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Whether this is your first visit or your tenth, we're thrilled to share another unforgettable weekend with you here in beautiful Highlands, North Carolina—a place that pairs small town charm with big city culinary sophistication reflective of the whole Southeast, from mountains to sea.

For a decade, this festival has brought together passionate chefs, talented winemakers, and soulful musicians from across the country to celebrate what makes our region special: community, creativity, and the simple joy of gathering around a table. Over the next few days, you'll experience the best of Southern hospitality through inspired dishes, thoughtfully curated beverages, and the kind of live music that could only happen here—beneath crisp fall skies and the Blue Ridge peaks.

This year's celebration brings our most dynamic lineup yet. Kick off the weekend at **The Grand Tasting** on Thursday, featuring vibrant local restaurants and

regional chefs. Friday's **Smoke Signals** brings char-grilled delights, craft beer, and Americana tunes from *Railroad Earth*. On Saturday, downtown Highlands transforms into a block-party-style **Main Event**, headlined by *The Wallflowers* and *Nikki Lane*. To close, Sunday's **A Shot at Redemption** Brunch features the legendary *Blind Boys of Alabama*, honoring our roots with soul and song.

As you explore the festival, we hope you'll take time to enjoy everything our mountain town offers—from boutique-lined streets to breathtaking trails and waterfalls. And when spring returns, continue the celebration at the **Bear Shadow Music Festival** (May 29–31, 2026). Learn more at [bearshadownc.com](http://bearshadownc.com).

Thank you for helping us make ten years of Highlands Food & Wine so extraordinary. Here's to a weekend of flavors, friendships, and memories made at the top of the mountain.

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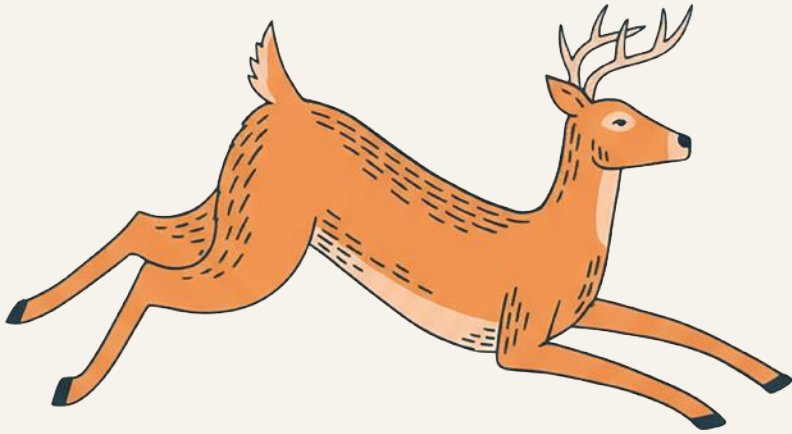


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# Schedule of Events

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### GRAND TASTING

*Music by The Psychedelics*

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## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

### SMOKE SIGNALS

*Music by Paul McDonald and The Mourning Doves and Railroad Earth*

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### HER VOICE, HER VINTAGE

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### MAIN EVENT

*Music by Nikki Lane and The Wallflowers*

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### ROCK & ROE

Hutchinson House | 5:30 - 6:30 P.M. | [pg. 32](#)

### THE BARN RAMBLE

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## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

### A SHOT AT REDEMPTION

*Music by Blind Boys of Alabama*

The Bascom | 11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. | [pg.36](#)



