



Camp Shoals April 20-21, 2007

Welcome to the Shoals!

The quad cities of Florence, Muscle Shoals, Sheffield, and Tuscumbia make up the area known to locals as “The Shoals.” A tribe of like-minded artists—fashion designers Natalie Chanin and Billy Reid, photographer Robert Rausch, and artists Audwin McGee and Sandi Stevens have hosted their “Alabama Adventure Weekend” for four years. This April, the Southern Foodways Alliance joins the party.

SFA members are encouraged to ramble in the Shoals Friday and Saturday. It’s a choose-your-own-adventure sort of day, where we’ll meet the good folks of the Shoals community while mingling at local events.

Saturday night, SFA-ers will settle to the table for a feast prepared by Alabama natives Frank Stitt and Scott Peacock, with some help from Mississippi’s Martha Foose and Georgia’s Steven Satterfield. Following dinner, the group will head outside to see the premier of the SFA’s film *Chicken Stew*, by Joe York. Afterwards, everyone should stay to celebrate at the street party.

The weekend will be full of charity chicken stew, rabbit and watercress, the “Muscle Shoals sound,” and high fashion that owes a debt to regional roots. Stop by the local gas station to buy a map, and get ready to “turn it up” in the Shoals.

BREAKING NEWS: Our Saturday speaker at 11:00, Hank Klibanoff, author (with Gene Roberts) of *The Race Beat: The Press, the Civil Rights Struggle, and the Awakening of a Nation* was, just this week, awarded the Pulitzer Prize for history.

AND: Billy Reid, the Seminary Street men’s and women’s clothing store stocked with goods made for and by Florence boy Billy Reid, will donate 10% of proceeds from weekend sales to the SFA.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, April 20

- 11:30 a.m. Meet and Greet with Pimiento Cheese and Pineapple Punch
Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts
- 11:30 a.m. Greg Spradlin Lunchtime Concert
Wilson Park (across from the Kennedy-Douglass Center)
- 2:00-4:00 p.m. Optional tours of the Frank Lloyd Wright Rosenbaum Home and
the W. C. Handy Home, Museum, and Library
*Shuttles leave from the Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts
every 15 minutes*
- 5:00-8:00 p.m. Chicken Stew Tasting with Dulcimer Music
Billy Reid at Picket Place & Pope's Tavern
*In the spirit of the community chicken stew, \$5 bowls will be for
sale with proceeds to benefit the Florence Department of Arts and
Museums.*
- 8:00 p.m. Spooner Oldham and the *Oxford American* Film Screening
Shoals Theatre
*Spooner Oldham provides organ music as an opening for the
presentation of the OA's first-ever Oxford American DVD in
conjunction with the publication, in March, of The Oxford
American Southern movie issue. (The SFA's own Joe York is
featured therein.) Suggested donation, \$5. Proceeds benefit the
Shoals Theater.*
- 9:30 p.m. After Party
Shopping and Chicken Run at Billy Reid at Pickett Place

Saturday, April 21

- 9:00-11:00 a.m. Community Coffee and Shopping
Billy Reid at Pickett Place
- 10:00 a.m. Walking Tour of Historic Downtown
Group assembles at Billy Reid at Pickett Place
- 11:00 a.m. Reading and Signing by Pulitzer Prize Winner Hank Klibanoff
Florence-Lauderdale Public Library
*Hear him read from the new book, The Race Beat: The Press, the
Civil Rights Struggle, and the Awakening of a Nation*
- Noon-2:00 p.m. Alabama Chanin Open House and Picnic
*Festivities take place twenty minutes out into the countryside.
Guests are encouraged to meet at the library and caravan.*
- 2:00-6:00 p.m. Free Time Options
*2:00 p.m. – Tom Hendrix at the Wall (tour leaves from picnic)
3:00 p.m. – Fame Studio Tour by Jay Leavitt
or, see the Shoals on your own!*
- 6:30 p.m. SFA Rabbit and Watercress Dinner
GAS Studio, Downtown Tuscumbia
- 9:00 p.m. Tuscumbia Street Party & *Chicken Stew* Premiere
Main Street Tuscumbia (at the Cassetta Gallery and Kurtz &
Marlowe Studio)

Scheduled Event Locations

Alabama Chanin

Saturday's picnic
6534 County Road 200
Florence, AL 35633
www.alabamachanin.com
256/760-1090

Billy Reid at Pickett Place

Chicken Stew, After Party, Saturday morning coffee and walking tour
438 N. Seminary Street
Florence, AL 35630
www.billyreid.com
256/767-4692

FAME Studio

Saturday studio tour
603 E. Avalon Avenue
Muscle Shoals, AL 35662
www.fame2.com
256/381-0801

Florence-Lauderdale Public Library

Lecture by Pulitzer winner Hank Klibanoff
350 North Wood Avenue
Florence, AL 35360
256/764-6564

Frank Lloyd Wright House-- Rosenbaum House

Friday tour
601 Riverview Drive
Florence, AL 35630
256/740-8899

GAS Studio

Saturday dinner location
109 A West 6th Street
Tuscumbia, AL 35674
www.gasphoto.net
256/383.7183

Kennedy Douglas Center for the Arts

Friday Meet and Greet, Greg Spradlin concert, shuttle location for home tours
217 E. Tuscaloosa Street
Florence, AL 35630
256/760-6379

Pope's Tavern

Once a stagecoach stop, tavern and inn, Pope's Tavern is one of the oldest structures in Florence.
203 Hermitage Drive
Florence, AL 35630
256/760-6439

Shoals Theatre

Historic theatre built in 1948
Corner of Seminary and Mobile Streets
Florence, AL 35630

W.C. Handy Home

Friday tour
620 W. College Street
Florence, AL 35630
256/760-6434

The Shoals on Your Own

The Shoals offers so many interesting activities and sites that it is impossible to experience it all within one weekend. However, if you have built extra time into your travels or would like to experience something different than what is planned, here are some options.

