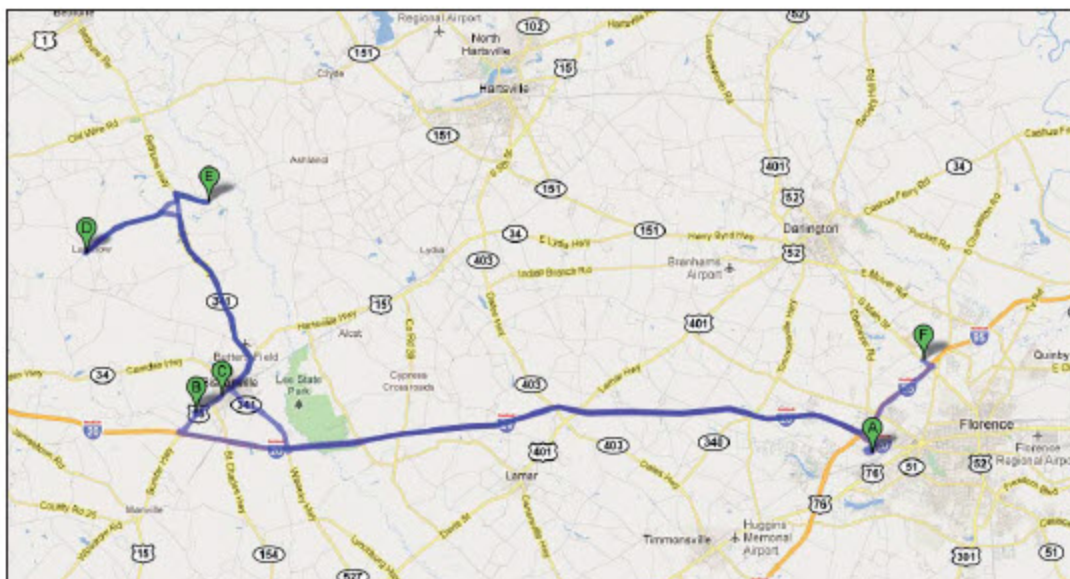


**Whimsical Mystery Tour
Region: Florence, SC**

**for
Group Leaders**

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- 8:30am depart Myrtle Beach
- 10:00am arrive Florence
meet step-on guide
- 10:00am depart for The Pearl Fryar Topiary Garden
watch "A Man Named Pearl" DVD
- 10:30am arrive at The Pearl Fryar Topiary Garden
Broad Acre Rd., Bishopville 803.484.5581
- 11:30am depart for lunch
- 11:40am lunch at Watford's BBQ or Charlene's Taste of Country
Main Street, Bishopville or Hyw 341/I-20
- 12:45pm depart for SC Button Museum
- 1:15pm arrive at SC Button Museum
55 Joe Dority Rd., Bishopville 803.428.3841
- 2:00pm depart for Patz and Mike Fowle's art studio
- 2:30pm arrive at Patz and Mike Fowle's art studio
visit husband (metalwork) and wife (clayworker) team at work
Kelly Bridge Rd., Bishopville 843.332.8474
- 3:30pm depart for Young Pecan Outlet
- 4:00pm arrive Young Pecan Outlet, Florence
2005 Babar Lane 843.662.2452
- 4:30pm depart Florence

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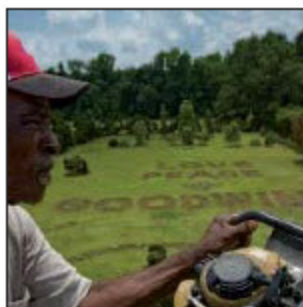
The Pearl Fryar Topiary Garden

145 Broad Acres Rd., Bishopville 803.484.5581

www.pearlfryar.com

Since the early 1980s, Pearl Fryar has been creating fantastic topiary at his garden in Bishopville, South Carolina. Living sculptures, Pearl's topiary are astounding feats of artistry and horticulture. Many of the plants in Pearl's garden were rescued from the compost pile at local nurseries. With Pearl's patience and skilled hands, these "throw aways" have thrived and have been transformed into wonderful abstract shapes. Pearl Fryar and his garden are now internationally recognized and have been the subject of numerous newspaper and magazine articles, television shows, and even a documentary, *A Man Named Pearl*.

