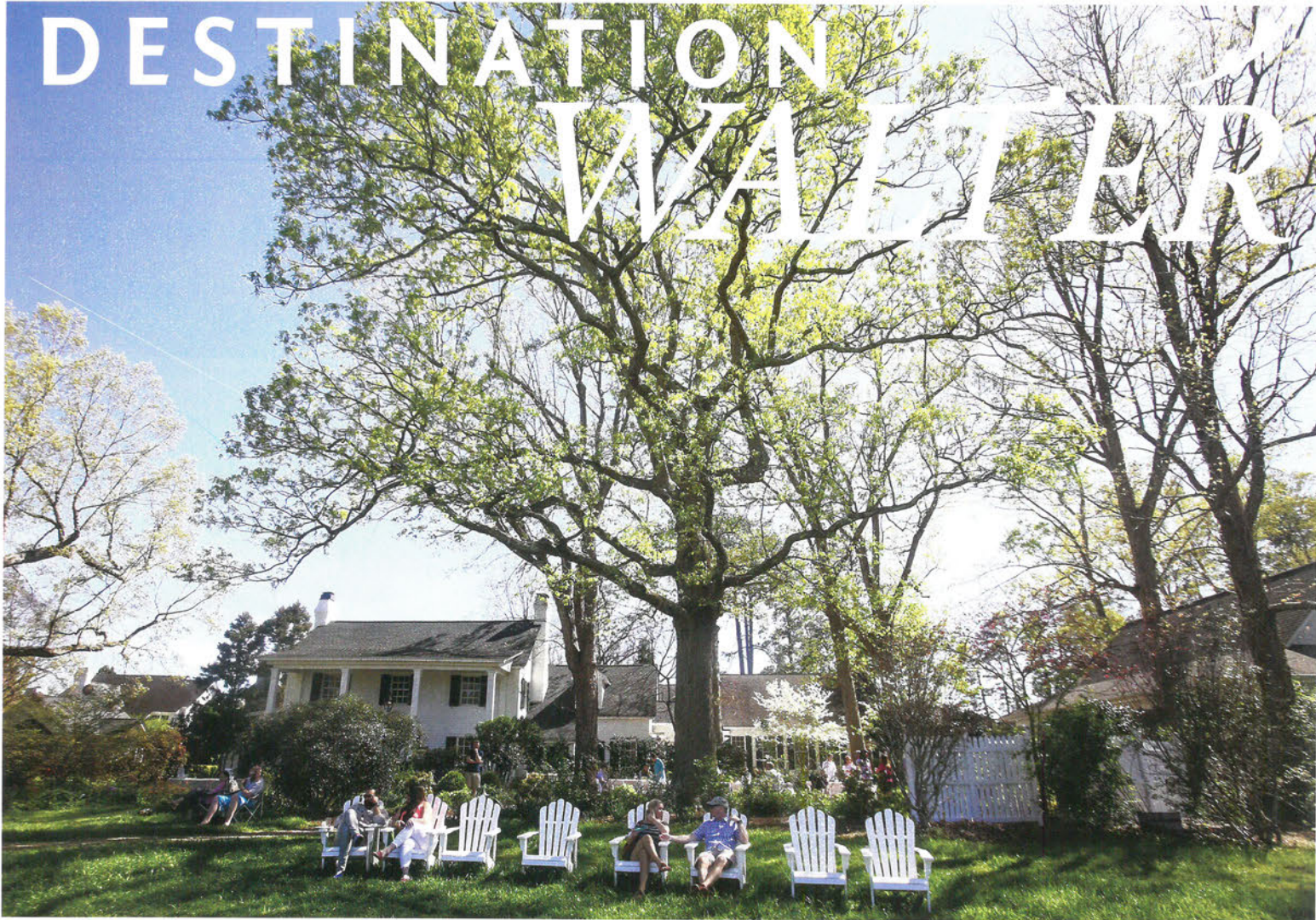


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DESTINATION WALTER



There wasn't a cloud in the sky for *Destination WALTER* at Ferrington Village in Pittsboro April 9. On a warm, sunny Sunday afternoon, readers from throughout the Triangle, and from as far away as Charlotte and High Point, convened at the village's garden terrace.

Low-key bluesy melodies from Gasoline Stove set the tone for casual beer tasting from five breweries that represented the middle chunk of North Carolina, from Asheboro to Tarboro. With beer in hand, there was exploring to be done: Shops throughout the village offered a 10 percent discount to *Destination WALTER's*



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150 attendees. Some peeled off for a wine tasting at The Granary restaurant, while others perused the pop-up shops at Dovecote boutique and the Haven Spa boutique. Meanwhile, Wendy Moses, one of Fearington's six full-time gardeners, led an hour-long tour through the grounds, which were showing

off in full spring bloom.

Back on the terrace, a few intrepid children embarked on the self-guided farm tour, complete with a Fearington-provided paper passport guide. Chef-prepared snacks for all included fried chicken, bite-sized grilled cheese sandwiches, truffle tarts, and crispy kale; vibrantly hued desserts were almost too pretty to eat.

The easygoing afternoon was a celebration of the season and the region, and was possible thanks to Fearington Village, Bond Brothers Beer Company from Cary, Four Saints Brewing Company from Asheboro, Fullsteam Brewery from Durham, Mother Earth Brewing from Kinston, Tarboro Brewing Company from Tarboro, and Gasoline Stove Band. -J.A.



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