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Discover World-Class Art and Antiques in Salkehatchie

ALLENDALE, S.C. – The Salkehatchie region in South Carolina is home to some of the Palmetto State's finest art galleries and antique shops, offering something for every taste.

"There's a tremendous variety of opportunities for people with an interest in the arts in Salkehatchie," said George Estes, manager of the Heritage Tourism Office for South Carolina Parks, Recreation and Tourism. "Jim Harrison is an icon, plus visitors can discover a wide range of art by local artisans at the Salkehatchie Arts Center and at other shops and galleries throughout the region."

The area showcases a number of independently-owned antiques stores and acclaimed art galleries as well as several outstanding centers featuring original work by Salkehatchie artists and craftspeople. From Liz Ringus's award-winning South Carolina face jugs at The Little Red Barn in Barnwell to Jim Harrison's popular paintings of life in the South at Jim Harrison Gallery in Denmark, the Salkehatchie area abounds with creativity.

"Our rivers are beautiful and so inspiring," said award-winning nature photographer Larry Price, a native South Carolinian who exhibits his work at the Little Red Barn and celebrates the beauty of the area in his new book, *THE EDISTO RIVER: North America's Black Water Crown Jewel*. "I always see different things out on the river all the time. The black water has some kind of magic about it. It's so peaceful and serene."

Here is a quick overview of some of the art and antique highlights in the Salkehatchie region:

Walterboro Antiques District

Downtown Walterboro, S.C.

Located on Washington Street, Wichman Street and N. Lucas Street

More than a dozen antique shops clustered in a two-block area, offering everything from antique furniture to hard-to-find collectibles.

Salkehatchie Arts Center

939 N. Main Street (Hwy. 301)

P.O. Box 534

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803.584.6084

www.salkehatchie-arts.com

A treasure trove of folk art, photography, paintings, jewelry, sweetgrass baskets and unique hand-made items created by top Salkehatchie artists and artisans.

South Carolina Artisans Center

318 Wichman Street

Walterboro, S.C. 29488

843.549.0011

www.scartisanscenter.com

South Carolina's official folk art and craft center, featuring art, pottery, glass work, garden sculptures, hand-made jewelry, photography and sweetgrass baskets by 250 juried artists from across the state.

The Little Red Barn

12080 U.S. 278

Barnwell, S.C. 29812

803.541.7900

www.pawprintpottery.biz

An eclectic collection of art, pottery and antiques, including South Carolina face jugs and spongeware pottery by Liz Ringus and photography by South Carolina master naturalist Larry Price. Featured in *Southern Living* and *Country Living*.

Jim Harrison Gallery

One South Main Street

Denmark, S.C. 29042

800.793.5796

www.jimharrison.com

A nationally-renowned fine art gallery offering Southern landscape paintings, Coca-Cola-themed art and nostalgic renderings of rural life in South Carolina by one of the region's most talented and best-known artists.

Main Street Market

3128 Main Street

Bamberg, S.C. 29003

803.245.2777

www.mainstreetmarket.biz

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A cooperative market offering ornamental ironwork, collectibles, antique furniture, books, clothing, accessories and much more.

The Caroline Collection

4659 Carolina Hwy.
Denmark, S.C. 29042
803.793.4739

The largest privately-owned antique dealer in the Southeast, featuring three stories of antiques, plus several additional locations with an expanded inventory of treasures. Featuring 18th and 19th-century furniture, accessories, lamps, silver and porcelain.

Branches Unique Gifts

300 Lee Avenue
Hampton, S.C. 29924
803.914.0256

www.branches-gifts.com

Distinctive gifts including glassware, dishes, jewelry, gourmet food items and housewares.

ABOUT THE SALKEHATCHIE REGION:

The Salkehatchie region of South Carolina serves as the heart and soul of the real South. Rich in culture, history, arts and outdoor activities, this five-county area attracts visitors who want to relax and escape the stress of the city. With its laid-back rural atmosphere and gorgeous natural setting, the region serves as an ideal year-round escape for kayakers, birders, golfers, hunter, antiques aficionados, history buffs and anyone with a passion for the outdoors. This family-friendly area serves as ideal daytrip or overnight location, attracting visitors from across the Southeast and around the country. For more information about the Salkehatchie region, please call 803.584.3446 or visit www.gosalk.com online.

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA SALKEHATCHIE LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE:

The University of South Carolina Salkehatchie Leadership Institute was developed to stimulate economic development in Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Colleton and Hampton Counties of South Carolina. The Institute, an outreach arm of the University of South Carolina-Salkehatchie, opened in 1998 as a result of public private initiative including the cooperative efforts of the University of South Carolina, the Allendale County Chamber of Commerce, BellSouth, South Carolina State University, Clemson University, U.S.D.A. Rural Development, S.C. Commission on Minority Affairs, S.C. Department of Commerce, S.C. Downtown Development Association, and Leadership South Carolina. The Institute has continued to build partnerships and coalitions locally, regionally, and on a statewide basis to facilitate leadership development, community development, and economic



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