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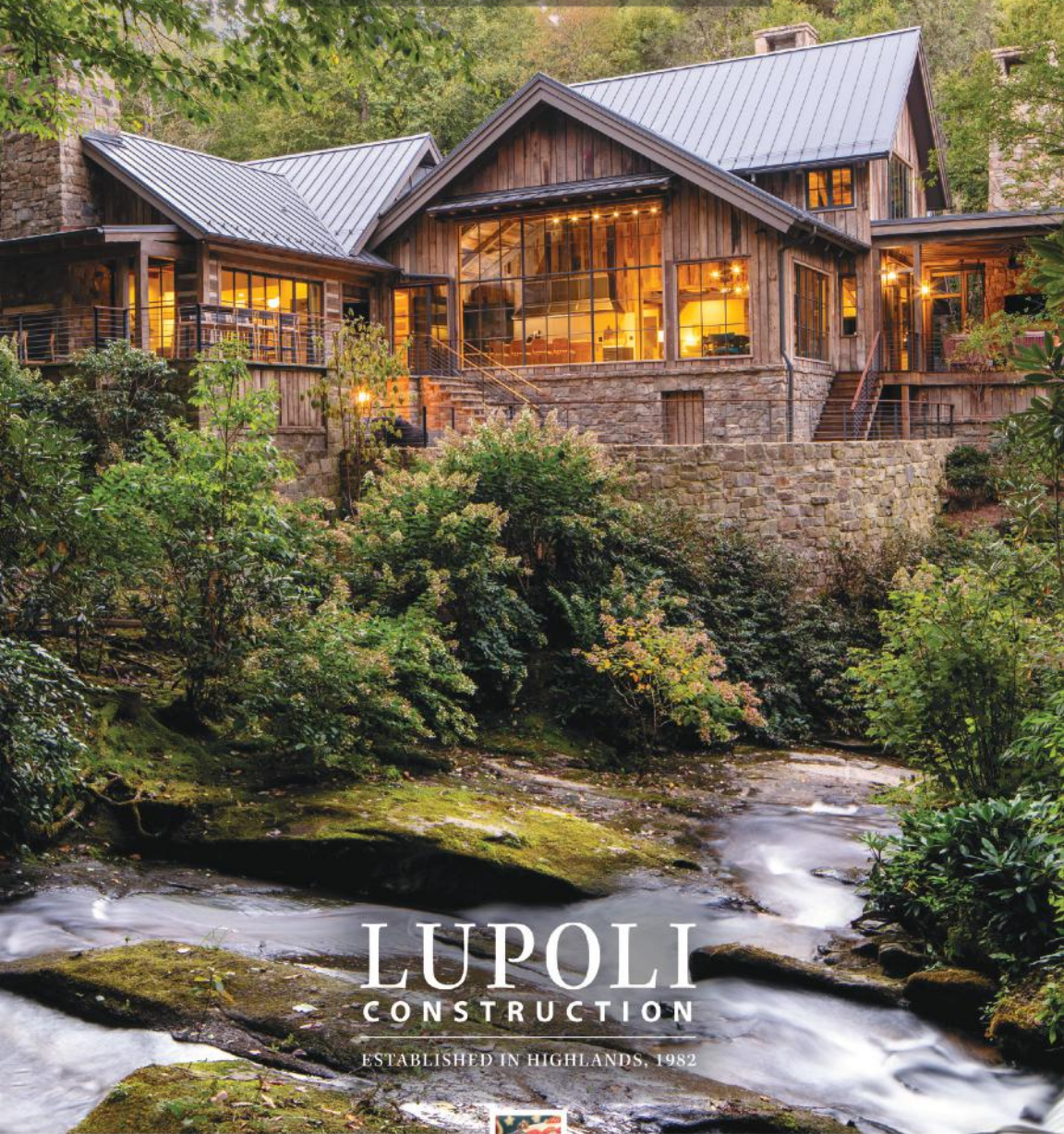


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# Grand Tasting

Thursday, November 13 | 7:00 – 10:00 P.M.  
The Bascom | 323 Franklin Road

Our signature opening event, the Grand Tasting, invites you to get acquainted with our beloved Highlands-Cashiers restaurants and regional chefs as well. And the wine? It is *flowing*. Rounding out the evening, The Psycodelics will have you grooving to the beat, setting the tone for a fun-filled weekend.

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Aaron Kulzer with Highlands Supper Club, Jake Stone with Salthouse Catering, Jeff Allen with Millers All Day, Johannes Klapdohr with Library Kitchen & Bar, Jorge Marin with Madison's, Markie McCullough with Oak Steakhouse, Massimiliano Proietti with Ristorante Paoletti, Matt Weinstein with Oak Steakhouse, Rachel Lewicki with The Secret Garden, Ryno Grobler with Highlands Smokehouse, Santi Guzzetti with Ilda, Shawn Kelly with Fork & Plough, Sophie Delaney of One Wicker Cheese Co., and Vijay Shastri with Stubborn Buddha

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## MUSICAL APPEARANCES

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**H**ighlands Food & Wine is proud to announce the inaugural **Chef Wolfgang Green Award**, an annual honor celebrating culinary excellence, community spirit, and the enduring legacy of one of Highlands' most beloved chefs. Ticket holders will cast their votes during the Grand Tasting, selecting a standout chef whose work reflects the warmth, creativity, and generosity that defined Wolfgang's career. The award recipient will be announced during the evening's festivities—an unforgettable highlight of the evening.

