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Best Chefs!

Elegant yet Unpretentious Cuisine Awaits You in the Mountains

There are endless reasons why life in the Southern Blue Ridge Mountains with a home and a plane at Heaven's Landing tops any other type of lifestyle; but just last week, we found another extraordinary one that we wish to pass along to you...

You might be an international jet-setter with sophisticated and discerning tastes or a good old fashioned foodie, (one who at least doesn't consider mixed greens, branching out), but regardless of your experience, you will find works of *art* that will certainly tantalize your palette right here in our quiet mountains.



Those who live here or visit frequently already know the great culinary talent that has found its way to our hills. We are blessed to have such a variety of both delectable and affordable restaurants. But now, we have the "official" bragging rights that rival fine dining across the nation. New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, these metropolitan cosmopolitan chefs have some fierce competition...

[Best Chefs America](#), "the ultimate chefs guide to chefs", has just released the nominees for their upcoming first issue publication (March 2013); and four of our local chefs made the cut, Jenny Wilson, owner and chef at [Fromage and other Fine Foods](#); Jamie Allred, chef at [Lake Rabun Hotel & Restaurant](#); and David & Gayle Darugh owners and chefs at [Beechwood Inn](#). They are among the top 1% of chefs in the nation! "To be in the company of David, Gayle, and Jamie is an honor!" declares Jenny, "I love being creative and making people happy with food! Cooking is my true passion, but I really love eating too." Each of these chefs, although very distinct in style, are well-known for their sustainable farm-to-table offerings. Many of their most popular dishes change with the seasons, allowing avenues for creativity and flavors to constantly emerge. As a diner, you enjoy year round treats.

This honor is especially prestigious considering other chefs from around the country select the nominated culinary artisans. As the Best Chefs America website states, "chefs know who are the 'best chefs' in their hardworking, demanding, and creative profession." "A peer nomination by those who share your love of food and understand and appreciate what you do is unbelievably amazing," Jenny adds.

This spring, plan a long visit to Heaven's Landing, and while you are here, indulge in a culinary jaunt. Delight in the freshest of ingredients and care that goes into every lovingly crafted bite.

The photos have a hyperlink to each Chef's restaurant with location and hours.

To order *Best Chefs America*, click on the book jacket above.

For additional profiles on the chefs, please see David Darugh's [Blog](#).



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Sometimes you need to refresh, re-charge, and gear up for what lies ahead, and sometimes with a little good fortune, circumstances develop that provide that perfectly unexpected opportunity.

As Mike and Holly were warming up for the upcoming marketing season that hits full stride each spring, they became the very lucky recipients of a luxurious get-a-way. This unprecedented treat for the Ciochetti's with magnificent accommodations, yachting, fishing, swimming, and pure relaxation was made available due to the overwhelming generosity of a very good friend with great resources.



“One of the best things about living and working at Heaven’s Landing is that it allows us to network with such a diverse group of successful people,” notes Mike, “people from all walks of life. Everyone is so welcoming and generous. During our trip, we were happy to be surrounded by three of our children and able to spend the entire time in a state of pure luxury. You just can’t ask for more!”

Mike and Holly, Vanessa Sisto (Holly’s daughter), James Van Elswick (Vanessa’s boyfriend), Michael Ciochetti III (Mike’s son), Devin Cole, (Michael’s girlfriend), and Mike and Holly’s baby girl, Bella, spent 7 fantastic days island hopping in absolute splendor on the emerald waters of the Florida Keys.



Mike and Holly were also fortunate to connect with their friends, Kara and Doug Hood, and their two young daughters, Aspen and Delaney. Over the years we’ve profiled the Hood’s who are dear friends to the Heaven’s Landing community. As you might recall, Lt. Col. Doug Hood is a Navy F-18 Hornet pilot and instructor. He is currently stationed at the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base in New Orleans.

“Doug was on a detachment in the keys while we were down there,” Mike explains, “so Holly, Bella and I were able to spend one morning watching the training exercise from the base with Kara and the girls. The sortie involved F-18’s, F-5’s and their support aircraft. It was an awesome time with some amazing people, getting to observe what our great men and women in uniform do best.”



We have *two* uploaded videos for your enjoyment: [Dream Vacation](#) & [Morning Sortie](#)

A Blessed Encounter with Robin Roberts

“We were at a restaurant in Key West and realized seated nearby was *Good Morning America’s* [Robin Roberts](#),” Mike relates, “everyone gave her privacy while dining, but as she went to leave, numerous people spoke with her, relaying their good wishes.”

