

August 2010 Newsletter

Hello! This is the Mountain Lakes Convention & Visitors Bureau's monthly e-newsletter. The aim of our newsletter is to keep you informed with what is going on here in the Mountain Lakes Region of South Carolina. Below you will see the who, what, where and when Oconee County has to offer. So read ahead and if you have any questions give us a shout at 1.877.MT.LAKES (1.877.685.2537) or on the web at www.scmountainlakes.com.

Message From the Director

The Chattooga Belle Farm has been hard at work developing their U-Pick farm and their new disc golf course. The U-Pick farm had a very successful berry season and the fall is looking outstanding with a wide variety of apples and grapes. They will be hosting their first Farm-to-Table Dinner in the vineyard Saturday, October 9th. Tickets are \$80 each or \$140 per couple. The event will feature an evening dinner among the grape vines with the Blue Ridge Mountains as a backdrop. The menu will be posted soon. A portion of sales will benefit the [Chattooga Conservancy](#). Please email tracy@chattoogabellefarm.com for tickets. The 18-hole disc golf course features amazing views of the Blue Ridge Mountains with major elevation changes and water hazards. The holes are set throughout the farm and vineyard. The course is open to the public and free to play until August 20th - thereafter, the cost will be \$3/game or \$25 for an annual pass. Fees may be paid at the farm store when open, or with the pay box when the store is closed. For more information on the Chattooga Belle Farm, please visit their website at www.chattoogabellefarm.com.

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King Creek Falls

I had the pleasure of spending a couple of days touring waterfalls with my friend and tourism partner, Phil Shirley (Director - Oconee County PRT). We collected GPS coordinates on all of the Oconee County waterfalls listed on our [CVB website](#), visitors guide and in the "Waterfalls of the South Carolina Upcountry" brochure (published by the Pendleton District Commission - www.pendleton-district.org). We collected coordinates on 22 waterfalls plus four more on Lake Jocassee. My personal favorites were King

Creek Falls that flows into King Creek and Long Creek Falls that flows into the Chattooga River. The coordinates are posted on the [waterfalls page](#) of the CVB website.

Long Creek Falls



Our first annual Triple Crown Watercross on Lake Hartwell is next weekend on Aug. 13 - 15. We are expecting between 150 - 300 of the worlds top jet skiers to compete in this ESPN nationally televised event. For more information [click here](#). To get the most out of this event, plan a stay and play weekend in Oconee County. Check out this link for local lodging, rafting and zip-lining and don't forget to ask the hotels for the special CVB rate [Triple Crown Water Cross Flyer](#).



The renovations to the first floor of the Lunney House Museum have been completed and they are open for business. Dr. John Martin has done an incredible job of restoring the house back to its original state. [Click here](#) for more information and hours of operation.

Hayley Powell, our summer Clemson intern, has completed her study and compilation of our new Student Education travel package that includes an adventurous curriculum with trips to the Fish Hatchery, Sumter National Forest Commission, Chattooga River, Oconee Station, the World of Energy and much more. Following is a sample list of what students will do and learn:

- How Trout are genetically reproduced

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- Visit an eco-system unlike any other with hikes through forests where they will learn how to identify plant species
- Tour a nuclear energy facility and learn how that energy is produced
- Perform water quality tests on the Chattooga River (and possibly go white water rafting!!!)
- Visit sites of historic Cherokee Villages and learn the REAL story of the Cherokee culture

Our student packages are directly in line with the South Carolina Educational Standards. For more information, please contact me at ken@scmountainlakes.com.

What's happening in the Mountain Lakes region of South Carolina:

Heritage, Arts & Music Festival at Duke Energy's World of Energy

Hands-on art stations for children, quilters, storytelling, music and much more!
Art show on display from Noon to 5 p.m. through Friday, August 20
FREE ADMISSION! For more information [click here](#).

Music on Main

Every Thursday night through Sept. 9 from 6:30 until 8:30 in downtown Westminster.

Memories Cafe will be open for your dining pleasure.

Jazz on the Alley

The City of Seneca launched their new "Jazz on the Alley" last week and will continue to have live Jazz every Thursday night in August from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Featuring the soulful sounds of *Soul Fetch!*

Walhalla Civic Auditorium

Satisfaction & Zoso - A Tribute to the Rolling Stones and Led Zeppelin. Sat., Aug 21 from 6:30 - 9:30 PM. Click here for ticket information.

Chattooga Belle Farm

Chattooga Belle Farm is proud to host the SC Disc Golf Doubles Championship on August 21st. Visit their [website](#) for more details.

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We look forward to your visit!