For nearly 30 years, Chef Wolfgang Green led Wolfgang's Restaurant & Wine Bistro, earning national acclaim for his refined Bavarian-Southern cuisine and exceptional hospitality. A classically trained chef with roots in East Germany, Wolfgang is a seasoned executive whose career spans top culinary destinations around the globe. He brings exacting

standards and heartfelt charm to every plate. His wine program garnered accolades, and his dining room became a cherished gathering place.

But it was his presence—gracious, humble, and unwavering—that made Wolfgang's a Highlands institution. He greeted guests nightly, mentored staff who became family, and supported local farmers, charities, and fellow restaurateurs. His story is one of resilience and reinvention, from escaping East Berlin just before the Wall to building a legacy of flavor and fellowship in the mountains of North Carolina.

The **Chef Wolfgang Green Award** honors that legacy. It's a tribute to chefs who nourish not just with food, but with heart. Raise a glass, cast your vote, and help celebrate the next generation of culinary leaders who carry Wolfgang's spirit forward.



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# Smoke Signals

Friday, November 14 | 12:00 – 3:30 P.M.  
Kelsey-Hutchison Founders Park | 411 Pine Street

Introducing Smoke Signals—think everything chargrilled and seasoned. Our chefs' global foodways will make you nostalgic for backyard barbecues and campfire cookouts in a way you've never experienced before. Friday gives all the love to our beer and spirits partners, and our craft beer area is back, bigger and better than ever. Lifting our spirits even higher, Paul McDonald and The Mourning Doves opens for nostalgic bluegrass Americana band Railroad Earth, sure to bring the house down.

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## **MUSICAL APPEARANCES**

Paul McDonald and The Mourning Doves and Railroad Earth

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# Vines in the Pines

Friday, November 14 | 4:00 – 5:30 P.M.  
Highlands Biological Station Gardens

Hiking, but make it Highlands Food & Wine. Partake in a guided stroll along the flat, manicured trails of the Botanical Gardens at the Highlands Biological Station, with natural and sustainable wine tastings along the way. The tour culminates at the lakeside Teaching Pavilion for a sunset toast to our beautiful town—complete with live music and a sunset toast to set the mood.

## VINES IN THE PINES SPONSORS

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## MUSICAL APPEARANCES

Donnie Blackwell (Rufus Lee and the Handful) and Doug Jones (Craven Melon)



# Her Voice, Her Vintage

Friday, November 14 | 4:30 – 6:00 P.M.  
Skyline Lodge | 470 Skyline Lodge Road

Enjoy an early evening of conversation, songs, fine wine and hors d'œuvre pairings with American singer-songwriter and AMA nominated Emerging Artist of the year, Nikki Lane, nestled under Skyline Lodge's outdoor pavilion.

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## MUSICAL APPEARANCES

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# Main Event

Saturday, November 15 | 12:00 – 3:30 P.M.  
Main Street | Between 4th Street and 5th Street

The one not to miss– the Main Event! We take to the streets of Highlands, block-party style, with over 30 chefs and dozens of wines, specialty cocktails and mocktail brands, coffees, ciders and toddies galore. And don't forget to dress to impress–The Style Watch is looking for those feeling their 'fit and will get a little reward for their best ensemble.

We're pining for the 90s and are proud to welcome HFW 2025 headliners and multi-Grammy winner The Wallflowers with opening support by Nikki Lane.

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# Rock & Roe

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Hutchinson House | 594 Main Street

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## CULINARY APPEARANCES

Matthew Niessner with Halls Catch



# The Barn Ramble

Saturday, November 15 | 7:00 – 9:30 P.M.  
Flat Mountain Farm | 1359 Flat Mountain Road

Dust off your toe tappers, get ready to take a twirl on the dance floor and head to Flat Mountain Farm in Highlands for The Barn Ramble. Enjoy performances by Nashville's Sam Morrow, light bites by Little Secret, and beer, wine, and Blade & Bow signature cocktails.

