

# Dining & Entertainment

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## Weekend PLANNER

### FRIDAY

**"Georgia Artists: A Juried Art Exhibit."** 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays; 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturdays, April 11-25. Free. Abernathy Arts Center, 254 Johnson Ferry Road N.W., Sandy Springs. 404-303-6172.

**Expressions in Light.** Color, black and white and alternative photography. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mondays-Fridays; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays through April 12. Free. Roswell Visual Arts Center and Gallery, 10495 Woodstock Road, Roswell. 770-594-6122. www.cvb.roswell.ga.us/attractions4a.html.

**"Hand to Hand."** Installation of works created on white gloves by more than 100 artists depicting news stories from the start of the Iraq War. Curated by Cecilia Kane. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays. Through April 12. Spruill Arts Center, 4681 Ashford Dunwoody Road, Dunwoody. 770-394-4019. www.spruillarts.org.

**Used Book Sale.** 11 a.m.-5 p.m. April 11-12. DeKalb County Public Library-Brookhaven, 1242 North Druid Hills Road, Atlanta. 404-848-7140. www.dekalblibrary.org.

**Relay For Life.** Teams camp out overnight and take turns circling a track. Because cancer never sleeps, each team asks that at least one member be on the track at all times. Benefits the American Cancer Society. 7 p.m. April 11-7 a.m. April 12. Form a team and raise funds for this cause. Oglethorpe University, 4484 Peachtree Road N.E., Atlanta. 404-315-1123. 404-264-0020. events.cancer.org/atlanta.

**"Dearly Departed."** After Daddy Bud Turpin drops dead at the breakfast table, family members make their way to the home of the widow, where they offer opinions about caskets, epitaphs, corn dogs and adultery. A Southern comedy by David Bottrell and Jesse Jones. 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays; 3 p.m. Sundays. Through April 26. \$15-\$18. Rosewater Theatre, 633 Holcomb Bridge Road, Roswell. 770-640-5500. www.rosewatertheatre.com.

**Reggie Hines.** 8:30 p.m. April 11. \$5. Londzelli's Jazz and Blues Cafe, 2300 Holcomb Bridge Road, Suite 309, Roswell. 678-795-9100. www.londzellsjazzandblues.com.

**Victoria Banks, Lisa Brokop, Paul Jefferson.** 10 p.m. April 11-12. \$17.50. Swallow at the Hollow, 1072 Green St., Roswell. 678-352-1975. www.thiswallowthehollow.com.

### SATURDAY

**Arborist Workshop.** Arborist Nick Philp of Bartlett Tree Experts focuses on trees in home landscape. Also, discussion and hands-on demonstration of pruning. Registration required. For ages 16 and older. 9-11 a.m. April 12. \$15. Chattahoochee Nature Center, 9135 Wilkeo Road, Roswell. 770-992-2055. Ext. 222. www.chattnaturecenter.com.

**Johns Creek Symphony Orchestra.** Season finale: Light classics and pops. Includes works from Dvorak, Delius, Strauss, Henry Mancini, John Williams and Frederick Loewe. 8 p.m. April 12. \$25; \$15 students. Northview High School, 10625 Parsons Road, Johns Creek. 678-748-5802. www.johnscreek-symphony.org.

**"For the Love of Music" with Keno, Naira, Candysse Jones.** 8:30 p.m. April 12; 8:30 p.m. April 27; 8:30 p.m. May 10. All Nations Cuisine & Bistro, 3352 Chamblee Tucker Road, Atlanta. 404-438-1180. 770-572-1856. www.allnationscuisineandbistro.com.

**Tammy Allen.** 8:30 p.m. April 12. \$5. Londzelli's Jazz and Blues Cafe, 2300 Holcomb Bridge Road, Suite 309, Roswell. 678-795-9100. www.londzellsjazzandblues.com.

**Moonlight Band.** 9:15 p.m. April 12. No cover. Oke Towne Bistro, 726 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. 770-321-5442. 770-817-3000. www.bistrooletowne.com.