Today, the Pearl Fryar Topiary Garden draws visitors from around the globe. Visitors to the Pearl Fryar Topiary Garden experience a place that is alternately beautiful, whimsical, educational, and inspiring. Pearl's garden contains over 300 individual plants, and few are spared from his skilled trimming. His extraordinary topiary is complemented by his "junk art" sculptures placed throughout the garden. Pearl's garden is a living testament to one man's firm belief in the results of positive thinking, hard work, and perseverance, and his dedication to spreading a message of "love, peace and goodwill."



Watford's BBQ

341 Main Street, Bishopville 803.484.6223

Traditional style BBQ restaurant provides a choice of pulled pork BBQ or BBQ chicken with all the fixings. Quick service since all food is pre-cooked.

Charlene's Taste of Country

34 County Road 494, Bishopville (I-20 and Hwy 341) 803.428.2900

Traditional country style cooking. A favorite with the locals!



SC Button Museum

55 Joe Dority Rd., Bishopville 803.428.3841
www.scbUTTONking.com

Dalton Stevens is known as the Button King. It all started with his insomnia and needed something to keep him busy. "I didn't sleep some times for four or five days," Stevens said. "So I started doing buttons, the first thing I did was sew buttons on a suit." The suit has 16,333 buttons sewed onto the material and took him two years and 10 months to complete.

Among the other button-covered items at the SC Button Museum are: an outhouse, a hearse, a Chevrolet Chevette, a guitar, a piano and two caskets, one of which he will be buried in when he passes away. The hearse has 600,000 buttons while the Chevrolet has 149,000 buttons attached.

One of the songs he has written, "Insomniac Shuffle" is as follows: "Give me a bag of buttons, buttons are my bag, I start sewing buttons before my eyes begin to sag. Buttons will make or break me when I sign the big contract, then I'll be the richest of all insomniacs."

In years past he has appeared on "The Tonight Show" with Johnny Carson, "The David Letterman Show" and "Nashville Now" with Ralph Emery.

Patz and Mike Fowle art studio
Kelly Bridge Rd., Bishopville 803.484.5581
www.mikefowle.com www.patzfowle.com

Patz Fowle is an award-winning ceramic artist whose significant contributions to American Ceramic Arts began in 1970 with her signature, *Patz Process Ceramic Technique* for handbuilding in clay. Fowle specializes in creating handbuilt, anthropomorphic, clay animals that ooze with character! Her work is highly collected and recognized for its distinctive, thought-provoking and humorous style. Fowle's unique sculptures have been featured in numerous books on ceramic art and she has taught her techniques to thousands at ceramic workshops, universities, museums, and as Artist-in-Residence in schools nationally and internationally.

Mike Fowle is a self-taught, emerging, contemporary visual sculptor working in multiple media. He is an approved artist for the South Carolina Arts Commission and maintains a working studio where he creates art for public and private collections.

Together, Mike and Patz Fowle create the most whimsical artwork around. Their home studio, which Mike built, is larger than their home. When you get there, you can feel the creative energy bouncing off the walls.



Wild-A-Beast by Mike Fowle



Vinny Van Goat by Patz Fowle



Gone Fishing... in his Head by Patz Fowle

Young Pecan Plantation

2005 Babar Lane 843.662.2452
www.youngplantations.com

Young Pecan Plantation Outlet offers samples of a dozen scrumptious flavored pecans. The shop also carries a full line of SC food products including scuppernong cider, locally-grown fruit preserves, and mixes for shrimp and grits.