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## MUSICAL APPEARANCE

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# A Shot at Redemption

Sunday, November 16 | 11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.  
The Bascom | 323 Franklin Road

Five-time Grammy Award winning (and Lifetime Achievement award winner) Blind Boys of Alabama are back to join us on the mountain, 10 years later! They're ready to bring us the gospel truth about why Sunday Brunch in Highlands is the best, and we're sparing no expense. Rest and relax as we treat you to a seated-and-served multi-course brunch, complete with your favorite Bloody Mary bar, except we'll do the work for you.

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## CULINARY APPEARANCES

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Blind Boys of Alabama

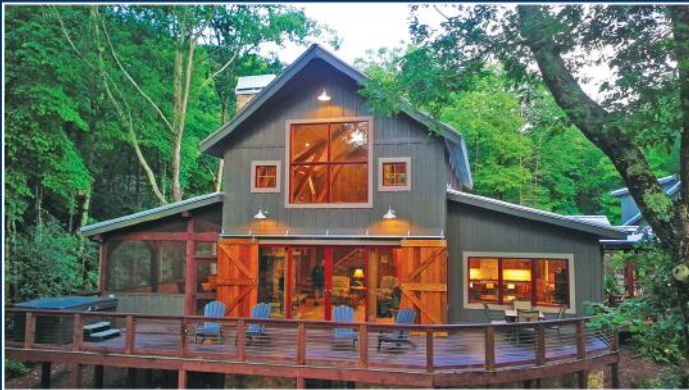




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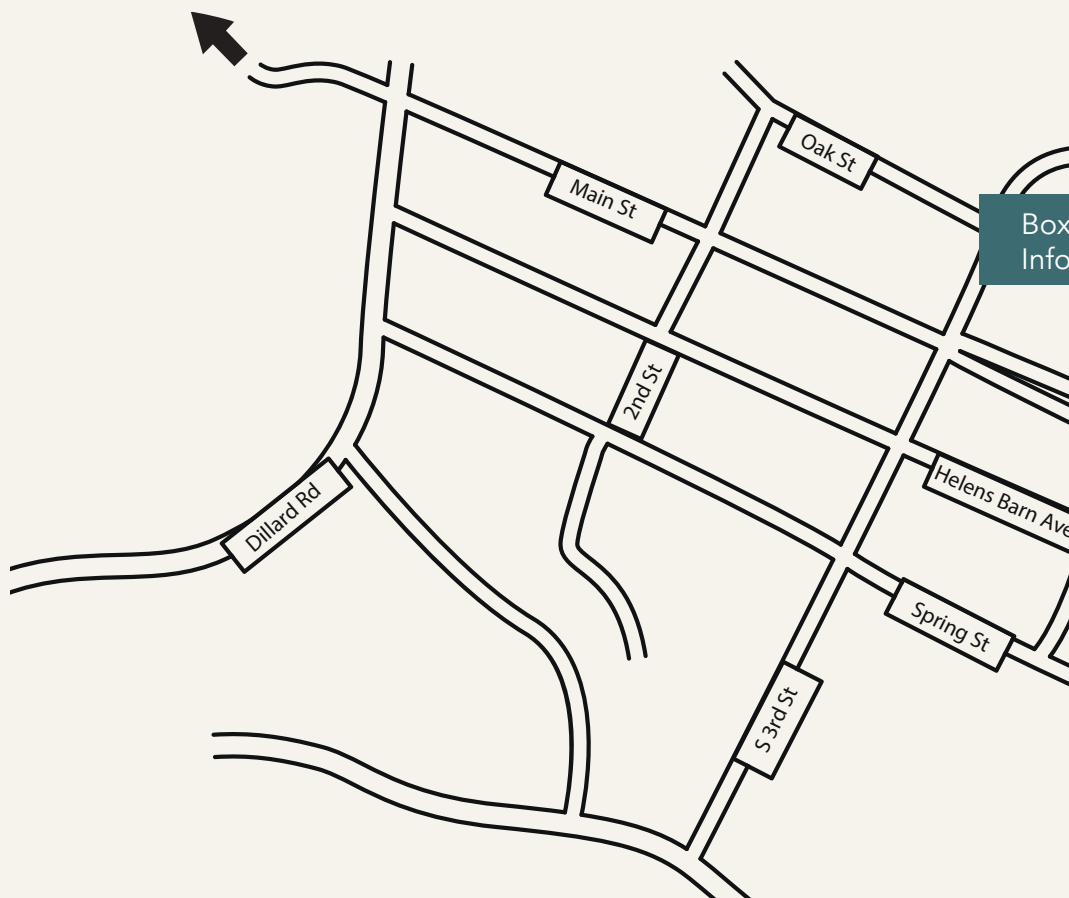
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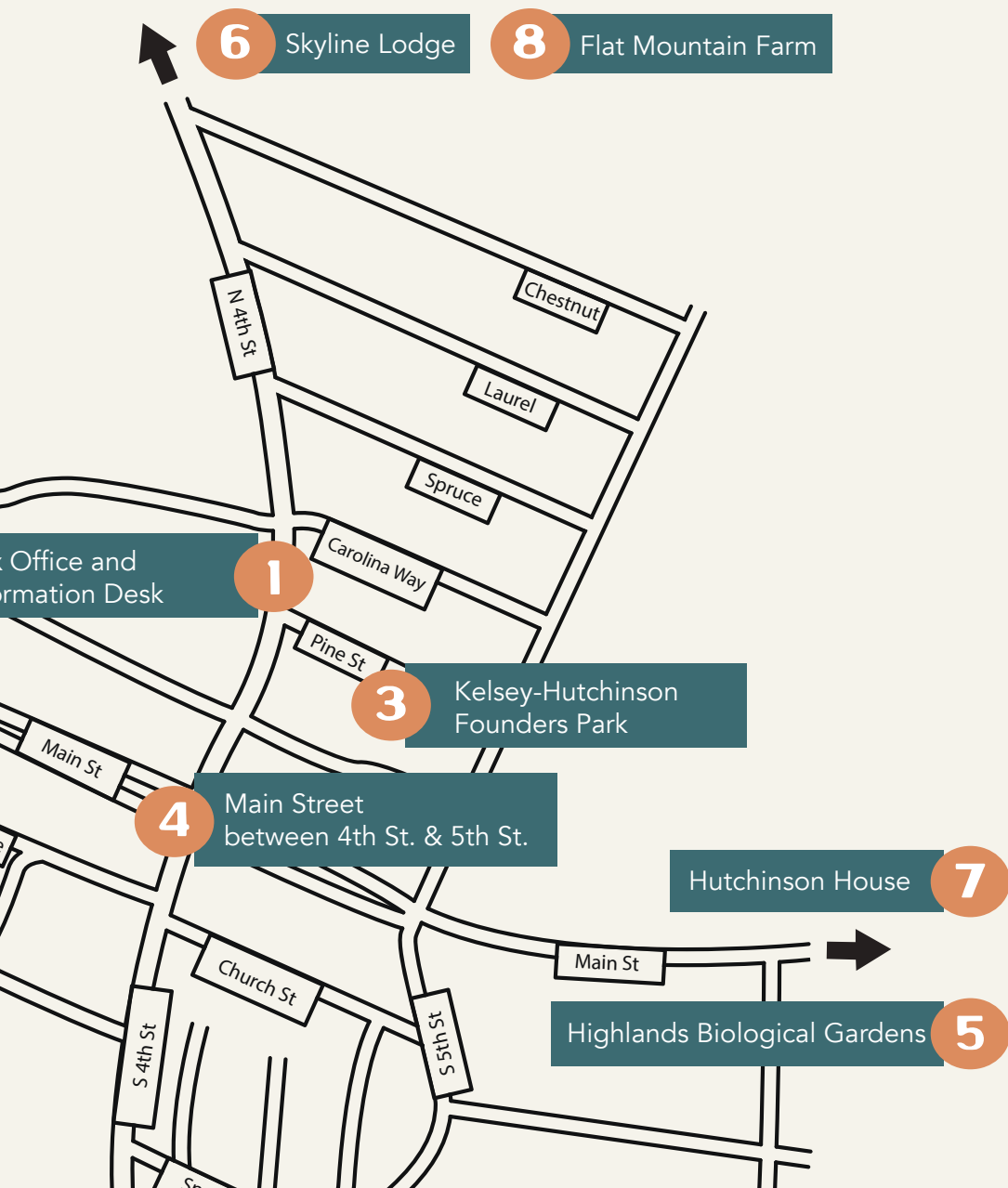
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\$260 per person plus tax and gratuity | Reservations: [highcountrywineprovisions.com](http://highcountrywineprovisions.com)

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## **BARTENDING CLASS**

Presented by The Stubborn Bull | Saturday, November 15 | 1:00 - 3:00 P.M.