**Modern Logic.** 9:30 p.m. April 12. \$10. Trilogy, 4330 Davidson Road, Suite 200, Marietta. 770-971-4770. www.trilogydining.net.

**Jason and Troy.** 10 p.m. Saturdays. Through April 25. No cover. Marlow's Tavern/Vinnings, 2355 Cumberland Parkway, Suite 101, Atlanta. 770-432-2526. www.marlowstavern.com.

### SUNDAY

**Spring Starlab.** A lesson in the planetarium about stars, constellations and planets prominent in the night sky. 12:30-1:30 p.m. April 13. \$5, \$4 senior citizens, \$3 ages 3-12, ages 2 and younger free. Chattahoochee Nature Center, 9135 Wilkeo Road, Roswell. 770-992-2055. www.chattnaturecenter.com.

**"Jose Luis Farinas: New Works 2007"** Farinas, a Jewish artist from Cuba, explores the Kabash through paintings in South and Japanese ink. In the Fine Family Art Gallery, 1-9 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays; 1-6 p.m. Sundays. Through May 18. Free. Marcus Jewish Community Center of Atlanta, 770-396-3250. 770-395-2654. www.atlantajcc.org.

**Atlanta Blue Notes.** 7 p.m. April 13. \$5. Trilogy, 4330 Davidson Road, Suite 200, Marietta. 770-971-4770. www.trilogydining.net.

**Galen Crader.** 8 p.m. Sundays. April 13-27. No cover. Marlow's Tavern/Vinnings, 2355 Cumberland Parkway, Suite 101, Atlanta. 770-432-2526. www.marlowstavern.com.

**The Brethren.** 8:30 p.m. April 13. \$5. Johnny's Highway, 3771 Roswell Road N.E., Atlanta. 404-233-8026. www.johnnysliveaway.com.

**The Sid Wolf.** 8:30 p.m. Sundays. Through April 27. \$5. Londzelli's Jazz and Blues Cafe, 2300 Holcomb Bridge Road, Suite 309, Roswell. 678-795-9100. www.londzellsjazzandblues.com.

### ALL WEEKEND

**Scotty K.** Pop culture, the South, music, religion and his own family and childhood are all parts of Scotty K's mature-audiences routines. Call for times. Through April 13. \$15-\$20. The Punchline, 280 Hilderbrand Drive N.E., Sandy Springs. 404-252-5233. www.punchline.com.

**Steve Trevino.** Trevino has played many roles on Comedy Central's "Mystery Menace." Call for times. April 10-13. \$12-\$15. Funny Farm Comedy Club, 608 Holcomb Bridge Road, Roswell. 770-817-4242. www.funnyfarm-comedyclub.com.

**Vintage Vogue Exhibit.** Dresses from 1850 to 1890 on display. The vintage costumes are from a collection of textiles in the Roswell Historical Society archives. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday; noon-3 p.m. Sunday through April 27. \$5. Free. Roswell Visitors Center, 617 Atlanta St., Roswell. 770-640-3253. www.cvb.roswell.ga.us.

**"Little Shop of Horrors"** The Howard Ashman-Alan Menken hit musical about a nerdy florist shop worker who raises a plant that feeds on human blood. 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays; 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Through April 13. \$14-\$18; \$12-\$16 senior citizens and students. Kudzu Playhouse, 10743 Alpharetta Highway, Roswell. 770-594-1020. www.kudzuplayhouse.org.

## Outdoor music series draws bigger crowds

By ADRIANNE M. MURCHISON  
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A few years ago the outdoor music series at Matilda's Art Gallery was one of the best-kept secrets in Alpharetta. But word spreads each spring as larger crowds flock to see bluegrass and jazz bands perform on the back porch of "The Hen House," one of the three gallery houses.

Matilda's 1-acre yard sets up a relaxed concert-in-the-park atmosphere. Every Friday night through Sept. 19, people can picnic on blankets or sit at tables and on benches scattered on the lawn. They can also walk through each gallery during the night.

