More than a walk in the park



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Before it was moved to Clemson, the Hunt Cabin was once home to 10 members of a Seneca family. It is now used for a variety of special events at the S.C. Botanical Garden.

SC Botanical Garden wraps up concert series, offers variety of autumn events

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CLEMSON — From concerts and yoga to nature walks and Halloween and other holiday activities, the South Carolina Botanical Garden offers visitors much more than a walk in the park.

Concerts in the Garden, one of the more popular activities at the garden each fall, is closing out its season with Walhalla singer Ella Mae Bowen, who will perform at the garden amphitheater tonight at 7 p.m., wrapping up the two months of live music in September and October.

"The concert series is something we developed to help engage the community," garden communications director Darlene Evan said. "It basically is a free event so people have somewhere to go on Friday night to listen to music under the stars. We have different styles of music, including jazz, blues and country. The one most people love is bluegrass. We try to get people from the local area, usually music with an acoustic guitar."

Bowen was found through a bluegrass music group in Walhalla, but Evans said she is expected to play a different style of music tonight.

"It's just acoustic guitar, and she just gets up there and sings her heart out," Evans said.

Those interested in yoga can discover relaxation with Yoga in the Garden Tuesday evenings through Nov. 18. The group meets at 6 p.m. at the Carriage House and is led by Renee Gahan.

IF YOU GO

Ella Mae Bowen performs tonight at the S.C. Botanical Garden amphitheater at 7 p.m.

"It is basically movement, breath and sensation, it is becoming one with nature," Evans said. "When the weather is really good, they come out and have yoga on the back lawn, so you get to enjoy the beautiful scenery."

To register, or for more information, call (864) 656-3405. The cost is $12 per class.

The Hunt Cabin, which was originally owned by a prominent Seneca family, offers a beautiful view and a variety of activities throughout the year. Evans said at one point, 10 members of the Hunt

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The amphitheater offers a beautiful view to go along with a Friday night concert.



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Walhalla resident Ella Mae Bowen will close out the Fall Concerts in the Garden series tonight at the S.C. Botanical Garden.

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family lived in the cabin in Seneca.

In the 1970s, the cabin was in danger of being demolished and was purchased by the Clemson University Class of 1915 for $35 and moved to Clemson, where it now is home to a variety of special events.

One of those events is an open house, titled "Haunts and Haints," this Sunday from 1-4 p.m. Visitors can sit by the fire and listen to spooky stories. There are also opportunities to experience a "soul cake," make a Halloween mask or find out how Halloween was celebrated in the South during the 19th century.

Another open house set for Nov. 23 at the Hunt Cabin will focus on games and toys, including wooden toys, fabric dolls and more simple games than the typical electronic games many children are accustomed to today.

On Dec. 12, "Handmade for the Holidays" will give people the opportunity to make seasonal crafts with natural materials from the garden and other places.

The popular First Friday Nature Walk with Dr. David Bradshaw will run from Nov. 7 to March 6, beginning at 9 a.m. each Friday. Bradshaw is the former director of the S.C. Botanical Garden.

"No two walks are ever the same," Evans said. "You never know where he's going to take you or what he's going to talk about. It's an exciting opportunity, and you learn much more than you ever planned to."

For more information about events at the botanical garden, visit clemson.edu/public/scbg or call (864) 656-3405.

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GOING OUT: Walhalla Lions pancake breakfast Nov. 1 at The Depot

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Garden open dawn to dusk. $2 adults, $1 children. House museum on National Register of Historic Places, 416 Church St., Central. Railroad model of Central in '30s.

OCONEE HERITAGE Center "General Store Museum," Westminster, will be open Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission is free, but a $3 donation is suggested. The museum displays a variety of contents from the historic England's General Merchandise Store from throughout the 20th century, as well as artifacts related to Westminster and the surrounding areas.

HISTORIC OLD Pickens Foundation will present a free concert at 2:30 p.m. at the Historic Old Pickens Churcg, Highway 183 near the entrance to Duke Power Plant. Light refreshments will be served. The participants will include Greg Lambert on the guitar and dulcimer and The Heartstrings, a group from Pickens. Their music will include vocals, autoharp, organ, Celtic harp, bass, mandolin, fiddle and banjo.

MUSIC LESSONS will begin Nov. 3 for guitar, banjo, mandolin and fiddle at Oconee Heritage Center, Walhalla. Only $25 for six weeks. To register, call (864) 638-2224 or email moss@oconeeheritagecenter.org.

hall, Edgewood Ave., Clemson. Registration required. Call (864) 944-9592 or email skluck@bellsouth.net.

SENECA MIDDLE School wreath fundraiser. Order fresh 22" Noble Firs through Oct. 31 for $20 each. Wreaths should arrive the first week of December for distribution. Email Amy at akdamy@aol.com.

MONSTER MOVIE Mayhem Oct. 31 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Oconee Heritage Center. Frankenweenie and Hotel Transylvania will be shown. There will be plenty of food, fun and candy. Free.

FALL FOR Seneca Nov. 1 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. in downtown Seneca. $1 per person includes games,

Church Fall Festival and Bazaar Nov. 8, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 300 Frontage Road, Clemson. Lunch will be offered.

SAFE HOUSE Car Show Nov. 8 at Save-A-Lot Grocery, West Union. Registration begins at 9 a.m. $10 entry fee. Trophies, dash plaques, door prizes and more.

OCONEE HERITAGE Center celebrates its 10th anniversary with its 10th Annual Harvest Moon Gala: Shine On fundraiser benefiting Oconee Heritage Center locations Nov. 8 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Blue Ridge Shrine Club, Seneca. Tickets are $30 for OHC members; $35 for non-members.

NATIVE AMERICAN Story Time at Bart Garrison Agricultural

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KIDS DAY at Bart Garrison Agricultural Museum, Pendleton, Nov. 15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for children in grades 3 to 6. Students should bring a snack to eat on the run such as a granola bar and bottled water. Admission is $4. Class size is limited. For reservations, call (864) 207-0705 or ellen@pendletondistrict.org.

HOSPICE OF the Foothills workshop "Surviving the Holidays: Help for the Bereaved" will take place on Nov. 18 from 6 p.m.to 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 2 from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Cottingham Hospice House, 390 Keowee School Road, Seneca. Free and open to the public. To register, call (864) 882-8940.

alcoholics and dysfunctional family's meets from 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m. Sundays, even holidays, at Clemson United Methodist Church, 300 Frontage Road, Clemson (small beige building in back of parking lot). Visit www.adultchildren.org

THE WALHALLA Garden Club meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. at the Walhalla Library. Membership is open to interested and/or active gardeners to gain knowledge and love of gardening, etc. For more information, call Betsey Comiskey (864) 638-3348.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Pass It On group, meets Mon.-Fri. 6 p.m. at Oconee Heritage