

North Carolina's Highlands

The town of Highlands, in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains, is unique among the communities of Western North Carolina. Its chief claim to fame – while bolstered by commercial, sociological, and historical advantages – is aesthetic. It is still a small village nestled in an ocean of mountain peaks blanketed with forests as far as the eye can see.

A well-known legend of the founding of Highlands claims that two developers living in Kansas, Sam Kelsey and C. C. Hutchinson, took a map in hand and drew a line from New York to New Orleans. Then they passed another line between Chicago and Savannah. These lines, they predicted, would be the great trade routes of the future, and where they crossed would someday be a great population center.

These two men founded Highlands in 1875 as a health and pleasure resort, enamored as they were of its natural beauty and healthful climate. Described as “a Southern Mountain Town Founded by Northerners,” Highlands has attracted strong, caring citizens from every state in the Union. As a direct result, it is too cosmopolitan to be provincial,

too broadly based to be singular in attitude and perspective, too enamored of its natural surroundings to be totally indifferent to them, and just isolated enough and small enough to be anxious about the benefits and setbacks of growth and development. Though still small, Highlands has grown significantly over the years. Since the mid-1930s, its population has doubled from 500 to almost 1,000. Its business district has increased from 25 members in its Chamber of Commerce to nearly 370. And its summer population has grown from 2,500 to around 20,000.

Sponsored by the Highlands Historical Society, this guide offers a walking tour of many historical buildings and sites within the business district. We hope you enjoy your walk around Highlands!



Prince House
on the National Register of Historic Places

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Flower Arrangements
FOR SALE
Saturday 10 - 4
at the Highlands Historical Village

The 11th Annual Dazzling Dahlia Festival is possible thanks to the generosity of the following:

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Thank you for this free and socially distanced event.

Visit
Highlands Historical Village Th, F, S. 10-4
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Donations to Highlands Historical Society are much appreciated. All donations to Highlands Historical Society support the mission of HHS, the Museum, Prince House, Dahlia Festival and Kelsey Kids.

Highlands Historical Society is a 501c3 nonprofit.

DAHLIA TRAIL MAP

Highlands Historical Society
Proudly Presents

11th Annual

Dazzling Dahlia Festival



**Dahlias, Native Plants,
History & Highlands**
September 11th and 12th

Highlands Is Decorated
with Dahlia Vignettes,
Large and Small

You Will Have to
WALK & DRIVE
to See Them All!

Vote for your Favorites till 5pm Sat. at
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Highlands Dahlia Trail



DAHLIA VIGNETTE LOCATIONS

C = COMPETITION **D** = DISPLAY
 = historic site = NONPROFIT

1. Highlands Smokehouse **"Smoke Show"** **C**
595 Franklin Rd.
2. The Bascom **"Eliza Doolittle's Flower Shoppe"** **C**
"Look At Eliza's Flowers" 323 Franklin Rd
3. 4118 **"Dining with Altitude"** 64 Highlands Plaza **D**
4. Full House Consignment **"Fragments of Memories & Gardens Loved"** 66 Highlands Plaza. **C**
5. Bryson's **"The Cart is Full"** 103 Highlands Plaza **D**
6. Peggy Crosby Center **"Dahlias at the Native Garden"**
348 S. 5th St. **D**
7. **"Episcopal Church of the Incarnation"** **D**
8. Jill Helmer / Incarnation **"Weddings: Past, Present & Future"** **C**
9. Old jail / Mtn G.C. **"Wedding Bells are Ringing"** **C**
Maple St.
10. Park on Main. **"Pickles' Puppy Paradise"** **D**
11. **"Jannie Bean Fine Custom Jewelry"** **D**
152 S. 2nd. St.
12. Jeannie Edwards Fine Art **"Mademoiselle Dahlia"** **D**
223 S. 4th St.
13. OEI **"Colors From Our Community"** **C**
14. Oakleaf **"Loafer's Bench"** **C**
15. Helen Steward / 4th & Main. **"On Parade"** **C**
16. IFC / Town Square **"From the Mountains of Mexico to Main Street"** **C**
17. Vineyard at High Holly **"Stop and Smell the Rose"** **C**
Toy Store Sq.
18. HLG / police station flag pole **"Never Forget"** **D**
372 Oak St.
19. Rotary Club of Highlands / KHFP wheel **D**
20. HCLT / KHFP fireplace **"Planting Seeds for a Better Tomorrow with Highlands Cashiers Land Trust"** **C**
21. Drew English / KHFP / Pergola **"Dahlia Diorama"** **C**
22. HBF / KHFP / picnic table **"Natives Find their Bear-inns Among Paws-itivity Pur-fect Dahlias"** **C**
23. Carol Miller / Rebecca Wiler KHFP / waterfall **C**
"Even Busy Bees Stop to Smell the Dahlias"
24. Highlands Cashiers Chamber Music/PAC **"Music from the Earth"** 507 Chestnut St. **C**
25. Wild Azalea G.C. / HHV Prince house stoop. **"Hairpin Turns on Old Mountain Roads"** 524 N 4th St. **C**
26. Lisa Dailey / HHV / boat lawn **"PLACE" for the Artist** **C**
27. Laurel Garden Club / HHV front lawn **"Snow Mound for Christmas"** 524 N. 4th St. **C**