Chuck Sitero of the bluegrass and jazz group Barn Rats books the series performers.

"This year we've got bluegrass, blues, jazz, even salsa," he said.

**IF YOU GO**

► **What:** Concerts are 8:30-11 p.m. Fridays through Sept. 19.  
► **What can you bring:** Blankets, food, drinks, and your dog on a leash.  
► **How much:** \$10

► **Where:** Matilda's Art Gallery, 377 S. Main St., Alpharetta  
► **Info:** Chuck Sitero, 678-914-1704, www.myspace.com/matildasoundgarden; Matilda's Art Gallery, 770-754-7831 www.matildas.cottage.com.  
► **Rainouts:** If the weather is questionable, call Sitero or Matilda's on the concert date during the afternoon.



Onstage, **Joe Boswell** (left) and **Majid Arain** play one of the concerts at Matilda's Art Gallery. BOB ANDRES / Staff

## ONE TANK TRIP: TALLULAH FALLS

# A NATURAL RUSH



By KERI SMITH  
For the Journal-Constitution

There's a place in north Georgia that can make you feel as small as an ant. That place is Tallulah Falls, one of the oldest geological features in America. The drive up there is nothing special until U.S. 441 is surrounded by mountains. There are no billboards or excessive streetlights — just history and nature surrounding you. Signs for overlooks and antique shops are scattered about, and there is no traffic to muffle the sound of the birds or the rush of the five major waterfalls in the bottom of the gorge.

If you plan to spend an entire day in Tallulah Falls, we suggest you get started in the Jane Hurt Yarn Interpretive Center at Tallulah Gorge State Park.

**INTERPRETIVE CENTER**  
Named for a Georgia conservationist, counselor and educator who devoted 30 years to the preservation and use of natural resources, the Jane Hurt Yarn Interpretive Center is full of historic and natural exhibits. It also houses a

theater that features the 15-minute, award-winning film "Tallulah Gorge." The film is shown twice an hour, seven days a week, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (the center's hours). There is a gift shop, pamphlets with various maps and information, and guides who can tell you all about the hikes and trails.

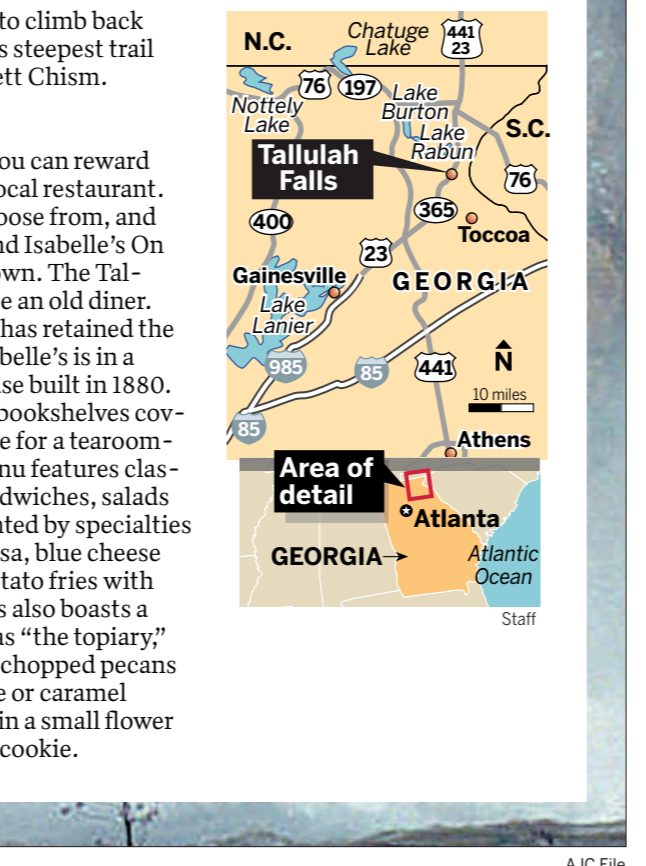
**SERIOUS HIKING**  
Eight trails in Tallulah Falls are open to the public: North Rim and South Rim trails, Shortline, Terrora, Hurricane Falls State case, Sliding Rock, Stoneplate and High Bluff Loop. Various hikes, such as wildflower hikes and moonlight hikes, are paired with a trail and scheduled throughout the year.

