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Each issue, as space allows, we will be including news about your business—openings, special offers, new products or services, special sales...anything that is newsworthy.

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**COURT STREET GALLERY**  
 UPTOWN PICKENS SOUTH CAROLINA  
 COURT STREET GALLERY  
 107 Court Street  
 Pickens SC 29671

Please join us for the opening reception

**"Here and Now"**  
**Paintings by**  
**ELIZABETH SNIPES**

EXHIBITION  
 February 1st -9th  
 Gallery Hours  
 Tues.—Sat. 10 AM—6 PM  
 Ph; (864) 293-9078

*"Where I'm coming from" – Oil & Pastel*



**around town**

**February, 2013**

*The Pickens Revitalization Association is dedicated to the enhancement and preservation of sustainable growth in Pickens.*

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**Ex-Mayor Shehan Receives January / Fan The Flame Award**

I've lived here all my life and have a true love affair for Pickens and the area", says Ted Shehan, the 11<sup>th</sup> recognized "fan" to receive the coveted award. "Pickens has the most special people anywhere – it's like family where everyone knows everyone. I've been to all the states and, with the mountains, there is no prettier place to live."



Ted has not only lived in Pickens all his life but he has also lived in the same home – one built by his grandfatherfather in 1909. It was on 20 acres at the time and was home to the largest chicken hatchery in the upstate. He still has farming in his blood running 80 head of Angus cattle on his 200 acre farm just outside of town.

With the Pickens school just down the street, Ted was able to walk to his first 12 years of school. He then attended Greenville Technical College earning an Associate Science degree. Upon graduation, he had job offers in Atlanta and Connecticut but chose to stay in Pickens. After a short time with the Pickens RR Company, Ted went to work for Mayfair Mills in the Pickens Plant where he stayed for 32 years – much of it as the local Personnel Manager. During those years he served on City Council under three different mayors. As a councilman, he is most proud of helping pass the city's accommodations tax which helped build the Pickens Recreation Center which is still one of the very best of any city in the area. In 1999, he retired when elected as mayor himself – choosing to devote full time to the position.

Other accomplishments during his lifetime in Pickens include more than 55 years working with the Boy Scouts, membership and leadership in the Pickens Jaycees where he rose to Regional VP and serving 30 years as a volunteer fireman. Ted has also coached little league for many years. A lifelong member of Grace United Methodist Church, he still works on the grounds every Friday under the leadership of Billy Singleton.

**IMPORTANT MERCHANTS MEETING FEBRUARY 19TH**

**City Needs Your Comments On Main Street Traffic Study**



The Greater Pickens Chamber of Commerce and the Pickens Revitalization Association (PRA) have partnered to establish monthly merchants meetings. Normally scheduled on a Tuesday, these meetings are intended to increase business communication, provide community information and to offer tools for economic success.

The February meeting will be held on the 19th at 8 AM, in the Greater Pickens Chamber of Commerce meeting room (lower level). A continental breakfast will be served. All Pickens business owners/managers and commercial property owners are encouraged to attend. The agenda for the February meeting will include a presentation by and discussion with Kevin Laird, Director of Civil Engineering at Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood regarding the current traffic study to improve Main Street Pickens.

**Fan Cont'd**

In addition to working on the farm almost daily, Ted still finds time to serve on the board of the Pickens Senior Center, works on special projects with the Pickens Service Club and is on a special Upstate Forever committee that is working to preserve the view and beauty of Table Rock.

With his wife Rhonda, Ted has two stepchildren and five grand children, "the joy of my life".

*I Fan The Flame* 2012 Platinum sponsors include the Historic City of Pickens and Great Oaks Dental. East Main Treasures and Pace & Reeves BP, Inc. are this year's bronze sponsors. In March of this year, the "Flame" program will be expanded to recognize the ways various academic, charitable, youth, adult, civic and religious organizations help to "fan the flame" in Pickens.

*I Fan the Flame is changing. See inside.*

*Stay Connected*



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## “FAN” PROGRAM CHANGING THIS MONTH

**Group Contributions Will Be Recognized**

In March, the I Fan the Flame awards program takes on a new look. “I” will become “We” as the recognition will turn from individuals to groups who contribute to the community. All organizations - religious, civic, charitable, school, corporate, cultural, non-profit, youth, senior, business, association, etc. will be eligible. The recognition will be given for endeavors such as:

- Helping to improve the community in some significant way
- Contributing to resident well being
- Generating positive publicity for Pickens
- Conducting and/or participating in a charitable event
- Raising money for a good cause

Each month’s winning organization will be recognized with the presentation of a unique trophy, a group photo with a special “Fan” banner as well as web site and media publicity.

