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loving care
Ascary Arias, pictured with
wife Liz and children Ava, 12,
Cruz, 7, Liliana, 14, and Sulema, 9,
offers Latinos quality care
with his Siler City health clinic,
Vidas De Esperanza.

*giving
back*

in the spirit
of the season

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gift guide



Wrap your shoulders with the warm Zarga Colour Block Cape, hand-woven on an Andean loom from 100% baby alpaca fiber. Pair with an embroidered belt woven from alpaca wool and available in multiple colors.

Cape, \$175; Belt, \$20
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 7084 U.S. Hwy. 64, Pittsboro
 469-369-3258
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\$299
Aesthetic Solutions
 5821 Farrington Rd., Ste. 101, Chapel Hill
 919-403-6200
aesthetic-solutions.com



Surprise your special someone with this simple, yet elegant, citrine necklace and bracelet set in sterling silver – a versatile accessory for any occasion.

Set, \$744
 (Necklace, \$537;
 Bracelet, \$207)
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 Timberlyne Shopping Center
 1129 Weaver Dairy Rd., Chapel Hill
 919-265-8038
the-crystal-garden.com



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\$139
French Connections
 178 Hillsboro St. Pittsboro
 919-545-9296
french-nc.com



Looking for a fun, unique gift? Available in a variety of colors, Whisper Ribbon Scarves are a lovely way to brighten any outfit.

\$30 and less
New Horizons Trading Company
 52 Hillsboro St., Pittsboro
 919-542-7366
newhorizonstrading.com



Starrlight Mead's Honeyed Spiced Apple is like apple pie in a glass! Honey wine (12.5% abv) features flavors of sweet apple and warm holiday spices. Serve it warm in a mug for or chilled with your favorite turkey or ham dinner.

\$22
Starrlight Mead
 Chatham Marketplace
 480 Hillsboro St. #1000,
 Pittsboro
 919-533-6314
starrlightmead.com

Uber chic down-alternative outerwear from Save the Duck - 100% animal free utilizing no feathers, leather, hides or fur. Super lightweight, breathable with a luxe feel. Coat shown here in macaroon beige.

\$236
Dovecote Style
 Farrington Village
 250 Market St., Pittsboro
dovecotestyle.com
 919-542-1145



Teal iridescent hand-blown glass vase – 8 inches tall, by Tom Stoenner.

\$115
Liquidambar Gallery and Gifts
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 919-542-1773
liquidambarstudio.com
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\$129.95
 Dina Porter
University Place
 201 S. Estes Dr. #C13, Chapel Hill
 919-929-4449
dinaporter.com



on "a cow pasture in the middle of nowhere" was not a good business idea. Laughing, she acknowledges her mistake, "I was wrong and have apologized to Hoyt over and over!" That first year, Berta estimates they sold 2,000 fruitcakes. This year the number of fruitcakes sold will reach nearly 300,000.

While the traditional fruitcake remains the best-selling item, Southern Supreme has added to its product line over the years and now sells fruitcake cookies, jams, jellies, chocolates and cheese florets. All products are created from Berta's family recipes.

Berta was pleased to talk with *Chatham Magazine*, sharing a few lesser-known facts about the company she created.

Does each family member have a favorite Southern Supreme item? We all enjoy fruitcake and chocolate.

What's the best part of working at Southern Supreme? Getting to meet a lot of different people and having my children work with me.

What does the Scott family have for dessert during the holidays? We nibble on fruitcake!

family affair

Is it only family members working at Southern Supreme?

During peak season, we have about 100 employees and many of those are relatives, including children, grandchildren, siblings, nieces and nephews. Members of the community often come back year after year as seasonal help. This time of year, it takes us all!

Secrets to avoiding family feuds?

Everybody has a certain area they control and that works out good for us. My daughter and I manage the showroom, someone else manages shipping, ordering, paychecks...

fruits of their labor

Is it a year-round business?

We start cooking fruitcake around the first of September. We take a few days off after the holidays and then we start making jams and jellies.

Where does the fruit come from? Most of the fruits that are in the fruitcake come from Florida. The rest of the items are sourced locally. ▶



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Past and Present

Jessie Meacham married Gabe Pinkston at The Parlour at Manns Chapel in October 2017: "We chose the venue because the chapel is very near and dear to my heart. I grew up on Poythress, right down the road from the chapel. My father and grandparents also grew up there. Before the chapel was a venue, it was where my dad grew up going to church [with] my grandmother. One of my aunts got married there while the church was still in service. As soon as we got engaged, I arranged a meeting with Yvette [Navarro], and, the second I walked through the door, tears filled my eyes. I knew it was the place we would be married."