This weekend, April 12 and 13, the kayak viewing hikes are scheduled, and already filled. This hike is not for amateurs. Hikers will descend about 1,000 feet down Sliding Rock Trail to watch kayakers brave Bridal Veil Falls. At the bottom of the trail, hikers will see the gorge and be introduced to the endangered species that thrive there, such as the monkeyface orchid.

Hikers should bring water. Hydration

and stamina are essential to climb back up Sliding Rock, the park's steepest trail according to Ranger Garrett Chishm.

**DINING**  
After a rigorous hike, you can reward yourself with a meal at a local restaurant. There are only a few to choose from, and the Tallulah Gorge Grill and Isabelle's On the Gorge are the best known. The Tallulah Gorge Grill used to be an old diner. It's restored a bit now but has retained the small-town character. Isabelle's is in a large, white Victorian house built in 1880. The hardwood floors and bookshelves covered with antiques provide for a tea-room-type atmosphere. The menu features classics like chicken salad sandwiches, salads and steaks, and is highlighted by specialties like spinach and peach salsa, blue cheese potato chips and sweet potato fries with cinnamon sugar. Isabelle's also boasts a signature dessert known as "the topiary," vanilla ice cream rolled in chopped pecans and topped with hot fudge or caramel sauce. This dish is served in a small flower pot with a flower-shaped cookie.



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## THE LINEUP

- **April 11:** Ralph Roddenberry
- **April 18:** The Barn Rats
- **April 25:** The Breeze Kings
- **May 2:** Bill Sheffield
- **May 9:** Packway Handle Band
- **May 16:** Sernata Band
- **May 23:** Yorrico Scott
- **May 30:** Vortex Park
- **June 6:** Highly Kind
- **June 13:** The Bluegrass Alliance
- **June 20:** Soulhound
- **June 27:** Mace Hibbard
- **July 4:** The Barn Rats
- **July 11:** Ralph Roddenberry
- **July 18:** Honi Deaton and Dream
- **July 25:** The Barry Richman Band
- **Aug. 1:** The Farewell Drifters
- **Aug. 8:** Yorrico Scott
- **Aug. 15:** The Jody Hughes Project
- **Aug. 22:** Neighbors Acres
- **Aug. 29:** Steel String Session
- **Sept. 5:** Highly Kind
- **Sept. 12:** Honi Deaton and Dream
- **Sept. 19:** The Harman Family

## WHAT'S NEW



Seasoned lobster stuffed with crab, lobster and shrimp is served over sauteed spinach at Se 'Vauge in Roswell. Photos by BOB ANDRES / Staff

## A jazz, Cajun pairing

### Se 'Vauge brings inspired cuisine to Roswell

By H.M. CAULEY  
For the Journal-Constitution

It worked in Houston. Is Roswell ready for it? Tre Brown, co-owner of the new Se 'Vauge in the Market Square shopping center, thinks so.

Brown, a former Bell South manager, was keeping her hand in the restaurant business by running an operation by the same name in Texas. But the AT&T merger energized her to make a major change. "It was time to step out on my own, so I took a year to live in Houston," Brown said. "I found that what I thought was a hobby was something I grew to love."

The success of Se 'Vauge in Texas came from its intimacy, Brown said. "We were a small place — it only held about 50 people. And we were one of the few places that did late-night breakfasts."

So why move to Roswell? "We'd been looking in the Atlanta area and thought if we ever came back, that's where we'd want to be," Brown said. When the former Lucia's space opened up, she knew the timing was right.

**Jazzy gumbo**  
The Georgia incarnation of Se 'Vauge (which Brown says has no significant translation) is a bit bigger, with seats for 100 in the dining area and another 20 in the bar. The focal point of the layout is a stage for the various visiting acts.

