



Houston, TX

Tucked away, near the Galleria, **Surprises** is an enchanting shop just bubbling with the magical allure of over 200 artists. Like a candy store to the sophisticated, it is a dazzling showcase of everything from lusciously decadent blown glass to whimsically artistic kaleidoscopes. 6100 Westheimer; 713.266.9400, surprisesgifts.com.



Tampa Bay, FL

Pack up Fido for a little pampering at **Loews Don Cesar Beach Resort**. St. Petersburg's legendary Pink Palace invites pooch parents to bring the kids for gourmet treats and "head to paw" massages. Ask about "Posh Pets" spa services. 727.360.1883 or doncesar.com



Birmingham, AL

Get those creative juices flowing at one of four metro-Birmingham **Sips n Strokes**. BYOB and enjoy a happy hour of coloring and cocktails. An online calendar showcases the paintings from which budding artists can choose. 205.408.2836 or sipsnstrokes.com



Hilton Head, SC

Yippee-ki-ay! Come saddle up for a 1-hour horseback ride with **Lawton Stables** and explore the 600+ acre Sea Pines Forest. No riding experience necessary. \$60 per person; reservations required. 190 Greenwood Drive, Sea Pines Plantation, HHI. 843.671.2586

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Atlanta, GA

Tired of work? Or just tired at work? Try the **Happy Nappy Hour** special at Rejuvenate Spa in the Suntrust Plaza downtown. 5-7pm on Fridays. (Take a nap, eat free.) 404.577.4877 or rejuvenatespas.com.



Richmond, VA

Run, don't walk, to see over 25,000 people sprint in the **US's fourth-largest 10k**. The April 5 event is sponsored by Ukrop's, Richmond's finest grocer. Donations benefit the Massey Cancer Center.

Charleston, SC

When teacher Carlene Browner discovered that a **single reusable bag** has the power to eliminate 1,000 plastic and 500 paper bags over its life, she and sister Cassandra designed an eco-bag modeled on the traditional paper bag for easier carrying of groceries like eggs, cereal boxes, and milk. asinglebag.com



Hampton Roads, VA

The **d'ART Center** in downtown Norfolk is teeming with artistic energy. Connect with the creative process as 41 visual artists make one-of-a-kind artwork. World-class local and regional exhibits inspire. 208 E. Main Street, visit d-artcenter.org.

Charlotte, NC

Charlotte's thriving music scene has a new compilation: **Creative Loafing Presents Jeff Hahne's Homebrew**. This collection of indie music favorites from 12 Charlotte area bands features everything from hip-hop to Americana. jeff.hahne@creativeloafing.com



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