Robin, as most know, is a breast cancer survivor (2007) and was last year diagnosed with a blood and bone marrow disorder ([MDS](#)) for which she underwent a bone marrow transplant. “Anyone who has followed her story knows that Robin is a survivor and embodies true fighting spirit. She is incredibly [inspirational](#),” Devin Cole (Michael Ciochetti III’s girlfriend,) states, “I didn’t want to disturb her, but she was very gracious and giving of her time. I feel extremely blessed to have met her and cherish the photograph with her.”



Easter Brunch in Heaven—Saturday

Holly is organizing a fantastic Easter Saturday Brunch for the Heaven's Landing community. This year join us on **Saturday, March 30** for brunch starting at **11 am** followed by everyone's favorite Easter Egg Hunt. There will be plenty of plastic eggs for all the kids.



Plan on making it a family weekend. There are wonderful Easter Services for a [variety of denominations](#) around the county, and it should be just the right time for the miraculous signs of spring budding out around us.

RSVP is required. Please call Holly at **706.982.5245**.



Heli-Expo

The Heaven's Landing team is headed to the Helicopter Association International's [Heli-Expo 2013](#) running from March 4-7 in Las Vegas. The Heli-Expo exhibits open on March 5 inside the 1.5 million square foot Las Vegas Convention Center where Mike, Holly, and their Angel will be joining over 700 other exhibitors.

"The helicopter market continues to a bright spot in aviation," Mike states, "although we are first time exhibitors, we expect to have a very successful show. We see this market as the perfect extension of our current community. Our airfield and amenities are ideal to accommodate helicopter owners."

Organizers expect over 20,000 attendees during the week. The days are filled with informative seminars, speakers, and events. The Convention Center will be equipped with a temporary heliport, there will be demo flights, and two static displays with 60 aircraft. Get your tickets today and visit Mike and Holly at their Exhibit # N5705.



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See You at Sun 'n Fun!!

Mark your calendars and make a note of the Heaven's Landing Exhibit #D83/84.

Every year, Sun 'n Fun International Fly-In Expo in Lakeland, Florida, is a fantastic kick-off to the Heaven's Landing marketing season. Mike and Holly are so ready to greet the attendees at the show and all the new visitors and clients when they return home immediately following the Expo. See you there, and see you in the mountains!

Now is a great time to schedule your tour of the most extraordinary airpark anywhere. Call Mike today @ 800-HEAVEN-2.

Heaven's Landing Owners ~ Rick & Luanne Dunn

Rick and Luanne Dunn remind me of high school sweethearts. Whenever you see them in person and in every photograph, they look very happy and in love. They have been Heaven's Landing owners since 2010 after falling in love with the development in magazine ads, seen just a year earlier. Rick and Luanne are great additions to the Heaven's Landing community enjoying both the peace and beauty of the mountains and the social community during fly-ins and special events.



In fact, their true story is very sweet indeed. Rick and Luanne met on a blind date while Rick was attending the U.S. Air Force Academy, in Colorado Springs (class of '74). The date must have gone well because it didn't take long for the couple to settle into Air Force life together.

Rick is the pilot of the family. He served 11 years in the USAF as both a test and fighter pilot, and worked for Delta for another 20. He currently is a charter pilot for [Citation Air](#). "I worked at an airport as a kid to get flying lessons," Rick reports, "I had my pilot's license before my driver's license." "We've been married for 36 years, but Luanne would say it is more like 18 since I am off flying half the time," he adds with a grin. "We really enjoy travelling together, and have had many opportunities over the years exploring countries in Europe and many places in the United States."



Over the years, Luanne owned a gourmet foods gift shop from which she is now retired. Rick's work took him all over Europe, and he was able to bring back product ideas with unique flavors for her business. "Rick gave me a creative edge!" Luanne notes. She currently loves to volunteer, especially when it involves young children. She puts in many hours at the local hospital's maternity wing assisting moms with their new babies, and on Sundays, she enjoys working with the 1½-year-old toddler group at their church.

The Dunn's live full-time in Fayetteville, Georgia, just southwest of downtown Atlanta. They have two adult sons, Bunky (age 29) who lives in Raleigh, NC and works for Tour Tech, installing internet networks for large concerts, and Christian (age 23) who will soon graduate from Georgia State University with a history degree. The family also owns a second home in Pensacola Beach, Florida. "I'm originally from Colorado," states Luanne, "but we enjoy living in the southeast and having our boys close. We absolutely love Heaven's Landing and the Rabun County area. It is a short drive from Atlanta, and we are up here as much as possible, although that never seems like enough. Our plan is to build on our lot as soon as Rick is ready to retire. Heaven's Landing will then become our primary residence."