Join in for a fun, hands-on bartending class where you'll learn to mix signature cocktails, master bar techniques, and enjoy exclusive tastings!

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## **OYSTER ROAST AT HIGHLANDER MOUNTAIN HOUSE**

Presented by Highlander Mountain House | Saturday, November 15 | 3:00 - 5:00 P.M.

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Presented by Highlands Wine Shoppe | Saturday, November 15 | 4:30 - 6:30 P.M.

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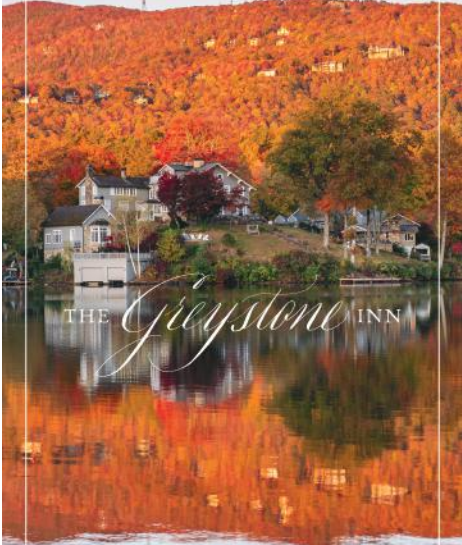
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## **RULES AND RESTRICTIONS**

No one under the age of 21 is permitted.

Please no pets (service animals are permitted).

No outside food or alcohol will be permitted at events unless stated otherwise.

Complimentary water will be provided.

No smoking or vaping of any kind.

Please drink responsibly. Anyone that the festival crew deems as inebriated will be asked by security to leave the event. There will be law enforcement at each event.

## **PARKING**

There is limited parking throughout downtown Highlands and at the events. Please consider carpooling or walking to events, if possible. Please respect businesses that have reserved parking for their patrons by not parking there during business hours.

## **WHAT TO BRING**

Government-issued photo ID; Barcoded event tickets;

Cash or credit card for merchandise;

Proper attire for forecasted weather (gloves, hats, rain gear)

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Friday, November 14: 10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Saturday, November 15: 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

\*\*Please note, only the purchaser of the tickets can pick up wristbands.

If you cannot pick up wristbands early, you can simply present your tickets at the event gate for entry.

## WHAT DO I NEED TO GET INTO THE EVENT?

You need your ticket barcode or a wristband. After receiving your event wristband, you must wear your wristband for the duration of the event. VIP Weekender ticket holders must wear Weekender wristbands for the duration of the festival.

## HOW DO I PUT ON MY WRISTBAND?

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Your wristband allows you to come and go as you please to the events. You must have the specific event wristband on to enter/re-enter. Beverages may not leave the boundaries of any event.

## WHAT IF I STILL NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Opt in to receive text alerts by texting HFW to (828) 202-8911.

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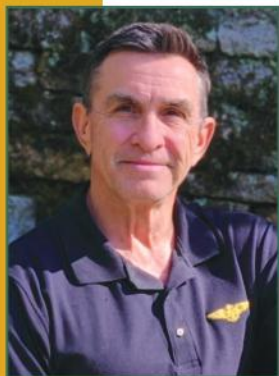


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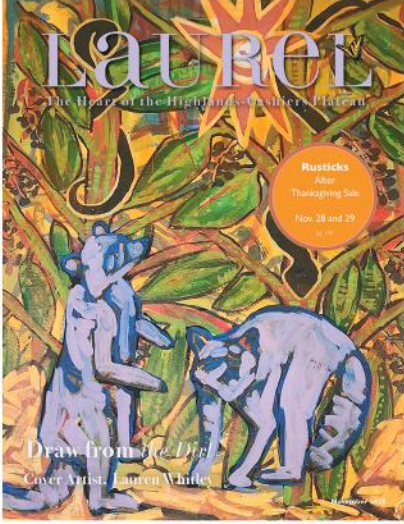


