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**BEAUFORT KALEIDOSCOPE: FILM, FOOD AND FINE ART**

**(Beaufort, SC)** – The Beaufort Kaleidoscope *Film, Food and Fine Art* is taking place on March 6-9. The event is sponsored by Habersham Land Company and presented by the Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce. Other sponsors include BB&T, AirTran Airways, Bluffton Today and Adventure Radio Group. Special thanks to Scott and Gwen Myers, Southeast Film Guide, Stokes Toyota, Lowcountry Weekly, Lowcountry Winery, Caffino, Dataw Island Garden Club, HWY 21Drive-In, Beaufort Inn, C&J Seafood and the Arts Council of Beaufort County. Media Partners include 104.9 John F.M., Cumulus Savannah and Clear Channel.

The weekend will kick off on Thursday, March 6, at the Arts Council of Beaufort County with a Funding Solutions Panel Discussion. The South Carolina Film Commission will make a presentation about the Film Production Fund, a grant program promoting collaboration between South Carolina students and independent producers. The discussion will begin at 2 pm and run until 4 pm.

Following the panel discussion, there will be a VIP Reception at the Beaufort Inn for filmmakers and sponsors. This event is included for guests with an all events pass.

Film screenings will be all day Friday and Saturday. The films (short, feature, student, and documentary) will be shown at Lady's Island Cinemas, courtesy of Paul Trask. Tickets for films will be for sale at the theatre as well as in advance from the chamber. Animation screenings will be all day Friday and Saturday at the Arts Council of Beaufort County Performance Center.

Thirteen art galleries in historic downtown Beaufort will welcome guests for an Art Walk from 5 pm to 7:30 pm Friday. More than 500 local and regional artists will be featured in the participating galleries.

An exciting addition to the Beaufort Kaleidoscope this year is an animation workshop on Saturday from 10 am to 12 pm at the Art Council of Beaufort County located at 1111 Boundary Street. Larry Lauria, an award winning animator, director and teacher will lead the workshop. The four animation finalists will be shown at the Arts Council of Beaufort County Performance Center.

An art show hosted by Habersham Land Co. will be Saturday from 12 Noon until 5 pm. Stroll along Habersham's avenue while enjoying music by a local favorite guitarist Chris Paul and art from alumni of Savannah College of Art & Design.

On Friday, March 7, the Big Chill party will begin at 9 pm at 601 Bay Street in historic downtown Beaufort. The party is in celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the filming of the Big Chill in Beaufort. Wine from Beaufort's very own Lowcountry Winery will be featured.

If you are a movie buff and love seeing the sites of local filming, join author Ginnie Kozak in a film site walking tour through historic downtown Beaufort. The tours will run at 11 am and 2 pm on Saturday. The tour will begin at the Beaufort Visitor Center located on the corner of Carteret and Boundary Streets.

The Awards Evening at Habersham of The Beaufort Kaleidoscope Film, Food and Fine Art will happen on Saturday, March 8, beginning at 6 pm. Gourmet food (prepared by Panini's Café, Restaurant Bateaux, Berry Island Café, Debbi Covington Catering, Smokey Chef Catering, Saltus River Grille, Barbara Jean's and the Chocolate Tree), wine tasting and beverage stations will be open at 6 pm. Beginning at 7 pm, the film and art awards will be



presented. The Guild of Beaufort Galleries will be recognize John Villani, author of *America's 100 Best Art Towns*. Immediately following the awards ceremony will be dancing to the music of Built for Comfort. Look forward to dessert, espresso and coffee to cap off a wonderful evening.

The weekend concludes on Sunday at 5:30 pm in the Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park in historic downtown Beaufort with a free concert by Heritage of America Rhythm in Blue Jazz Ensemble. The concert is sponsored by the Arts Council of Beaufort County, City of Beaufort and Main Street Beaufort, USA.

Individual tickets for any event or special all event passes are available at the Beaufort Visitor Center. For information on ticket pricing, packages or how you can be involved please visit [www.BeaufortKaleidoscope.com](http://www.BeaufortKaleidoscope.com) or call 843-986-5400, ext. 22.

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