

Bluffton Today -- Bluffton, SC

Tourists and locals visiting Old Town Bluffton can now participate in an interactive public art installation called “Follow the Fiddlers.”

The project was implemented by the Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce’s 2015 Leadership Class to educate the public about Bluffton’s marine life while emphasizing the importance of preserving the May River.

The project creates a scavenger hunt experience for visitors to follow a map and signs to search for 10 eight-inch bronze fiddler crab statues throughout the historic district.

Artist **Susie Chisholm** was commissioned to create the crabs, which can be found along the Calhoun Street corridor between Church of the Cross and the Promenade.

The statues lead visitors to educational storyboards that share information about fiddler crabs and their importance to the town’s economy and culture.

The class came together with the chamber and the town Thursday to celebrate the project with a ribbon-cutting on Calhoun Street. It also donated the remaining \$1,520 of its fundraising money to the town to cover any future maintenance expenses related to the project.

Each year, a new class meets from August to June to learn about different facets of the community, such as law enforcement, arts and culture, local government and the environment to prepare for public service.



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