A panel of community members will select each monthly winner. Entries will be due at the PRA office by the first of each month—starting in March. Entry forms will be available on-line, in the PRA office and at city hall.

## MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY CELEBRATED IN PICKENS

### Three Councilmen Receive Special “Fan” Awards

A special moment occurred on Martin Luther King Day when Pickens Mayor David Owens presented special *I Fan The Flame* awards to three sitting Pickens city councilmen. Carleton Holly, Fletcher Perry and Isaiah Scipio received the awards on the county courthouse steps.

“We felt it appropriate to recognize these three men, on Martin Luther King Day and during Black History month, for their extraordinary contributions to the growth, success and well-being of our city and its residents,” stated Mayor Owens. “We recognize them not only for representing the African American members of the community at council, but for what they do for all the citizens of Pickens.” “They certainly have earned our respect and trust,” he added. In addition to serving as councilmen, all three gentlemen have been and continue to be active throughout the community – in church activities, on special boards and with various civic and government committees.

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## PRA HIRES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Allison Fowler has agreed to become Executive Director of the Pickens Revitalization Association. “I am very excited to be joining the Main Street team in Pickens,” she commented. “With a Masters Degree in Historic Preservation, I’m looking forward using my education and experience to work with a great organization and community to continue efforts of revitalization. With the help of the community, I know the future of Pickens will be great.”

Allison brings superior education, experience and enthusiasm to the position. She is a graduate of Clemson with a BA in History as well as the Masters in Historic Preservation. Allison has been employed, for a number of years, as a “hands on” marketing professional for a major area company. With a wealth of experience in graphic design, website development and maintenance, public relations, photography and other marketing areas, Allison will be able to help prosper both the PRA and, especially, the businesses in Pickens. She has also been active in Central working to assist that city’s historic preservation and growth efforts.

Allison resides in nearby Central with her husband Joel and twins Jackson and Luke. Her first day “on the job” will be February 19th when she will be introduced during the special merchants breakfast at the Chamber of Commerce (see page 4 of this newsletter). Initially, Allison will be maintaining office hours Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the PRA building at 111 Court Street. Be sure to stop in and say hello!



**Coming Soon**  
*The Historic Pickens Dining and Shopping Guide*

## PRA’S NEW 2013 MEMBERSHIP PLAN HAS BEEN WELL RECEIVED

Response has been excellent to the recently introduced 2013 PRA membership plan. It offers good value, affordability and helps support the young organization whose purpose is to grow Pickens in positive ways.

For 2013, the cost of a PRA annual business membership is just \$100. But under a special combined program with the Greater Pickens Chamber, the cost for membership for most businesses, in both organizations, should be no more than \$183, after joint membership discounts. Now, more than ever before, it makes good business sense for every Pickens business to become a member of the PRA—and the Chamber. For all membership options, in either organization, contact the Greater Pickens Chamber at 878-3258 or the PRA at 878-0105.

### PRA MEMBERSHIP SUPPORTS THE ORGANIZATION’S PURPOSE AND GOALS

- To Grow Pickens’ Businesses And Retail Base
- To Cultivate Tourism
- To Revitalize Downtown
- To Support Overall City Improvement Initiatives
- To Create, Manage And Support Promotional And Entertainment Events

### BENEFITS

#### ENJOY USE OF THE PRA BUSINESS CENTER

- WIFI Access
- Use Of Networked Computer
- Use Of Conference Room
- Staff Assistance
- Copy Machine Usage - Free 8.5 X 11” Copies Each Month: 25 Color & 25 B/W

#### WEB SITE

- Free Link On PRA Site
- Free Template Page On PRA Website (Nominal Fee For Set-Up Assistance If Needed)
- Referral Assistance For Website Creation And Maintenance

#### BUSINESS PROMOTION

- Brochure Distribution In PRA Center
- Business Card Distribution In PRA Center
- Special Listing In *Pickens Dining And Shopping Guide* and *the Historic Walking Tour Guide*
- Free 1/8 Page Ad In PRA Monthly Newsletter (Random Selection)

#### FREE NOTARY SERVICE

- SPECIAL PREFERRED SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AND DISCOUNTS
- ANNUAL MEETING ELIGIBILITY
- SPECIAL TRAINING AND EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS