

The 5th Annual  
**Shine to Wine**  
 Wine & Art  
 Festival



# Historic Downtown North Wilkesboro Newsletter

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### Reasons to Love Downtown: Sale\$!

**Branciforte's Brick Oven**  
 810 Main Street  
 838-1110

Now offering Daily Specials  
 and a New Menu (includes Lasagna)  
 Catering and Gift Certificates also available.

**Ivy Ridge Traditions**  
 813 Main Street  
 667-4556

New Spring Arrivals  
 Vera Bradley

**Key City Grille**  
 211 10th Street  
 667-7878

#### Valentine's Menu: Available til Feb 14th

Course One & Two - Soup & Salad Trio: She  
 Crab Soup with a small Key City salad,  
 mushroom salad & Prosciutto & Manchego  
 salad with Ice Wine Pear Vinaigrette  
 Course Three - Three Cheese Stuffed  
 Mushrooms OR Prosciutto wrapped crab  
 stuffed prawn OR Fried Calamari with Sweet  
 Slaw and Wasabi Cream

Course Four - Seared Duck Breast with  
 Blueberry Balsamic reduction with a  
 garbanzo bean blended couscous and  
 zucchini ribbons OR Beef Wellington with  
 port butter and dauphinoise potatoes &  
 asparagus souffle OR Seared Sea Scallops  
 with Sherry Cream with Shiitake mushroom  
 & bacon risotto and herb roasted tomatoes

Course Five - Grand Mariner or Dark  
 Chocolate Creme Brulee accompanied by  
 two chocolate covered strawberries  
 Course Six - assortment of cheeses and  
 fruits

Couples Meal \$120, Couples Meal with  
 Wine: \$160

**Call for reservations, 667-7878**

**Cherished Memories by Wendy**  
 926 C Street  
 262-2030

Valentine's Special Now til Feb 16th  
 25% off LOVE portrait, 8 FREE photo cards,  
 First 10 to book an appointment gets FREE  
 Creation Fee

**Hallmark/Quickframe**  
 823 Main Street

## Main Street Champions



On Thursday, January 29, employees of the North Wilkesboro's Public Works Department Street Division were honored as 2008 Main Street Champions at the North Carolina Main Street Annual Awards Dinner in Statesville, N.C. They were selected for this special recognition by Historic Downtown North Wilkesboro in appreciation of their exceptional contributions to the downtown revitalization process. Along with Champions from 35 other communities, the street division employees received a certificate

commemorating their designation, presented by N.C. Secretary of Commerce J. Keith Crisco, Assistant Secretary of Commerce Cleveland Simpson, Main Street Assistant Coordinator Teresa Watts and Office of Urban Development Director Liz Parham.

Each of the state's active Main Street programs is given the opportunity annually to recognize a local Main Street Champion. The dedication and hard work of countless volunteers is required to make a local Main Street program successful, and the Main Street Champion designation acknowledges the extraordinary efforts of those persons who have played pivotal roles in the revitalization of their downtowns.

"Main Street is a grassroots effort and, in order to be successful, every local program must utilize its community resources—both financial and human," said Parham. "The human resources come in a number of forms: volunteers, Main Street board members, city staff, elected officials and others. There are no greater supporters of Main Street than those people who we honor here tonight, individuals who have taken their dedication to downtown to the next level—our 2008 N.C. Main Street Champions."

"Main Street Champions are the people who take on the early tasks, the pioneers who go where others often fear to tread, who step forward when others are stepping back, who make the tough calls and those risky investments. They embody the term "community leader", and they do this because they love their communities. There would be no Main Street successes without Main Street Champions," she said.

In nominating the North Wilkesboro Public Works Department Street Division for this honor, Historic Downtown North Wilkesboro offered the following:

*Historic Downtown North Wilkesboro is proud to honor the Town of North Wilkesboro Public Works Department Street Division's employees as 2008 Main Street Champions. When we ask members of the community what they value most about our downtown, two of the most frequent answers are the beautification of our streets with flags and plants and our community events. Neither of these projects would be possible without the dedication of the street division, headed by Randy Bell.*

*Bell and the entire street division crew, have contributed a substantial amount of time and effort to the betterment and improvement of our organization and downtown. They take great pride in their work and go above and beyond the everyday job requirement, working with enthusiasm to help ensure that our streetscapes have a positive visual impact on our community. During community events, they will often come down on their days off to make sure that everything is running smoothly.*

*The entire street division shares a strong desire to see downtown North Wilkesboro flourish and grow. However, what makes them our North Carolina Main Street Champions is not just that they care about our downtown, but that they have stepped up and made a difference with their time and actions, which will impact our community for years to come.*

*Historic Downtown North Wilkesboro proudly recognizes the Town of North Wilkesboro Public Works Department Street Division as our 2008 North Carolina Main Street Champions.*

**667-0101**Large selection of Valentine's Cards,  
Balloons and Stuffed Animals**Get your Girl Scout cookies,  
Sat, Feb 14th 10-2****Wilkestone****315 10th Street  
818-1011****New products!**Aroma Naturals Soy Candles  
Southern Essence Soaps**New Artisans!**Kevin & Gilda Aita  
J. Craig Greene  
"Buy Handcrafted"**Talia Espresso****809 Main Street  
838-0111**

Spring is coming!