Kind regards,

Ken Sloan

Executive Director

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August 2010 Calendar of Events

[FOR A COMPLETE CALENDAR OF EVENTS CLICK HERE](#)

South Carolina *Apple Festival*

It's that time of year again. The South Carolina Apple Festival returns for its 49th year to Westminster, SC. There will be food, fun, live entertainment, a rodeo and even a river float. The Apple Festival begins Tuesday, September 7th with the Rotary Golf Tournament and runs through Saturday, September 11th. There is something to do for any and all ages. Check out this years schedule by [CLICKING HERE](#).

Partner Focus



Lake and Mountain Quilters Guild

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Biennial Quilt Show

Lake and Mountain Quilters Guild's biennial quilt show will be held September 17 and 18, 2010 at the Shaver Recreation Center, 698 West South 4th Street, Seneca, SC. Show hours are: Friday from 9:30AM until 6PM and Saturday from 9:30AM until 5PM. More than 200 quilts, all made by LMQG members, will be on display. Admission is \$5. Children 12 and under are free.



Quilts will be displayed grouped according to the following categories: Large and Small Bed Quilts—both pieced and appliquéd, Large and Small Wall Hangings—both pieced and appliquéd, Miniature Quilts, Wearables, Studio Art Quilts, Hand Quilted Quilts, Machine Quilted Quilts, Group Quilts, and Guild Challenge Quilts based on the theme, “Wild About Fabric”. LMQG's car quilt is always a hit – don't miss it!



Visitors to the show will have an opportunity to make a donation for an opportunity to win the Guild's Presentation Quilt, “Eat Your Greens” or one of several baskets of fat quarters. There will also be a boutique of gift items and a silent auction of small quilts to benefit local charities: Lakeview Assisted Living and Golden Corner Food Bank Ministries.

More quilts will be displayed at other venues around Seneca: Blue Ridge Arts Center, Lunney Museum, Seneca Women's Club Ballenger House, Artists Loft, The Arts Company, Firefly, Smith Textiles, Patina, The Red Door, Green Springs, Simply Chic, The Purple Sunflower, and Porta Portese.

The Oconee Heritage Quilt Trail will be celebrating its Grand Kick-Off during the weekend of the Quilt Show. The trail is comprised of colorfully painted quilt designs, an artistic celebration of history and culture, on barns and other structures in Oconee County.



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For more information, visit www.OconeeHeritageQuiltTrail.com.

Lake and Mountain Quilters Guild is committed to preserving and continuing the traditions, culture, and history of quilting in Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens Counties in the Golden Corner of northwestern South Carolina. The guild promotes fellowship among persons interested in all aspects of quilting, contributes to the knowledge and appreciation of fine quilts, sponsors and supports quilting activities, and encourages quilt making and collecting. Guild members support charitable quilting projects for needy members of our communities. Philanthropic efforts include making and donating comfort quilts, making and stuffing quilted Christmas stockings, sending quilts to disaster victims, donating quilts to the Alzheimer's Art Quilt Initiative, making donations for the Hospice of the Foothills Craft Sale, and participating in the 1 Million Pillowcase Challenge. The Guild contributes to the growth of knowledge of quilting techniques, textiles, patterns, and quilt makers through educational meetings and by maintaining an extensive library. The Guild is open to anyone who is interested in quilting and willing to pay annual dues. Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at Eternal Shepherd Lutheran Church, 220 Carson Road, Seneca, SC. Social time is at 6:30PM, and the meeting starts at 7:00PM.



For more information, visit the Guild's web site: www.LMQG.org, email the Guild at LMQGorg@yahoo.com, or write to the Guild at PO Box 22, Seneca, SC 29679.

In The News



18-Hole Disc Golf Course Now Open

Long Creek, S.C., July 21, 2010- Chattooga Belle Farm has installed a new 18-hole disc golf course which is now open to the public. The course features views of

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the Blue Ridge Mountains, major elevation changes and a water hazard. The holes are placed through-out the farm and vineyard.

Chattooga Belle Farm will host the first day of the South Carolina Disc Golf Doubles State Championship on August 21st, with the final day being held in Seneca. Interested participants may register online at www.scdoubles.com.

The course is free to play until the tournament on August 21st. After that date the prices will be \$3 for a game or you may purchase an annual pass for \$25 which will allow you as many games as you would like. The farm store will be open Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and fees may be paid in the store. Fees will be on the honor system with a pay box when the farm store is not open.

Anyone interested in playing the new course on the weekends should be sure to check the Happenings Page on www.chattoogabellefarm.com. The course will not be open to the public if there is an event happening at the barn.