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Walterboro Events

Let's Go Expo

In early March, the town is hosting the Let's Go Expo, sponsored by the S.C. Eat Smart Move More Coalition.

The expo will feature a fitness showcase, cooking demonstrations, health talks, giveaways and a visit from SCETV's Smart Cat. The free event will be 10 a.m.-3 p.m. March 5 at the Colleton Center in Walterboro. Visit www.esmmsc.org.

Great Swamp Sanctuary

On March 12, naturalist Rudy Mancke will join the Friends of the Great Swamp Sanctuary in celebration of Great Swamp Sanctuary Day.

Starting at 9 a.m., Mancke will share his love of ecosystems during a Walk and Talk in the Great Swamp Sanctuary. This is a free event that will begin at the entrance of De Treville Street.

From 2 to 4 p.m., Mancke will host a "What is This?" session where he will identify artifacts brought in by visitors. This event will be held at Waterfall Memorial Park in the 200 block on East Washington Street. The fee is \$5.

The evening will end with a program by Mancke titled "Love of the Lowcountry," 6-7 p.m. at the Colleton County Auditorium. A reception will follow at 7:15-9 p.m. at the S.C. Artisans Center, 318 Wichman St. Tickets are \$10 and include the cost of the program and reception. Call Celeste Stone at 549-7658.

'Walk and Talk'

Dean Harrigal of the S.C. Department of Natural Resources will host a "Walk and Talk" at the Great Swamp Sanctuary.

This free event will be at 9 a.m. April 9 at the entrance of De Treville Street. Call Celeste Stone at 549-7658.

Wings n' Wheels

On April 23, the third annual Walterboro Wings n' Wheels event will showcase more than 100 aircraft and show cars. The event will be is 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Lowcountry Regional Airport.

Admission is free, but donations will be accepted to benefit the MUSC Children's Hospital Fund. Visit www.wings-n-wheels.org.

Rice festival

The annual Colleton County Rice Festival is April 29-May 1. Held in downtown Walterboro, the event features arts and crafts, food, fireworks, music and other entertainment.

The annual Rice Festival Parade will be at 11 a.m. April 30. The 5K run and 5K walk begin at 8 a.m. April 30 at the old post office on Washington Street. The Mile Fun Run will begin at 9 a.m. Cash prizes will be awarded to both male and female finishers. Visit www.scfestivalrice.com.

Walterboro Criterium

On May 4, the city will host the Downtown Walterboro Criterium, an international cycling competition that is part of the USA Crits Speed Week. This is a free event, and visitors may watch some of the best cyclists in the world race through the streets of downtown Walterboro. The race will take place 4-10 p.m.

There also will be a children's race, and special needs bikes will be awarded through the Little Red Dog Foundation and the Walterboro Fire Department. Visit www.walterborosc.org or <http://usacrits.com/speedweek>.

Antiques, history, arts

The fifth annual Walterboro Antiques, History & Arts Festival is planned for May 13 and 14.

A Pig Pickin' will be held 6-8 p.m. May 13 at the S.C. Artisans Center. Tickets for the barbecue cost \$10. Antique vendors will be on-site 10 a.m.-5 p.m. May 13-14 on Washington and Lucas streets. And the grand opening of the Walterboro Farmers Market is set for 10 a.m.-2 p.m. May 14.

A Folk Art Celebration will be held 10 a.m.-5 p.m. May 14 at the S.C. Artisans Center, at 318 Wichman St. A, S.C. Watermedia Society Show will be at the Colleton Museum on Jefferies Boulevard 10 a.m.-5 p.m. May 13 and noon-4 p.m. May 14.

The Lowcountry Juried Art Exhibition will open as well. This is a free event 10 a.m.-2 p.m. May 13 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. May 14. An awards reception will be held. Visit www.scartisanscenter.com.