Book your Wedding, Shower or any other  
special event at the Talia Basement.  
Gorgeous Night Club setting with 180 seat  
capacity and dance floor.**Mention this ad and receive 10 % off  
booking fee**Catering available from Talia Espresso.  
Various menu options from Appetizer to five  
course hot entree' sit down special event  
dinners. Call and ask for Kathy for special  
quotes and options, 336-838-0111 or  
[taliaespresso@hotmail.com](mailto:taliaespresso@hotmail.com)**Wilkes Art Gallery****913 C Street  
667-2841**Shop our Gift Shop  
Gifts for any occasion!**Mention this ad and receive \$10 off any  
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available at J. Jules Salon, ask for Linda.To see a list of all our downtown  
businesses visit our website at:[www.DowntownNorthWilkesboro.com/businesses](http://www.DowntownNorthWilkesboro.com/businesses)*If you have a business in the downtown that  
is not in this list, please reply with your  
information so you can be added.***What's Happening Downtown****Wilkes County Chess Club** - every  
Thursday night from 5:00-7:30pm  
The Chess Club is meeting in the  
Genealogy Room.*Wilkes County Public Library***Author Visit** - February 13, 2009Please join us in welcoming author Dori  
Saunders to the Wilkes County Public  
Library on Friday, February 13th, at  
3:00p.m. She will be in the Wilkes  
Friends of the Library Meeting RoomMain Street is a downtown revitalization program for smaller towns based on  
economic development within the context of historic preservation. The North Carolina  
Main Street Program, which provides technical assistance to its communities, is part  
of the Office of Urban Development in the Department of Commerce's Division of  
Community Assistance.In 1980, North Carolina was one of six original states, selected from 38 that applied,  
to launch the work of the National Trust for Historic Preservation's National Main  
Street Center. The North Carolina Main Street Program began working with its five  
original cities - New Bern, Salisbury, Shelby, Tarboro, and Washington - in  
September 1980 and has since grown to include 57 communities across the state.For more information about the North Wilkesboro Main Street Program please visit  
<http://www.downtownNorthWilkesboro.com>.Pictured from Left to Right above are N.C. Secretary of Commerce J. Keith Crisco,  
Streets Dept Supervisor Randy Bell, Mike Shew, Jeremy Billings, Albert Bowlin, and  
Assistant Secretary of Commerce Cleveland Simpson. Photography by Garry E.  
Hodges.**Shine to Wine Festival, Sat, May 2nd**The **5th Annual Shine to Wine Festival** is scheduled for Saturday, May 2, 2009,  
from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm in Downtown North Wilkesboro. We will have live  
entertainment, art, merchandise, wine, and food.Along with showcasing North Wilkesboro, Wilkes County and the burgeoning wine  
industry in our area, this year's event will feature the 2nd Annual **Culinary Chef  
Challenge**, where regional chefs representing surrounding restaurants will compete  
for the title of Best Chef, Most Creative and People's Choice. These chefs will display  
their cooking and presentation talents for a jury of judges and critics.The celebration will begin at 12pm, and continue until 6pm. General admission is  
**FREE**, and wine tastings are only \$20!To be a vendor, competing chef or participating vineyard, please contact our office  
at 336-667-4875 or [info@hdtnw.org](mailto:info@hdtnw.org).We are currently looking for Gold, Silver and Bronze medal sponsors for this event. If  
you'd like to receive sponsorship information, please contact our office at 336-667-  
4875 or [info@hdtnw.org](mailto:info@hdtnw.org).**Available Buildings in Downtown North Wilkesboro**