WHAT TO DO

Coon Dog Cemetery

Key Underwood buried his famous coon dog, "Troop" on September 4, 1937. Since then, over 100 beloved coon dogs have been buried at the site.

<http://home.att.net/~duodavis/coondog.html>

Off Hwy. 247, west of Tuscumbia, AL

256/383-0783

Florence Indian Mound and Museum

The Tennessee Valley area's largest domiciliary mound, the Florence Indian Mound is the typical workmanship of the Native Americans who lived in the area.

Open Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Located at the end of South Court Street near the Tennessee River

Florence, AL

256/760-6427

Robert Trent Jones Golf Course at the Shoals

Two courses, 36 holes of golf.

990 Sunbelt Parkway

Muscle Shoals, AL 35661

www.rtjgolf.com

256/446-5111

Ivy Green, the Helen Keller Birthplace

Built in 1820, one year after Alabama became the 22nd State of the Union, *Ivy Green* is the birthplace of Helen Keller.

Open Monday through Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Sunday 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Admission: \$6

www.helenkellerbirthplace.org

300 N. Commons

Tuscumbia, AL 35674

256/383-4066

Frank Lloyd Wright House--Rosenbaum House

The only structure in Alabama designed by architect Frank Lloyd Wright, built in 1939 and considered to be his best example of Usonian style.

601 Riverview Drive
Florence, AL 35630
256/740-8899

W.C. Handy Home

Birthplace of W.C. Handy, the “Father of the Blues.” The birth home of this music legend houses the most complete collection of instruments, memorabilia, and original manuscripts from his most famous works.

Open Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

620 W. College Street
Florence, AL 35630
256/760-6434

Natchez Trace Parkway

Take a drive along this 444-mile scenic highway that commemorates an ancient foot trail, but don't travel faster than 50 mph unless you have an affinity for flashing blue lights!

<http://www.nps.gov/natr/>

WHERE TO EAT

360 Degrees

Fine Dining—Reservations Recommended

At the top of the Marriott in Florence

800 Cox Creek Parkway
Florence, AL 35630
256/246-3600

Big Mike's Steak and Fish

524 2nd Street
Muscle Shoals, AL 35631
256/386-5580

Bunyan's BAR-B-QUE

901 West College Street
Florence, AL 35630
256/766-3522

Claunch Café

Family-owned meat and three in Spring Park, just steps away from Downtown Tuscumbia.

Lunch only Sunday through Thursday, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

400 S. Main Street

Tuscumbia, AL 35674

256/386-0222

Dale's Steak House

Yes, that Dale's, the one with the famous steak sauce and a 40 year history in Florence.

Dinner only—Monday through Saturday 5:00-10:00 p.m.

www.dalessteakhouse.net

1001 Mitchell Boulevard

Florence, AL 35630

256/766-4961

Donut Shop

Independent donut shop. Order a cream filled and get your choice of buttercream or custard injected on the spot!

Open Monday through Saturday 4:00 a.m. (no, that's not a typo) to 1:30 p.m.

1706 Woodward Avenue

Muscle Shoals, AL 35661

256/383-3010

Frank's Italian

Lunch and Dinner

104 S. Main Street

Tuscumbia, AL 35674

256/314-4407

Hollywood Inn

Soul Food

Lunch Only

804 West College Street

Florence, AL 35630

256/760-8431

Jen's Café

Hot dog joint with over 23 toppings

Breakfast and Lunch

319 South Pine Street

Florence, AL 35630

256/760-9918

Parkside Bar and Grill

Lunch and Dinner
202 South Main Street
Tuscumbia, AL 35674
256/389-9551

Ricatoni's Italian Grill

A local favorite for lunch and dinner
107 North Court Street
Florence, AL 35630
256/718-1002

Riverside Restaurant

Open 24 hours. Breakfast, plate lunches and burgers.
111 E. Limestone Street
Florence, AL 35630
256/766-4436

Smokehouse Grill and Billiards

A late night hang out with pool tables, drinks and—if we're lucky—an 80s cover band on the balcony overlooking the billiards.
118 E. Tennessee Street
Florence, AL 35630
256/764-9996

The Southland

“Serving the Shoals for 55 Years”
Closed Monday
1309 South Jackson Highway
Sheffield, AL 35660
256/383-8236

Tourway Pancake House

Close to the Hampton Inn, one of the last of the old-school pancake houses.
1917 Florence Boulevard
Florence, AL 35630
256/764-5184

Trowbridges

Since 1918! Great chicken salad, chili dogs, and ice cream.
Lunch only
316 N. Court Street
Florence, AL 35630
256/764-1503

FORGET SOMETHING? NEED SOMETHING?

Drug Stores

Rite Aid - Florence
1313 N. Wood Ave
256/766-2144

CVS Pharmacy – Muscle Shoals
1715 Woodward Ave
256/381-7640

Taxis

AAA Cab
256/386-7444

City Cab Co.
256/767-9993

Quad Cities Taxi
256/767-0220

Emergencies

Helen Keller Hospital - Sheffield
1300 S. Montgomery Ave
256/386-4196

Eliza Coffee Memorial Hospital – Florence
205 Marengo St
256/768-9191