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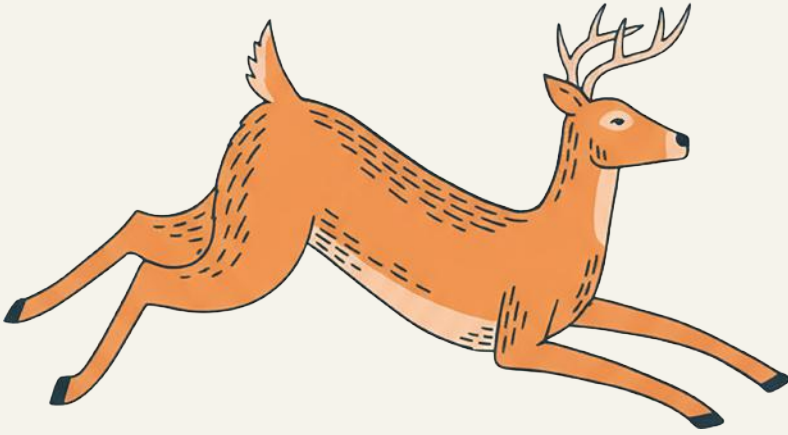


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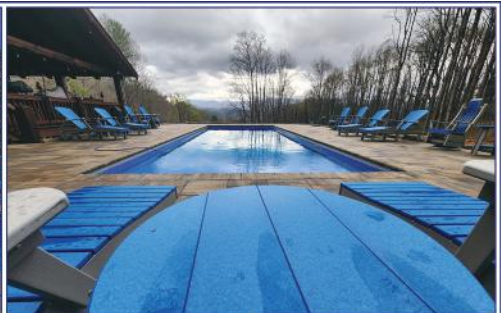
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One meaningful example is our partnership with the Culinary Institute of America through the Louis Osteen Legacy Scholarship. Named for a pioneer of Southern cuisine, this scholarship supports aspiring chefs from our region and helps ensure the Highlands-Cashiers culinary tradition continues to thrive. It's a tribute to Louis's enduring influence and a promise to those who dream of following in his footsteps.

Through its two signature festivals—Highlands Food & Wine and Bear Shadow—Highlands Festivals, Inc. has also directed proceeds to a wide range of local nonprofits, including Highlands Food Pantry, Friends of Founders Park, Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust, Highlands Biological Foundation, the Resource Institute, and Sky Valley–Scaly Mountain Volunteer Fire & Rescue.

Over the past nine years, Highlands

Festivals, Inc. has contributed more than \$250,000 to charitable organizations such as Equal Plates Project, Beloved Asheville, Southern Smoke Foundation, and many others—each one helping to strengthen the fabric of our region.

"In addition to celebrating great food, wine, and music, Highlands Festivals Inc. remains committed to giving back to the community," said Jack Austin, President of Highlands Festivals Inc.

"Highlands Food & Wine has become much more than a festival—it's a way for us to uplift the region, support vital nonprofit initiatives, and create lasting economic benefits for Highlands and the surrounding area. As we celebrate ten years, we are honored to continue fostering these connections and strengthening our community."

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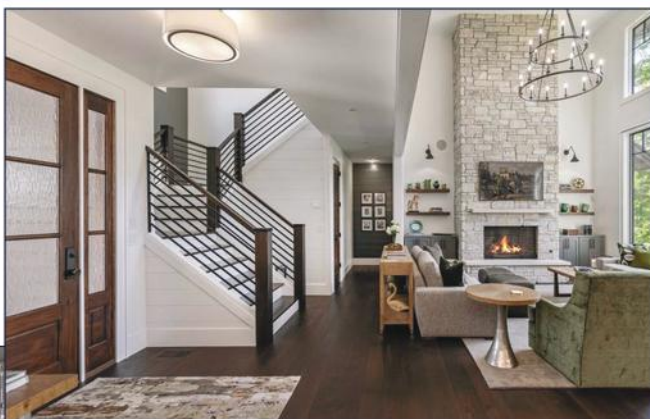
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