



DECEMBER 2023

Oxford Christmas Parade

The Oxford Christmas Parade, coordinated by Oxfordfest, will be on Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 6 PM in Historic Downtown Oxford. Spectators may watch the parade from East Choccolocco Street, Main Street, and Snow Street. Streets close at 4:30 PM.



Christmas on Main

Our 4th annual Christmas on Main will be on Saturday, December 9, 2023, from 2 PM - 7 PM in Historic Downtown Oxford! Downtown participating businesses will have sales and promotions with additional activities. Please see below for details. The day will also include a 60+ artisan and craft vendor market, food trucks, car show, live entertainment, a tree lighting ceremony and much more!

Cotton Antiques & Collectibles

518 Main Street

9 AM – 7 PM

Sales throughout the store, light refreshments, and meet & greet with local author, Zachary Shadoan (2 PM - 7 PM)

*Cookie Walk Stop

Hubbard's Off Main

16 East Choccolocco Street

7:30 AM – 2 PM (breakfast, brunch, & lunch)

5 PM – 9:30 PM

Mugs, caps, shirts for sale. All gift card purchases receive an additional \$10 added to the value.

*Cookie Walk Stop

Onyx & Opal

502 Main Street

12 PM – 7 PM

Christmas Pop-Up with Onyx & Opal merchandise and a variety of vendors with handmade and vintage items including Southern Links Jewelry Co. and a Christmas Polaroid Photo Spot

Oxford Lumber

1400 Barry Street

7 AM - 5 PM

Cookies with Santa from 11 AM - 1 PM

Sarah Cavender Metalworks

500 Main Street

12 PM – 7 PM

20% off all items

Southern Girl Coffee Co.

30 East Choccolocco Street

8 AM – 7 PM

Holiday drinks, and a Lip Sync Battle with Southern Girl Coffee Co., Succ It Up, and The Vine Chiropractic (6:30 PM)

Succ It Up

426 Main Street

9 AM - 7 PM

30% off all succulents, 25% off all shirts, and all houseplants up to 30% off

The Main Olive

508 Main Street

10 AM - 7 PM

Christmas Storytime with Karrie Parker (3:30 PM) and Storytime with Shelby & Jase (4:30 PM) and a cooking demo by Biscuits & Briskets (10% off products included in the demo)

*Cookie Walk Stop

The Shop on the Corner

31 East Choccolocco Street

10 AM - 4 PM

The Tackle Box

515 Main Street

8:30 AM - 5 PM

The Vine Chiropractic

8 East Choccolocco Street

Christmas Storytime with Cindy-Lou Who at 2:30 PM, 3:15 PM, and 4 PM, facepainting & horse and carriage strolls

*Cookie Walk Stop

Schedule & Activities:

- 2 PM - 6 PM: Christmas Market on Main- over 60+ artisan and craft vendors and food trucks.
- 2 PM: Storytime with Mrs. Claus at the gazebo in Simmons Park
- 2 PM: Choccolocco Car Show hosted by Hartwell Masonic Lodge No. 101
- 2:30 PM: Storytime with Cindy-Lou Who at The Vine Chiropractic
- 3:15 PM: Storytime with Cindy-Lou Who at The Vine Chiropractic
- 3:30 PM: Storytime with Karrie at The Main Olive
- 4 PM: Storytime with Cindy-Lou Who at The Vine Chiropractic
- 4:30 PM: Storytime with Shelby & Jase at The Main Olive
- 5 PM: Live music by Miss Alabama Volunteers
- 5:30 PM: Live performance by OHS Concert Choir
- 6 PM: Tree Lighting Ceremony at Simmons Park by Mayor Alton Craft
- 6:30 PM: Lip Sync Battle at Southern Girl Coffee Co.

