



Arcadia

Authentic Main Street USA

It's a day trip from just about anywhere in Florida. Arcadia features small-town charm in one of the fastest growing antique districts in Florida.

This charming and historic community offers a dizzying array of collectibles and rare treasures, in addition to its convenient locale...making it the perfect location to meet friends for tea or, to meander along its authentic Main Street U.S.A., invoking that nostalgic feel.

Take time for an ice-cream cone before exploring the historic community, tour a citrus grove, canoe and fossil hunt down the Peace River, see an authentic rodeo, stay in a beautiful bed and breakfast or, visit an exotic animal sanctuary.

Come visit, stay awhile...www.desotochamber.net

Isabelle's Antiques & Collectibles! This family owned and operated shop is filled to the brim with treasures from eras past. The store features an array of antique furniture, pottery, glassware and artwork. Proprietor Cindy Long provides appraisals, sales and consignment of items. The store is open Tuesday through Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information call [863-491-1004](tel:863-491-1004) or [941-302-1373](tel:941-302-1373).

Joshua Citrus! An authentic Florida grove, which began 100 years and five generations ago, by the Shelfer family, provides their visitors with some of Florida's juiciest and freshest citrus products. Whether it's the taste of grapefruit or a true Florida orange that you crave, Joshua Citrus provides friendly and personalized service to every order. The beautiful drive out to their groves and seeing a real working packinghouse is a treat in itself. While there stock up on fresh citrus hand picked from their grove and get free samples of the freshest, best tasting orange juice you've ever had! [800-749-8219](tel:800-749-8219) | www.joshuacitrus.com

The Hot Fudge Shoppe! Reminiscent of the soda shoppes of days past with counter stools and a working juke box

this locally-owned and operated haven, located in the middle of Arcadia's downtown Oak Street, deliciously serves patrons a little bit of home with every bite. In addition to homemade ice-cream, The Hot Fudge Shoppe features homemade and authentic Maryland Crabcakes and a light food menu. Indoor and outdoor seating is available. Open six days a week. [863-494-6633](tel:863-494-6633)

Mary Margaret's Tea and Biscuit! This authentic tea room offers patrons a step back in time to the Victorian era. While designing the locally owned and operated restaurant, the intention was to create an atmosphere of old Florida from the turn of the century. Each piece of furnishing, the music playing and costumes worn by staff are entertaining, and the soups, salads and sandwiches are tasty and tastefully presented on china. The desserts are an experience all of their own. [863-494-0615](tel:863-494-0615) | www.marymargaretsteaandbiscuits.com

The Oak Park Inn! Unique to this historically authentic and beautifully remodeled 12 room B&B, are the themed accommodations to please every type of traveler. From the minimalist chic feel from the Art Deco Room, to the creamy pale yellow walls that accent the Louie the IIX style furniture within the French Room, each taste and comfort-style has been thoughtfully recreated. Guestrooms and suite features modern amenities including WiFi and Flat screen TV.

[863-494-9500](tel:863-494-9500) | www.oakparkinnarcadia.com

Francine DiFilippo and **Peter Kent** collaborate in the design and production of furniture made from river recovered, live edge and recycled exotic woods. Dozens of museum quality solid wood tables, benches and pedestals are on display in their studio and gallery in Arcadia, FL. The home

office and plant nursery is in Sarasota. The public is welcome to visit. Make an appointment to see the [Art of Creation](#) at [DiFilippo & Kent](#).

863-444-0723 | www.polkartstudio.com

The motto at [Art Creations](#) in Arcadia is "if it's not framed - it's not finished". Specializing in custom picture framing since 1994, while visitors are finding their ideal treasures in one of the cities numerous antique shops...they can count on Art Creations to preserve it in either a shadow box frame or specialty frame to display the item with the attention it deserves. 863-491-0202

Savor the taste of authentic Southern BBQ at [Slim's Bar-B-Q & Grill](#). Family operated since 1957, the restaurant features family-favorites including ribs, chicken, steaks, grilled fish and shrimps. Cold beer and wine are served. Eat in or Carry out. 863-494-2332

Whether it's a celebration or nice family meal you're wanting, [DeSoto Restaurant](#) is proud to serve you. Family-owned and operated, the restaurant features an array of delectable menu items for breakfast and lunch. Dinner is a more formal setting with steak and seafood a specialty. The restaurant serves a lunch buffet daily and special Sunday Brunch buffet. Open Mon. - Sat. 6 a.m. - 9 p.m. Sunday 6 a.m. - 3 p.m. 863-494-9910

One of downtown Arcadia's newest shops - [Amish Creative Furnishings](#) - features homemade Amish items, many which are made and delivered from an Ohio Amish Community. In addition to unique and one-of-a-kind fur-

niture, the store displays homemade candles and baskets. All items are made in America. Gift certificates and lay away items are available. 863-993-1100

Arcadia Events!!

>>>[Equestrian Events](#) are returning to Arcadia's Turner Agri-Civic Center. This county owned indoor facility will be host to another month of equestrian events starting January 23, 2010. Featured events include Ranch Rodeos, Open Horse Show, Bull Riding and Farm Fest. Farm Fest will include tractor pulls, lawn mower racing, Barbeque contest, vendors, exhibits and more. Equestrian events at Farm Fest including Polo. It's a great way to spend a weekends. Farm Fest will be held February 13th and the gates will open at 9 a.m.

863-993-4807 | www.turnercenter.com

>>>Celebrate with local antique merchants on the [4th Saturday of each month](#) as dealers display and sell their treasures on the sidewalks, in the park and in the parking lots of Historic Downtown Arcadia. During the monthly Antique Fair, visitors can peruse through numerous stores featuring a variety of charming and historic goods including furniture, art, pottery and jewelry. The fair starts at 8 a.m.

863-993-1838 | www.arcadiafantiques.com

>>>On the [2nd Friday](#) of each month, downtown Arcadia closes Main Street to traffic and vendors open their doors to car enthusiasts. With a disk jockey playing sounds of the 1950s, visitors can stroll among vintage cars on display among historical buildings which date back to the early 1900s. Raffles, trophy's and door prizes are some of the fun. Motorcycle groups are welcome to attend. 🌟

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