

North Carolina Travel and General Interest Magazines: A Quartet of Favorites

The *Lagniappe* column is a forum to share reviews of nonprint North Caroliniana of interest to school, public, academic, and special librarians. The four travel and general interest magazines reviewed here are fine examples of the quality and variety of recreational magazines published in North Carolina. Too often these magazines are overlooked in the reviewing process because they are considered primarily of local interest and they are often written in a more familiar, less scholarly style.

Keep in mind that North Carolinians turn to North Carolina libraries for recreational as well as educational materials. Make a mental note to contribute reviews of your favorite recreational magazines to *North Carolina Libraries*. Together, then, the "Lagniappe" and "North Carolina Books" columns will comprise the complete guide to North Caroliniana.

Taste Full: North Carolina's Original Food and Entertaining Magazine.

(1990?- ; Elizabeth K. Norfleet, ed.; Wilmington, NC: Great Menus, Inc., (P. O. Box 1712, 28402). Telephone: (919) 763-1601: quarterly; \$15.00).

Taste Full is a quarterly magazine filled with articles on North Carolina-related food, travel, and history. From recipes for fried catfish or smoked duck to reviews of some of the state's outstanding restaurants, this magazine features articles designed to whet the appetites of natives and tourists alike. The Tar Heel focus is evident in articles about Cheerwine, barbecue, catfish, and North Carolina-made chocolate, pickles, shortbread, and wine. Seasonal menus for special occasions ranging from tailgate picnics to Moravian Lovefeasts tempt ambitious amateur cooks. Articles on bed and breakfast inns and restaurants are included, along with recipes and tips from chefs. Regular features include a calendar of events from around the state, food facts and news, a cooking class calendar, and reviews of cookbooks.

— Lula Avent
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City-County Magazine. (1986- ; Jennifer Atkins Brown, managing ed.; Burlington, NC: City-County Publications (P. O. Box 517, 27216). Telephone: (919) 226-8436: monthly; \$12.00).

City-County Magazine, a monthly magazine for and about the citizens of Alamance County, evolved from the *City-County Newspaper* which began in 1976. Outstanding regular features are articles and photographs of local homes of interest and of local historical topics and a calendar of local events. Notable articles also cover health, fitness, senior concerns, gardening, landscaping, travel, and legal matters.

A cooking column is of particular merit. Other regular columns are contributed by a pair of marriage and family therapists, a home economist, and a veterinarian. An opinion column has detracted from the overall fine quality of the publication for much of its seven-year history, since a column of informed opinions on controversial topics such as national politics seems out of place in a "city-county" magazine. Fortunately this column has been discontinued.

The overall format, paper and photograph quality of *City-County Magazine* make it an appealing publication.

— Ann J. Vickers
Elon College

NC Home. (1992; Lee Harrison Child, ed.; Charlotte, NC: *Business North Carolina*, a division of The News and Observer Publishing Co. (5435 Seventy-Seven Center Drive, Suite 50, 28217). Telephone (704) 523-9560: bimonthly; \$15.00).

NC Home is a bimonthly magazine devoted to upscale Tar Heel living. Lavishly illustrated with glossy full-color photographs and ads, it is a delight to the eye from cover to cover. Articles focus on North Carolina dreamhouses, and regular columns cover art, architecture, gardening, and preservation in the state. There is a calendar of selected events including art and antique shows, garden symposiums, designer showcases, and the like. The quality of the writing is quite good, but the main appeal of *NC Home* is clearly the stunning illustrations. The advertising throughout the magazine makes it a great resource for North Carolina interior designers, artists, galleries, and suppliers of all types of home furnishings. A special section of gallery advertising and a classified ad "Emporium" appear in the back. This is a magazine for all those enjoying the good life, whether in fact or in their fantasies.

— Dorothy D. Hodder
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*La•gniappe (län-yäp', lä'n' yäp') n. An extra or unexpected gift or benefit. [Louisiana French]

Carolina Style. (1994; Anthony S. Policastro, managing ed.; Wilmington, NC: Carolina Style, Inc. (3975-B Market Street, 28405). Telephone: (919) 341-3033; monthly; \$18.00)

Carolina Style is a "new, upscale four-color, monthly magazine covering the people, the culture, the rich history, and the overall high quality of life on the North and South Carolina coasts," scheduled to debut early in 1994. Established "for the purpose of defining and developing publishing and sales marketing opportunities in and around the coastal region of North and South Carolina," the magazine will be mailed directly to the 100,000 residences with the highest annual household income on the Carolina coasts. Founder, publisher and president Stuart F. Slater notes that "there is a regional publication of this scope for every inch of the East Coast except for an obvious gap between Virginia and Georgia, and yet this is becoming the fastest growing and most affluent market area in the country. The quality of the coast, and of this region deserves a magazine of this caliber." The first issue will include articles on Beaufort and Beaufort, the Outer Banks, Pawley's Island and Bald

Head Island. Columns, or departments, will include Sea Tales (book reviews), Coast Ghosts, Adrift (Mickey Spillane on boating and fishing), On Your Own Turf (Cliff Drysdale on tennis and Russ Miller on golf), Taste of the Coast, Nature, the Arts, Safe Havens (travel directory), First Watch (calendar), and more.

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Other Publications of Interest:

Full-length reviews of these publications are welcomed.

Journal of Information Ethics. (1992- ; Robert Hauptman, editor; Jefferson City, NC: McFarland & Co. (Box 611, 28640); telephone: (919) 246-4460; semiannual; \$38.00; ISSN 1061-9321)

A new periodical published in North Carolina which treats the professional ethics of librarians and information scientists as well as the moral and ethical aspects of library science, information technology, and information science.

I Am Special Just Because I'm Me [sound recording]. (Charlotte, NC: Thomas Moore Records, 1986; available formats: 1 phonodisc \$9.95, or 1

audiocassette \$9.95)
Songs for the Whole Day [sound recording]. (Charlotte, NC: Thomas Moore Records, 1989; available formats: 1 phonodisc \$9.95, or 1 audiocassette \$9.95)

These sound recordings of children's songs and singing games are available from Thomas Moore Records, 4600 Park Road, Suite 1000, Charlotte, NC 28209; telephone: (704) 529-4725. Shipping and handling charges are \$2.00 (1-3 items), \$3.00 (4-6 items). NC residents add 6% sales tax.

Walking Tour of Historic Downtown Asheville [sound recording]. Written by Rob Neufeld and narrated by David Holt. (Asheville, NC: Preservation Society of Asheville & Buncombe County (P. O. Box 2806, 28802), 1992; telephone: (704) 254-2343; 1 audiocassette, \$10.00; shipping and handling charges: \$1.25; NC residents add 6% sales tax)

Audiocassette contains 45 minutes of narration and is designed for a 90-120 minute walking tour of historic Downtown Asheville, a National Register Historic District. The audiocassette may be rented for \$3.00 at the office of the Preservation Society of Asheville & Buncombe County.

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