The couple comes to the mountains and enjoys "glamping" that is their coined term for glamour camping, spending long weekends among the Heaven's Landing amenities. "We often take day trips to explore the area," Rick tells us, "we really love visiting the area's waterfalls." The Dunn's have also taken up fly-fishing and can't wait to adventure all over Rabun County's pristine streams, especially those found around the Heaven's Landing property.

The Dunn's don't currently own a private airplane but are in the market and are considering a Cessna P210 or 340A. "Since Luanne is from Colorado," Rick adds, "we are looking at good high performance aircraft to meet those travel needs."



The always-active Dunn's are members of the following organizations:

AOPA, Ferrari Club of America (37 yrs); Porsche club of America (40 yrs); NRA; and Cessna Pilots Association.

Time Travel

Downtown Clayton abounds with surprises.

Just off Main Street is the Rabun County Historical Society. Within this beautiful building (2006), is a wonderful resource and journey through time. The facility houses an ever-changing museum and a genealogy research library equipped with county archives, school yearbooks, cemetery records, and books written over the years profiling Rabun County.



Walking through the museum, you will explore Rabun's history beginning in 1819, when it became Georgia's 47th county. You will see a multitude of photographs and exhibits with a wealth of information. There are displays that chronicle the influx of the early white settlers, the changes that transportation repeatedly brought, the development of the area's natural resources, the "Golden Era of Tourism", and even how the one room schoolhouse paved the way for many educational opportunities now available locally.

The Historical Society has an all-volunteer staff. They are members who do not and love to talk about the county that they cherish, who work to categorize local families' photographs and display items, who create slideshows for visitors and special presentations for groups, and who work long hours digitizing records.

Mary Elizabeth Law founded the Rabun County Historical Society in 1978, and she is an invaluable resource. She warmly greeted me and shared her terrific knowledge as a 7th generation native. She will offer help to anyone looking for general information or extensive research. She mentioned she also often helps [Foxfire](#) students with their projects and books. Mary Elizabeth was also the first female to serve as a Rabun County Commissioner.

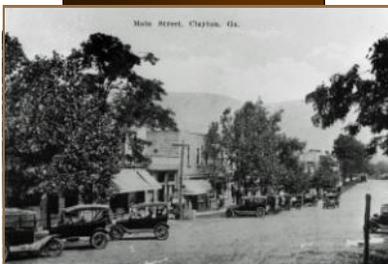
The museum is free, but exists with donations, contributions, and [memberships](#). Members receive a quarterly [full-color newsletter](#) highlighting new exhibits and newly acquired photographs (it is also available at the museum and by following the link above). You can also pick up a Walking Tour brochure, which lists 18 locations in Clayton including descriptions and original photographs.

Enjoy an afternoon excursion "walking through time" at the Rabun County Historical Society.

Monday 10 am—2 pm;

Wednesday 12:30—4:30 pm;

All photos are courtesy of the Rabun County Historical Society website. From top left down: The Rabun County Historical Society's building; Home Ec. class at Rabun Gap Nacoochee (early 1900's); John Burton and family (late 1800-early 1900's); Clayton's railroad depot (1913); Main Street Clayton (1920's); Lake Burton boaters (1924). Top right down: Derrick Station (now Prater's Bookstore) (1930's); Clayton Trestle northbound train (1946); Main Street with view of the "Rock House" (mid 1940's); RC Courthouse (1950's); Main Street (1950's).



Upcoming Events

Heaven's Landing:

Saint Patrick's Day Pot Luck

Saturday, March 16

Join us for a weekend! We are stepping up the St. Pat's party to Sat., March 16! Enjoy our yearly community wide party for everyone at the Heaven's Landing Clubhouse! Starting at 6:30 pm. Call Holly to coordinate your covered dish 706.982.5245.

Easter Brunch in Heaven's Landing

Saturday, March 30

Holly is preparing this wonderful catered brunch starting at 11 am, so mark your calendars for the Saturday before Easter and spend the weekend in the mountains.

Area Events:

Top of Georgia Bluegrass Jamboree

March 8-9

Come to Dillard, Georgia March 8 & 9, for one of the biggest [Bluegrass Festivals](#) in the Southeast. The festival will feature many of today's hottest bluegrass stars including: Blue Highway, The Boxcars, Balsam Range, The Gibson Brothers, New Found Road, Crowe Brothers, Curtis Blackwell & the Dixie Bluegrass Boys and the Snyder Family.