Additional Activities:

- Free photos with Santa at the corner of Choccolocco Street and Main Street (bring your camera!)
- Pet Parade starting at 3 PM (registration on-site)
- Free cotton candy, train rides, snow machine, kids activities, and more!
- Choccolocco Car Show at Hartwell Masonic Lodge No. 101



Oxford Performing Arts Center- Spring 2024 Series

Oxford Performing Arts Center recently announced its Spring 2024 Series. More details can be found [here](#)!

Spring 2024 Series at OPAC

Series Extras, while presented by the same sponsor, are sold separately. Subscribers to a series have the opportunity to purchase tickets to Series Extra performances before they go on sale to the general public!

RMC Health System Concert Series



Marie Osmond



Happy Together Tour

Insurance Planning Services Legends Series



The Brothers Doobie



Platters, Drifters, and the Coasters

Webb Concrete Classic Country Series



Eddie Montgomery

Potts Arts Discovery Series



Alice: Dreaming of Wonderland

NobleBank & Trust Broadway Series



Little Women

Community Foundation Chamber Music Series



A Classical Valentine

Bernardi Pops Series



A Night in New Orleans



Nitty Gritty Dirt Band



Doktor Kaboom!



Come From Away



Escher Quartet



Sons of Serendip



Amy Grant



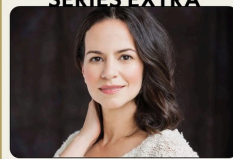
Dinosaur World Live



The Cher Show



An American Tribute with Frisson



Broadway's Mandy Gonzalez

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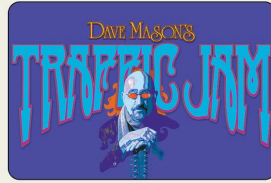
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Spring 2024 Season Extras at OPAC

In addition to our Series performances, we present many exciting Season Extras for your enjoyment! The schedule of Season Extras includes entertainment for everyone across different genres. Season Extra performances are purchased individually. Gold Circle members, at certain levels, may save up to 20% on tickets to Season Extras.



Alabama Ballet's
Giselle



Dave Mason: Traffic
Jam Tour



Floyd Nation



Evil Woman - The
American ELO



An Evening with Gentri



Shake, Rattle, and Roll
with Scot Bruce



The Oak Ridge Boys:
Farewell Tour



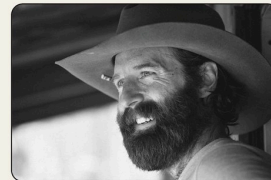
Iam Tongi - The Winner
of American Idol 2023



Stairway to Zeppelin



Leonid and Friends



Sean of the South

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Spotlight Business of the Month - Southern Girl Coffee

Located at 423 Main Street, Southern Girl Coffee has been named Calhoun County's #1 Coffee Shop for many reasons. Southern Girl Coffee has truly crafted both delicious coffee and warm-hearted experiences for their guests.

"At Southern Girl Coffee, we believe that every cup has a story. Our story began in a backyard as a hobby and quickly grew into a passion for community, love, and coffee. Southern Girl Coffee Company was built on a love for people and a desire to use our gifts to impact others. Through something as simple as coffee, our goal is to impact our team, our customers, and ultimately our community in a positive way." - Leah Cleghorn, Owner of Southern Girl Coffee

Location: 423 Main Street

Hours: Monday - Friday, 6:30 AM - 5:30 PM, Saturday, 8 AM - 2 PM

Phone: 256-525-8817



Board Member Spotlight - Donna Timmons



Donna Timmons is a board member of Historic Main Street Oxford. She has been serving as the secretary of the board for Historic Main Street Oxford since January 2023, but has been volunteering for years. Donna has lived in Oxford all her life, except for two years she lived in Mobile, after she got married to her husband, Keith. She was apart of one of the last classes to attend Oxford from the first grade to graduation all on "the hill". Donna has a degree in Special Education and is alumni of Jacksonville State University.

She worked in Human Resources for 23 years, taught for 2 years, and retired in 2015. Some of her fondest memories take place in downtown Oxford. Her parents grew up in the Oxford area, while her daughter grew up in downtown Oxford. During her childhood, Donna and her sister played in the alley where Southern Girl Coffee is today, while her mother was in the beauty shop every Saturday. She has a well-loved history of her hometown.

