



Pints, Patriots, and Prose in the Pines of North Carolina

Shark Tank personality invests in local Veterans' Spouse Business – local entrepreneurs – R. Riveter in Southern Pines

After serving our country in the military, and ready for a second career, an increasing number of veterans (or sometimes their spouses) are becoming entrepreneurs in the Pinehurst/Southern Pines/Aberdeen area. With their organizational skills, discipline, and work ethic they know what it takes to be successful. Craft breweries (mentioned below), multi-service salons (Karma in Southern Pines), retail shops (Mocking Bird on Broad in Southern Pines), bicycle shop (May Street Bicycles), coffee processing, and small manufacturing firms (Spartan Blades) are examples of what these industrious risk takers are creating. Find out why here, why now, and what they hope for with their businesses. <http://www.riveter.com/> <http://cactuscreekcoffee.com/about/>

What's Brewing in the Sandhills?

Craft beer brewing is stirring up action in the Pinehurst, Southern Pines and Aberdeen area. Over the last several years, entrepreneurs, increasingly military veterans, have established new businesses to bring their beer tasting experiences from all over the world to create local brews to entice the most discerning hopheads to the novice "just give me a cold brew" customer. Check out the Railhouse Brewery www.railhousebrewery.com and the Southern Pines Brewing Company <http://www.southernpinesbrewing.com/>. And, if you want to try lots of NC craft brews, or need some ingredients to brew your own, check out Southern Pines Growler Company at <http://southernpinesgrowlerco.squarespace.com/>

Foothills Fun for the Family in Robbins, NC

Hiking, canoeing, kayaking, trail running, bird watching, fishing and outdoor competition for all ages and skill levels. These are just a few of the many activities that are offered in the Robbins area. For details, check out <http://wrmcduffie.wixsite.com/foothillsoutdoors>

Weymouth Center for the Arts – NC Literary Hall of Fame

The first James Boyd, a steel and railroad magnate from Pennsylvania, came to Southern Pines around 1900. He purchased twelve hundred acres and created an estate that included stables, tennis courts, gardens and a nine-hole golf course. He named it "Weymouth" because it reminded him of Weymouth in England. The Boyd House and remaining acreage is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, and was awarded a certificate of achievement by the National Wildlife Federation in 2003. <http://weymouthcenter.org/>

James Boyd wrote and his wife, Katharine, typed the manuscript for James' first and most famous novel, *Drums*, which was published in 1925. A deluxe 1928 edition was illustrated by the famous artist N. C. Wyeth. The Boyd's entertained extensively and Weymouth became the center of a very lively social life in the 1920s and 1930s, with literary friends such as F. Scott Fitzgerald, Thomas Wolfe, Paul Green and Sherwood Anderson. Boyd became one of America's outstanding authors of historical novels. *Drums* was followed by *Marching On* (1927), *Long Hunt* (1930), *Roll River* (1935) and *Bitter Creek* (1939). He also wrote poetry and short stories.

Classy Cars to Checkout -- Pinehurst Concours d' Elegance 2017

Pinehurst Concours d' Elegance -- On a spring Saturday in 2017, the fifth annual Pinehurst Concours d' Elegance will take place at the world-renowned Pinehurst Resort. The best of golf will meet the best of the automobile, while honoring some of the United States' bravest men and women. The event's Iron Mike Rally will be staged on Friday. Entrants have an opportunity to drive their vehicles in a 70-mile roundtrip caravan from Carolina Vista Drive in front of the Carolina Hotel to Fort Bragg to spend a day with the troops. Military vehicles will also be included as a non-judged display class. The Pinehurst Concours Best in Show winners have included a

1928 Isotta Fraschini 8ASS (2016), 1919 bright purple Pierce-Arrow Model 66 A-4 Tourer (2015), a midnight blue 1931 Cadillac 452A (2014), and a rare 1938 Steyr 220 Glaser Roadster (2013). To find out more, go to www.pinehurstconcours.com

It's Not a Crock, visit Nationally Recognized Potters on Busbee Road– Moore County is home to NC's Pottery Trail. Not far from the sandy fairways, the foothills start to emerge with their rich clay, highly-desirable for pottery making. Today over 90 potters practice their craft and livelihood on and off Hwy. 705 (Pottery Highway). Seventh-generation potters are creating a wide variety of wares on Busbee Road. Spend a day or two visiting the various artists and take home unique pieces of pottery whether to use or display as art. Some have been exhibited in the Smithsonian. If you are so inspired, arrange to have a pottery class just for you and your small group. <http://www.potteryofbusbeeroad.com/>

American History with Southern Style

Local resident and historian, Ray Owen can regale you with historical tidbits and has created performances for the Palustris Arts Festival held in late March. Whether you are interested in the literary Boyd family, the turpentine industry, lifestyles of the settlers, or stories about the bullet holes in the Bethesda Presbyterian church walls, Ray has the histories to tell. Learn about the families that settled the area in colonial times and soon you'll know why they didn't leave once they felt the sand between their toes. Contact Ray at fullsky@nc.rr.com.

The Sandhills Faire/Fair Barn in the Village of Pinehurst turns 100 in 2017

The Sandhills Faire, a major event held every fall from 1915 through 1925 in the Village of Pinehurst, and one of the largest in North Carolina at that time was housed in The Fair Barn built by the Tufts family in 1917 as an exhibition hall. The building is located within the confines of the Pinehurst Harness Track, and part of the oldest continuously operating equine sports complex in the state of North Carolina. Many famous celebrities from that era visited Pinehurst and some, such as Annie Oakley, performed at various events held at and around The Fair Barn.

Designed by Lyman Sise, a Boston architect and Tufts' relative, the Fair Barn is in the Mission Style popular around 1915. In 1932 it was partially destroyed by a tornado. After some repairs, it served as a stable for sixty years. The Pinehurst Historic Preservation Foundation was formed in the late 1990s in anticipation of the need to restore and preserve the best elements of the original village. <http://www.thefairbarn.org/History>

Historic Architecture and Historic Trees

Historic Architecture since Colonial days can be found throughout Moore County. Homes, businesses, churches, some open to the public help to weave the fabric of the life of early settlers in central Moore County. It's even home to the oldest longleaf pine tree.

The area provides interesting background stories of American history from the impact the railroad had on the local turpentine industry and tourism, to the Literary Hall of Fame located in the Weymouth Center once owned by the Boyd family and still hosting writers today. The Malcolm Blue Farm still stands as a tribute to the pioneers of the "pine barrens." The Shaw House and other homes that depict how life was lived in pre-Civil War America can be visited in Southern Pines. <http://www.moorehistory.com/> Some of the best resources, storytellers and historians about the Sandhills include: Audrey Moriarity at the Tufts Archives <http://www.tuftsarchives.org/>, Mitch Capel – a bonafide storyteller http://www.gibug.com/Home_Page.php, Jim Dodson – award-winning author <http://www.golfdigest.com/blogs/the-loop/2012/03/10-questions-for-author-james-dodson.html>, and Tom Stewart – golf aficionado, golfer, and owner of Old Sport Gallery in the Village of Pinehurst <http://oldsportgallery.com/>.

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