- Old Rosewood Florist Building, 912 Main Street. Contact Ann Weatherwax at (336) 838-3538 or at (336) 246-8621
- Restaurant Space, 910 Main Street (Old Roselli's), Contact Ann Weatherwax at (336) 838-3538 or at (336) 246-8621
- Commercial Office Space, 910 C Street, 3 office spaces available for rent. Contact Clara Hickman at (336) 651-7803 to discuss options.
- Former Beauty Shop for Rent. 2 room Retail space. \$500/month plus utilities. Call Carolyn McDowell for more info at 981-5739.
- Former Chiropractic Office is for Sale. 6th Street. Great office location and has lots of parking. Carolina Realty, Inc. 336-667-1966.
- "Own a Piece of History". Former Thrift Supermarket on corner lot with paved parking lot adjacent. 211 4th Street. Sidden Realty & Auction LLC 336-667-4949
- Street level storefront on Main Street. 821 Main Street, Call 838-3915 or 902-8181 for leasing options.
- Several different offices for lease. Sizes vary from 150 sq ft up to 2,000 sq ft. 201 Tenth Street. Contact Ike Forester 838-7322
- Various office spaces available on 1st floor and 5 room office space available on 2nd floor. Rent for \$100/mo and up, utilities included. 9th street. Contact Amanda at 336-838-8602.
- Solid brick 2 story office building with full unfinished basement. Possible residence on second floor. Previously used for attorney's office/insurance/health care, etc. 9th Street. Contact Linda Zinger at Carolina Realty 336-902-8735
- Updated office space for rent. Approx 1700 sq ft, 5 offices. 1000.00 per month. 205 6th Street, Contact Danielle Walsh @ Carolina Realty, Inc. 336-667-1966 ext 606
- 104 Sixth Street. Approx. 2500 sq ft. \$1,200/mo. Contact Shepherd Real Estate LLC, 838-2500. Ask for Tamera Miller.

signing books, talking about her life on a SC farm and her cooking! Dori Sanders' books will be available for purchase during her visit.

This program is sponsored in part by Key City Grille, CTE Magnet School, Holiday Inn Express, and by Grassroots funding from the NC Arts Council, a state agency, through the Cultural Arts Council of Wilkes, a local council.  
*Wilkes County Public Library*

**Library Crawl** - February 13, 2009  
Beginning at 11am at the Library with Author, Collee Riddle, 3pm at the Library with Author, Dori Sanders and 3-5:30 at Talia's with Authors from Press 53, 7:30pm at Legends in Wilkesboro with WCC students. This program is sponsored by Grassroots funding from the NC Arts Council, a state agency, through the Cultural Arts Council of Wilkes, a local council.

**Book Club** - February 17, 2009  
Tuesday, February 17th the Book Club will meet in the Friends of the Library Meeting Room at 4:00 p.m. to discuss The Story of Edgar Sawtelle by David Wroblewski.  
*Wilkes County Public Library*

**Wilkes Playmakers Auditions** -  
February 21, 2009  
Auditions will be held Friday, February 20th at 4:30 p.m. and Saturday, February 21st at 10:00 a.m. for Wilkes Playmakers OUTDOOR PRODUCTIONS of "Tom Dooley: A Wilkes County Legend" and "Moonshine & Thunder - The Junior Johnson Story". Auditionees can audition for one or both of these shows. These shows are great fun with a real family feeling. Hope to see you at auditions. Questions? Dooley Questions - call David Reynolds at 336-984-0780 or Moonshine Questions call Karen Reynolds at 336-902-7529. Parts available for ALL AGES! Auditions will be held at Benton Hall, 300 D Street, North Wilkesboro in the Great Hall.  
*Benton Hall*

**8 Week Acting Workshop - "STAR Power"** - February 22, 2009  
Acting Workshop for Young Adults/Adults beginning on February 22nd. The cost of the class is \$50. Classes will be offered on Sunday afternoons from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at Benton Hall, 300 D Street, North Wilkesboro. Registration will be handled from 2:30 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the first meeting on Sunday, February 22nd. Contact Karen Reynolds at playmaker@pcshome.net or call 336-838-7529.  
*Benton Hall*

- 304 10th Street. Approx. 1380 sq ft. \$395/mo. Contact Shepherd Real Estate LLC, 838-2500. Ask for Tamera Miller.
- 306 10th Street. Approx. 1380 sq ft. \$395/mo. Contact Shepherd Real Estate LLC, 838-2500. Ask for Tamera Miller.

*Information and pictures are available for these properties on our website at <http://www.downtownnorthwilkesboro.com/properties/>. If anyone has available buildings for rent or sale, please call Melissa Smithey at (336) 667-4875 to be listed for free in the newsletter and online.*

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**The Art of the High Country -**

January 9 - February 28, 2009

The Gallery's first exhibit of the new year will feature 11 artists and craftspeople from the Ashe County area. Exhibiting artists include Tonya Bottomley, Tom Sternal, Martha Enzmann, Raney Rogers, Mary Ann Prack, Janet Brashear, Joan Bell, Susan Van Wyk, Scott Pope, Doug Butler, and Catherine Altice working in a range of media including painting, printmaking, sculpture, ceramics, wood, fibers and more. This exhibit will be on display from January 9 through February 28 at the Wilkes Art Gallery with an opening reception on Friday, January 9 from 6:00-8:00 pm.

*Wilkes Art Gallery*

If you'd like to learn more about how you can make a tax-deductible contribution, please call the HDTNW office at (336) 667-4875 or visit our website at <http://www.downtownnorthwilkesboro.com/partners/>

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