"There's a great seat no matter where you are in the house," Brown said. "So far, we're hearing a lot of feedback that people are happy there's a place for food and music in Roswell."



Gumbo is among the seafood favorites on the Louisiana-inspired menu at Se 'Vauge.

**SE 'VAUGE**  
► **Where:** 10800 Alpharetta Highway, Roswell. 770-650-2884  
► **Signature dishes:** crab cakes, gumbo  
► **Entree price range:** \$15.95-\$35  
► **Kitchen hours:** 5-10 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays; 5 p.m.-midnight Fridays-Saturdays; 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sundays  
► **Reservations:** yes  
► **Credit cards:** yes  
► **Web site:** www.sevauge.com

**From the bar**  
The martini list sports several provocative names: Green Envy, Sex in the City, Sex at Sunset, as well as an orange Cosmo and a creme brûlée. Almost all of the 16 wines on the growing list are available by the glass. And there are 12 bottled beers. The bar stays open until 2 a.m.

**Just for fun**  
Each Thursday, the live music is paired with \$5 martinis. On Friday and Saturday, arrive at 8 or 10 p.m. to catch a show with your dinner. There's a \$10 cover on those evenings.

TABLE TALK/ H.M. CAULEY, for the Journal-Constitution

## Cafe proceeds, auction to benefit charity

Dunwoody mom Mary Beth Struble has been an active supporter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Since her son, Bobby, was diagnosed, she's become a productive fund-raiser, collecting more than \$100,000 through various means. And she's not ready to stop.

Her next event comes up on Tuesday, when Jeff Trump, owner of the Brooklyn Cafe in Sandy Springs, will donate 10 percent of the 6 to 9 p.m. proceeds to the cause.

Struble, a fifth-grade teacher at Mount Vernon Presbyterian, and friend Anne Jackson have also accumulated a variety of goodies to auction off. In between the salads, entrees and desserts, guests can bid on mountain getaways, restaurant certificates, jewelry and more. To make a reservation, call the cafe, 220 Sandy Springs Circle, at 404-843-8377; www.brooklyncafe.com.

► Whether you have a gluten intolerance

or cook for someone who does, you'll learn all about managing a gluten-free diet during a seminar Sunday at Harry's Farmers Market in Alpharetta. From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., learn about gluten-free products, recipes and cooking tips, and taste some treats prepared by chefs in Harry's gluten-free bakehouse. The session is free but space is limited. Call 770-664-6300, or register in the store, 1180 Upper Hemlock Road. www.wholefoodsmarket.com.

► When it comes to lobster, most diners want only the buttery tails. But there's a lot more to the crustacean, as chef Justin Keith of Food 101 in Sandy Springs well knows. To make his point, he's cooking up a lobster dinner at 7 p.m. April 17 that will use every bit of the sea creature, from shells in the lobster stock to make bisque, leg meat for spring rolls and roe to flavor the drawn butter. The four-course dinner is \$45 per person; wine pairings are \$15

extra. Reserve a seat by calling the restaurant, 4969 Roswell Road, at 404-497-9700; www.101concepts.com.

► Speaking of seafood, you have until the end of the month to check out the three new-from-the-sea menu items at Boneheads Grilled Fish, 4511 Old Perimeter Way in Dunwoody and 660 W. Crossville Road in Roswell. The restaurant is now serving an appetizer of lightly-breaded scallops in a spicy aioli sauce over a bed of green and red cabbage, carrots, green onions and cilantro. A crispy seafood platter comes with pollock, bay scallops and shrimp, with fries, Asian slaw and remoulade sauce. There's also a lump crab scampi, prepared with big bits of crab sautéed in a white wine, garlic and herb sauce. Each dish is priced below \$10. For details, go to www.eatboneheads.com.

Keep Table Talk lively! Send questions and comments to hm\_cauley@yahoo.com or call 678-574-6461.