



## LOCAL NEWS

### Pickens Revitalization Association Announces 2018 Main Street Challenge Winners

Pickens Revitalization Association is excited to announce the Main Street Challenge winners for 2017-18. Bee Well Honey and Blue Cotton. Congratulations on this achievement.

Bee Well Honey is creating a Pollinator Garden at 815 & 909 W. Main St. for educational classes, guided tours and workshops they will be offering. Bee Well has embarked on a mission to promote agri-tourism in Pickens and is growing a vital business model in educating and assisting folks from across the southeast in more than just bees and honey. While doing wonders to enhance the beauty at the West entrance to Pickens, the Pollinator Garden will not only be a catalyst to the agri-tourism business of Bee Well, it will also be open to the public for visits.

Blue Cotton will be a boutique offering women's clothing, accessories, home décor, and furniture. There will be both retail and consignment items, as well as, refurbished items available for purchase. Tasteful, creative vision coupled with hometown family effort is building Blue Cotton to be a business that we hope will fill a void for Pickens shopping.

For the winning entries, the Main Street Challenge program will provide \$5,000 in incentives for each of these businesses, which must be operational in downtown Pickens by April 30, 2018. The money offered to the winners will take the form of a potentially forgivable loan, determined by the business' ability to meet all requirements of the program.

"The Main Street Challenge benefits our community by drawing out the best ideas for new businesses and enables the winning entrepreneurs to bring their plan to life," said Patrick Lark, President of the Pickens Revitalization Association Board of Directors. "Pickens is ripe with ideas, but many entrepreneurs find the start-up costs of creating their ideal business space too overwhelming. The Main Street Challenge is a catalyst to move these entrepreneurs from idea to reality, and the Pickens Revitalization Association is here to support and see the new business prosper through the crucial startup phase."



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Holly Springs Center- 120 Holly Springs School Rd. Pickens,  
SC 29671

Register Online at: [www.hollyspringscenter.com](http://www.hollyspringscenter.com)

## Winter SOMA Classes

Register online—[www.hollyspringscenter.com](http://www.hollyspringscenter.com) or call  
864-878-9335

| Date     | Course Name  | Details   |
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| Feb 3    | Gourd Carving  | Taught by Debbie Wilson from 10am- 2pm. Tuition is \$40.00 and an additional \$10.00 for supplies.  |
| Feb 3    | Making Stack Copper Bracelets                                      | Taught by Joy Evans. From 10-2pm (may stay later if needed). Any skill level. Bring lunch. \$40 for tuition and \$35 for supplies to go to instructor. We will make 3 different widths of bangle bracelets stamped & hammered.  |
| Feb 10   | Making wire jewelry-<br>Beginner                                   | Taught by Diana Winuk. 10-2 PM. \$40 for tuition + \$20 for supplies, paid to instructor. Bring lunch. Ages 16 and up.  |
| Feb 10   | Wood Turning   | Taught by Roger Whigham from 9 am-5pm. Tuition is \$80 plus \$5 for supplies (paid to instructor) Bring lunch. Limited to 3 per class. Ages 16 and up.  |
| Feb 10   | Pottery—Making<br>Appalachian cottage, bird<br>house, or cache pot | Taught by Lou Peden. 10-2 PM. \$40 for tuition + \$10 for supplies, paid to instructor. Bring lunch. Glazing day is Feb 24  |
| Feb 17   | Biscuit Basket   | Taught by Peggy McCarson from 10 am-2 pm, tuition is \$40 + \$10 for supplies. Bring bag lunch.   |
| Feb 17   | Gourd Weaving  | Taught by Debbie Wilson from 10 am-2pm. Tuition is \$40 + \$10 for supplies. Bring bag lunch  |
| March 3  | Silversmithing --Creating a<br>Ring                                | Taught by Joy Evans. From 10-2pm (may stay later if needed), Any skill level. Bring lunch. \$40 for tuition and \$20 for supplies to go to instructor. Take Gemology in January and mount your stone in this class if you wish. |
| March 10 | Beginner Photography   | Taught by Doug Tate from 10-3 pm. Bring camera/phone with cam and lunch. \$50.  |
| March 10 | Tree of Life—Making wire<br>jewelry--Intermediate                  | Taught by Diana Winuk. 10-2 PM. \$40 for tuition + \$20 for supplies, paid to instructor. Bring lunch. Ages 16 and up.  |

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*save the date!*

CHAMBER ANNUAL BANQUET  
MARCH 16, 2018

GREATER PICKENS, EASLEY, CLEMSON AND LIBERTY CHAMBERS

## Business After Hours

• MAY 10, 2018 •



The McKissick Center  
FOR SENIOR WELLNESS

Join all 4 Pickens County Chambers as we network and explore the fabulous McKissick Center and learn about all the amazing things they do for our senior community!

MAY 10, 2018 • 5:50 - 7:30 PM • 349 EDMONTON AVE. LIBERTY, SC

## THANKS MEMBERS!

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|----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Alexander Law Firm         | Brock's                      | Corner Drug Store       | Pizza Inn       |
| AnMed Health Cannon        | City of Pickens              | Great Oaks Dental       | Pace & Reeves   |
| Pickens Senior Center      | Edward Jones                 | Seth Crow - State Farm  | American Legion |
| Pickens Dental Associates  | Stockade Antiques            | Lindsay Oil Company     | TD Bank         |
| Town & Country Florist     | Pickens Savings & Loan       | Nestfeathers            | Shabby & Chic   |
| Behavioral Health Services | Flowers By Virginia          | GateHouse Restaurant    | Mark Kaiser     |
| East Main Treasures        | Foothills Gun and Pawn       | Roper Law Firm          | 9 Round         |
| Pruitt Health              | Blue Ridge Electric Coop     | TTI/OWT, Inc.           | Durham Greene   |
| Oh Joy!                    | Pickens Federal Credit Union | Pickens Rotary Club     | Domino's        |
| South State Bank           | Cornell-Dubilier             | Buddy & Cisco's Bistro  | Enrapt, LLC     |
| Pickens Azalea Festival    | Southern App. Outdoors       | Appalachian Ale House   | Morris on Main  |
| Bee Well Honey             | Serenity at Sunset           | Martha's Marv. Munchies | Rustic Chic     |