Bead-making Seminar

March 16-17

The [Timpson Creek Gallery](#) is hosting a two day beginner seminar introducing the magic of bead-making using lampworking. Class is limited to 6 students and tuition is \$225/person. Contact timpsoncreekgallery@windstream.net or 706.782.5164.

Annual Georgia Wine Weekend

March 22-24

Hosted by the Winegrowers Association of Georgia. Wineries and affiliate members each have their own unique open-house, with many offering food and wine pairings, music, barrel and library wine tastings, discounts, drawings and other special attractions. Events will take place on Friday 1-5pm, Saturday 11am -5pm, and Sunday 12:30-5pm at various locations on the Wine Highway. For more information about all events go to www.georgiawine.org.

The Isaacs

March 23

Enjoy the Isaacs at the [Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts](#) celebrating three decades of great entertainment. Show starts at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$13-16. See the website for ordering information.

Hillside Orchard Egg Hunt

March 30

This is a great place to visit anytime of the year, but seeing the farm and animals in the spring is probably the best. After you enjoy the Brunch at Heaven's Landing consider [Hillside Orchard's Easter Hunt](#) from 2-4pm. Eggs and prizes for kids 10 and under. You can also enjoy hayrides, the gem mine, and country store.

Happy Easter!

Paso Fino Field Day

April 6

Enjoy a day out at the [Rabun Arena](#). Contact: info@rabunarena.com.

March of Dimes Benefit Barrel Race

April 13

Another great Rabun Arena event sponsoring the March of Dimes. Contact: info@rabunarena.com.

Tallulah Gorge Water Releases

April 6,7,13,14; April 20, 21, 27, 28

The [Tallulah Gorge State Park](#) has both whitewater (500-700 CFS) and aesthetic (200 cfs) water releases in April. See the Gorge flowing with grandeur. Typical daily release is 35-40 cfs. Gorge floor permits are not issued on these dates.

Stay Informed



- **Weather Link.** Stay up to date on the Clayton, GA weather conditions and forecast from NOAA. <http://forecast.weather.gov/>



- **Wi-Fi** is available at the Clubhouse. Stay connected with your personal devices as you enjoy the amenities.



- **What's New with You?** Share photos and stories of what is new in your flying circles. Please send submissions to janclay@windstream.net. (All submissions are subject to editing and the evaluation of content.)



- **Go Green!** Please update your contact information with our office at 706.212.0017 or sales@heavenslanding.com and make sure we have your latest email address, so you will always stay informed.

- **Stay in Touch.** "Like" us on [Facebook](#), "[Heaven's Landing Residential Airpark.](#)"



- **Let us Know About Your Aviation Groups.** Give the office a call and share what groups and organizations you belong to, the website address, and the organization's contact information. (800) HEAVEN 2.



- Fish year round and enjoy our local lakes. When in Rabun, go boating! Rentals are available at [Anchorage Boat Rentals](#) at 706-212-0534 or [LaPrades Marina](#) at 706-947-0010.

Personal Trainer—Elisa Hopkins

Elisa Hopkins is a certified Personal Trainer and tailors training for men and women to the individual's interest and goals. Elisa currently conducts classes ranging in aerobic, kick-boxing, dance aerobics, and strength training at a new studio in Tiger, GA, [Studio e.](#)

Join Elisa and the four other instructors in feeling more energetic and healthier this year. There are over 20 classes to choose from.

Contact Elisa at 706-982-2302.



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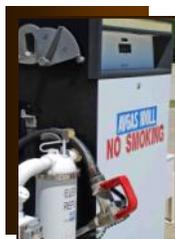
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DATE CHANGE—Saint Patrick's Potluck Party!

Because St. Patrick's Day falls on Sunday, ***we are moving our party date!!*** This way all of our guests may enjoy a nice weekend stay in the mountains at Heaven's Landing. Of course, it also allows for easy observance of the *8 hour Bottle to Throttle Rule*.

We can't wait to see you. Join us for our Annual St. Pat's Potluck Celebration on **Saturday, March 16** starting at **6:30 pm** at the **Heaven's Landing Clubhouse**.

Holly is preparing the corned beef & cabbage, and you and your favorite Irish dish will be the perfect complement. ***Also enjoy \$1 beer.*** Don't be shy, come fully decked out in your St. Patrick's Day garb. We may not have the blarney stone, but you can kiss Mike!



R.S.V.P's are always appreciated.
Call Holly at **706.982.5245** to coordinate for this epic potluck dinner celebration.



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