

FEBRUARY EVENTS

SOUTHEAST EDITION

FLORIDA

Vero Beach

Gardenfest! Nature's Finest Marketplace, February 4-5
Spring is right around the corner, and this market at Riverside Park is the ideal place to stock up on blooms and get tips from garden experts. gardenclubofirc.org or 772/567-4602

Jupiter

ArtiGras Fine Arts Festival, February 18-20
Jupiter's art-centric ode to Mardi Gras brings live entertainment, artists' demonstrations, and kids' activities to town. artigras.org or 561/748-3946

Panama City

Panama City Strawberry Music Fest, February 25-26
Enjoy strawberry treats, the crowning of Miss Strawberry Queen, concerts, and carnival rides at the sweetest little music and harvest festival on the Gulf Coast. strawberry-musicfest.com



GEORGIA

Athens

Athens Wine Weekend, February 3-5
There's much to toast during this festival featuring seminars, a tasting of wines from all over the world, and a seven-course gourmet dinner. athenswineweekend.com



Darien

Ashantilly Center Valentine's Tea, February 11
It's an 1800s Valentine's Day as the nonprofit educational center opens its doors for an afternoon tea party complete with scones, sweets, and fine china. ashantilly.org or 912/437-4473

Thomasville

Thomasville Antiques Show & Sale, February 24-26
You won't find any tacky knickknacks at this show. Instead, you'll encounter experts leading workshops on collecting antiques, floral design, and interior decor while 30 of the nation's top antiques dealers display rugs, jewelry, artworks, and collectibles. thomasvilleantiquesshow.com or 229/225-9354

NORTH CAROLINA

Carrboro

North Carolina Comedy Arts Festival, February 1-19
Three weeks of stand-up, sketch, and improv comedy compose the biggest laugh fest in the South. Funny people from around the nation compete to see who can make you cackle, chuckle, or at least just giggle a bit. nccomedysarts.com

New Bern

New Bern Antique Show & Sale, February 10-12
This show put on by the New Bern Preservation Foundation offers three days of antiques from 45 dealers and on-site antique appraisals while also raising money to help preserve the town's historic sites. newbermpf.org or 252/633-6448

Pinehurst

Chocolate Festival, February 11
It's a feast for the eyes with a chocolate cake bake-off, cupcake-baking competition, and candy-making demos during this sweet event at the Pinehurst United Methodist Church. Proceeds from any chocolate treats you buy go to local nonprofits. pinehurstchocolatefestival.vpweb.com or 910/215-4559




SOUTH CAROLINA

Hilton Head Island

Hilton Head Island Gullah Celebration, February 1-25
The Gullah people's rich culinary and artistic heritage is celebrated all month with food, music, art exhibits, and performances. gullahcelebration.com or 843/255-7303

Charleston

Southeastern Wildlife Exposition, February 17-19
This art expo involves more than just looking at pretty nature pictures—you can also enjoy a presentation by wildlife expert Jack Hanna and cooking classes taught by local chefs. sewe.com or 843/723-1748 

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PLAN AHEAD Savannah Music Festival • Savannah, GA • March 22-April 7 • savannahmusicfestival.org or 912/525-5050