchased online, by mail request, or at the box office. <https://www.lmc.edu/community/summer-theatre/index.htm>

35th Anniversary Season of An Appalachian Summer Festival Announced

Patti LaBelle, Lily Tomlin, The Temptations and more!

BOONE, NORTH CAROLINA— Appalachian State University's annual summer arts attraction, **An Appalachian Summer Festival**, will celebrate its 35th anniversary season from **June 29 - Aug. 3, 2019**. This month-long whirlwind of music, dance, theatre, visual arts and film programming has emerged as one of the nation's leading regional arts festivals, bringing over 27,000 people to the High Country each summer. For more information, visit www.appsummer.org or call the box office at 800-841-2787 or 828-262-4046.

An Appalachian Summer Festival's 2019 Schedule

For more information about the festival, visit www.appsummer.org.

SCHAEFER POPULAR SERIES

- **Chris Botti** (July 19, Schaefer Center, 8 p.m.)
- **Lily Tomlin** (July 20, Schaefer Center, 8 p.m.)
- **Punch Brothers** (Aug. 1, Schaefer Center, 8 p.m.)
- **The Temptations** (Aug. 3, Holmes Convocation Center, 7:30 p.m.)

CLASSICAL MUSIC

- The **Broyhill Chamber Ensemble** (July 28 and 30, Rosen Concert Hall, 7 p.m.)
- **Tapas and Tesla: An Evening of Chamber Music** (July 18, Mark E. Ricks Athletics Complex, 7 p.m.)

THEATRE

- **Broadway's Next Hit Musical** (July 25 and 26, Valborg Theatre, 8 p.m.)

FILM

- **Weicholz Global Film Series** (July 17, 24, 31 and Aug. 2, Schaefer Center, 7 p.m.)
- **Young People's Global Film Series** (July 16, 6 p.m.; July 9, 23, 30, Schaefer Center, 1 p.m.)

VISUAL ARTS

- **Rosen Outdoor Sculpture Walk** (July 27, Schaefer Center, 10 a.m.)
- **Lunch & Learn Series** at the Turchin Center (July 17, 24, 31, Turchin Center, noon)

Visual Arts Workshops

Throughout the month of the July, An Appalachian Summer Festival in partnership with the Turchin Center for the Visual Arts offer various workshops for children, older teens and adults. For a list of upcoming children's workshops, visit <https://tcva.appstate.edu/>.

Tickets:

With ticket prices ranging from \$5-\$65, as well as several free events, the festival offers unique opportunities for residents and visitors to create arts experiences suited to their individual artistic tastes and budgets. Purchase any five adult tickets, in any combination and receive 10% off. This "Pick 5" ticket discount is only applied to purchases at the box office or by phone. The discount cannot be applied to online orders, films or student/child tickets. To purchase tickets, call or visit the Schaefer Center box office at 800-841-2787 or 828-262-4046. Tickets can also be purchased online at appsummer.org.