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Jessie's Favorite Features

"Obviously the history, the intimate feel and the pure beauty [of the location]. I do love that they kept the vintage feel of the chapel without taking the history away from it. I would absolutely recommend to future couples. Yvette and Aimee [Flynn] both were very easy to talk to and go through the process with."



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Oakland Farm
2355 Rosser Rd., Bear Creek
oaklandfarmvenue.com

Picture Perfect

Photographer Heather Gunter has shot five weddings at Oakland Farm:

"I love the natural lighting inside the barn and inside the house where the bridal party gets ready. This allows me to photograph my detail and getting-ready shots effortlessly. I also love the pasture and fencing on the property which makes for a great backdrop! When I am photographing an entire wedding day, I have to go back and forth a lot and this venue makes that so easy for me with everything in one general location. I always enjoy shooting at the Oakland Farm. It is one of my favorite venues to photograph." ▶

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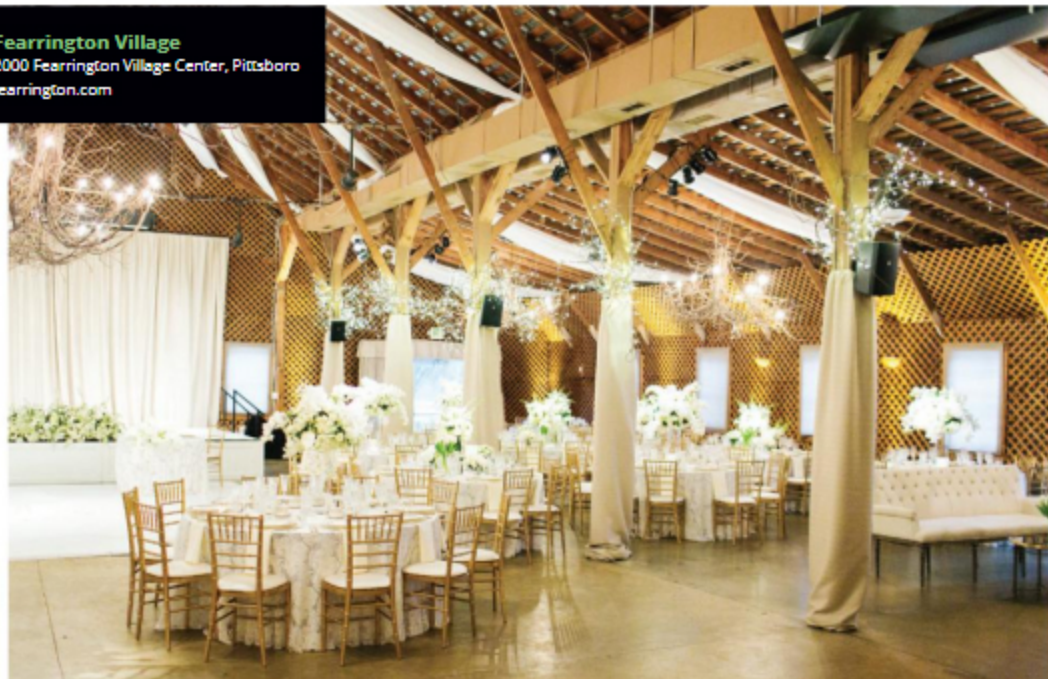


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Simple Beauty

Fearrington resident Randi Wilder's daughter Julie Wilder and son-in-law Daniel Schneider chose the Crabapples Garden to say "I do": "My daughter and her husband both graduated from high school in North Carolina and from UNC-Chapel Hill, so they wanted to get married in the area, [but] didn't want a big fussy wedding. Fearrington is such a lovely natural setting with the gardens, the barn, the cows, etc. Well, it was the perfect solution! Julie and Daniel chose the Crabapples Garden for the actual wedding site. The backdrop is gorgeous and required very little [extra décor]. We added a few flowers in glass containers on the

chairs down the aisles, and that was it! The reception was in The Barn, which is simple and beautiful. We chose the Southern buffet. I cannot tell you how many guests oohed and ahhed over the food. They talked about how they had never had a better wedding buffet. So delicious! Gilda [McDaniel] and her team were there from beginning to end. I can't praise these people highly enough!" ▶

Enjoyable Beats

Musician Tommy Edwards from The Bluegrass Experience enjoys playing for weddings, receptions and related events at Fearrington. He says, "The beautiful venues and the excellent service always has the wedding party in a fine mood. Gilda McDaniel and the Fearrington staff are extremely well organized, which means the guests have a plan they can follow and the musicians know exactly what to expect and when to carry out their respective duties. And the staff is welcoming to the musicians and they make sure we have everything we need to provide the appropriate entertainment to enhance the event."

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