Donna enjoys various hobbies including: reading, cross-stitching, and spending quality time with her elderly mother and mother-in-law. Her favorite hobby is traveling with

husband, Keith. He is retired from the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts. Her favorite place to be is with her daughter, Jennifer, who resides in Auburn, Alabama. Donna serves the board because she enjoys helping facilitating and promoting events in downtown Oxford. She credits it to being a huge part of her life and her upbringing.

Calendar of HMSO Events & Committee Meetings

To stay up-to-date with all things happening in Historic Downtown Oxford, please checkout our newly improved calendar [here](#)!

Then & Now: Main Street (looking north), c. 1915



In the Calhoun County section of the Birmingham Age-Herald, a feature on Oxford was published in November 1915. It stated that "at least 90% of homes in the town are provided with electric lights and gas." The business community of the town also included a national bank, two hardware stores, one sales stable, six general shops, two blacksmith shops, one plumbing and electric shop, one laundry, one pottery, and brick kiln, one cotton mill, one wholesale grocery, two drug stores, two cotton firms one oil mill, one grist and feed mill, one fertilizer factory, one gin, one warehouse for cotton, one barber shop, one meat shop,

one railroad, and an excellent fire department.

Sources of information: *The Birmingham Age-Herald*, 28 November 1915

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COME TO THE LAND OF
SUNSHINE AND PROMISE
AND LOCATE IN
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Situated in Calhoun County, on the Southern Railroad, Oxford, a promising city of industrious, peaceable, law-abiding citizens waiting to extend a welcome and friendly hand to all newcomers. Here will be found up-to-date business houses of all kinds, fine public buildings, hotels, livery stables, excellent schools and churches. Oxford enjoys the year round the cool, refreshing breezes from the mountains and the climate is ideal. To the landowner LOCATION means everything. All other attractions cannot outweigh favorable LOCATION. This is why we are asking you to locate in Oxford.

For full information and all particulars, address

D. C. COOPER, Mayor
Oxford, Ala.

Photo courtesy of Historic Main Street Oxford (top photo) and *The Birmingham Age-Herald* (bottom photo).

Dine, Shop, & Explore!

Historic Downtown Oxford offers a unique experience for everyone including, but not limited to a first class performing arts center, a locally owned and operated coffee shop, variety of speciality shops, a Southern home-cooking restaurant also locally owned and operated, two art galleries, three historic churches, and walking distance to homes listed on the Alabama Register of Landmarks & Heritage and National Register of Historic Places.

A full directory listing can be found [here](#).

About Historic Main Street Oxford (HMSO):

Historic Main Street Oxford (HMSO) is an economic and community development organization that focuses on the Four Point Approach strategy of organization, promotion, design, and economic vitality as outlined by Main Street America. The Four Point Approach makes Main Street an effective tool for a community-based, volunteer-driven, grassroots revitalization efforts. HMSO was created in 2014 when Oxford became a Designated Main Street Community by Main Street Alabama.

Vision Statement:

Historic Downtown Oxford will become Northeast Alabama's destination for arts, dining, entertainment, shopping, and special events.

Mission Statement:

The mission of Historic Main Street Oxford is to enhance downtown vibrancy, preserve its history, empower its community of business, and foster a center of activity for residents and visitors.

Our Team:

Brad Cleghorn, owner of Southern Girl Coffee Co.

Jeremy Farr, downtown resident

Charlotte Hubbard, city council member & owner of Hubbard's Off Main

Robin Leonard, board secretary & downtown resident

Gerry Lyons, Oxford Police Department

Karen Grammer, owner of The Main Olive

Debbie Nothdurft, retired Oxford City Schools

Gwen Parrish, board chair & owner of The Vine Chiropractic

Ben Stewart, Oxford Fire Department

Hunter Gentry, director

Siri Thackston, marketing assistant

Donna Timmons, board secretary assistant



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