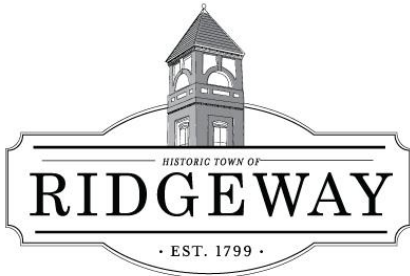


## Ridge Notes Ridgeway, South Carolina



### Revitalization, Responsibility, Relationships

#### **A Salute to the Arts!**

#### **2017 MASC Achievement Award**

#### **The Arts: A Picture is Worth More than a 1000 Words in Ridgeway**

The Town of Ridgeway in recognition of the Arts through Arts on the Ridge, Fairfield County Arts Council, Ridgeway Historical/Cultural Committee, and professional, amateur, and student artists who share their talents with the Ridgeway Community received an award from the Municipal Association of South Carolina for the project: “The Arts: A Picture is Worth More than a 1000 Words in Ridgeway.”

The above project is validated annually by the following:

- A thousand visitors and artists who participate in Arts on the Ridge
- A thousand pieces of art displayed at various places in Ridgeway
- A thousand dollars received from the sale of art, posters, coloring books, and calendars
- Thousands of tourists who come from all over the United States and world to shop, dine and visit Ridgeway’s historic attractions
- Twenty-five thousand dollars in grant funds to restore iconic structures in Town
- And thousands of lives, artists, visitors, citizens and school children, touched and strengthened by the arts.

The “Arts” will be recognized at a future Town Council Meeting and the Town of Ridgeway at the Annual MASC Meeting in July.

#### **Arts on the Ridge**

**May 5-6, 2017**

“Opening Minds and Hearts to the Arts” is the theme of this year’s Arts on the Ridge Festival to be held on May 5 and 6, 2017. Special events are being planned such as a Juried Art Show, Art Exhibit at the Century House, Artists’ Reception Garden Party and music downtown on Friday night. This year’s art poster will feature the old water tower in paintings by Barbara Yongue and the late Rex Pratt. If you are interested in submitting your art, being a sponsor for the event or volunteering, please see the forms provided on the Ridgeway website at [www.ridgewaysc.org](http://www.ridgewaysc.org) or call Arts Chair, Phyllis Gutierrez at 803-337-8675.

#### **Walking Tour Guide**

#### **Historic Ridgeway**

The Town of Ridgeway has a new Walking Tour Brochure thanks to the efforts of Jongy Ward, Chair of the Historical/Cultural Committee, and the prior work of Pelham Lyles Spong and the committee. The Walking Tour of Historic Ridgeway features information regarding Palmer Street Business District, Residential District, other Historic Sites, and Along the Highways.

The brochure will be debuted at the Arts on the Ridge Festival on May 5-6, 2017 and available in the Welcome Center: World's Smallest Police Station and on the website: [www.ridgewaysc.org](http://www.ridgewaysc.org). Each location will be designated with a site number. Current numbers will be collected and redistributed to the correct sites.

**A Clean Sweep for Spring!  
Earth Day April 22, 2017**

The physical appearance of a town is marked by the cleanliness and care of streets, sidewalks, public buildings, private businesses and residences. We always want to have great curb appeal for those who visit our Town and those who choose to live here. We only have one chance to make a first, good impression. Spring is here and it is time to do some cleaning in the Town of Ridgeway. Town employees as well as volunteers from the community such as the Church of The Latter Day Saints will be cleaning up Ridgeway on Saturday, April 8, 2017.

We are asking all citizens to do your part by honoring all town ordinances regarding tall grass, limbs, rodents, and litter. Owners of abandoned and dilapidated houses should repair or demolish them. Animals should be kept within a closed area and on a leash and their by-products picked up when walking through the downtown area. Help us to make Ridgeway one of the cleanest and most attractive towns in South Carolina and responsible keepers of our good earth.

**Congrats and Thank You to...**

- The “Arts” for helping Ridgeway receive a MASC Achievement Award and nurturing the talents of adults and students in our community.
- The Historical/Cultural Committee for publication of the Walking Tour of Historic Ridgeway, South Carolina.
- Fort Jackson for celebrating your Centennial with the Town of Ridgeway with a 100-mile run through our town and to Geiger Elementary for welcoming the troops.
- Fairfield County and Ridgeway Firefighters for the erection and dedication of the new Ridgeway Fire Department.

**Save the Ridgeway Water Tower**

The Fairfield County Historical Society is delighted with the vision and determination that the citizens involved with Save the Ridgeway Water Tower have exhibited in preserving a community landmark. We will be honoring the group’s work with a 2017 William Banks Patrick Awards for Historic Preservation at our annual Society meeting on April 9 at 3:00 pm at Christ Central Community Center at 235 S. Congress Street in Winnsboro, S.C. A reception follows in the Museum next door.

*Pelham Lyles, Fairfield County Museum*

**Calendar of Events**

April 3, 2017	Community Actions Meeting, Town Hall	6:30 pm
April 4, 2017	Fairfield County Arts Council, Town Hall	6:00 pm
April 4, 2017	Farewell to First Citizens Bank by Merchants	5:00 pm
April 5, 2017	Ridgeway Fire Department Meeting	7:00 pm
April 7, 2017	Community Drop In at First Citizens Bank	2:30-5:30 pm
April 7, 2017	First Friday Downtown Ridgeway	5:00-9:00 pm
April 12, 2017	Merchants Meeting, Town Hall	5:30 pm
April 13, 2017	Ridgeway Town Council Meeting, Town Hall	6:30 p.m.
April 14, 2017	Good Friday (Town Hall closed)	
April 16, 2017	Easter	
April 17, 2017	Fairfield County Intergovernmental Meeting	6:30 pm
April 25, 2017	MASC Filming in Ridgeway	