



Pawleys Island Hammocks

Although it was created nearly 100 years ago, the original Pawleys Island rope hammock is still completely handcrafted in Pawleys Island today exactly as it has always been: more than 1,000 feet of rope is knitted by hand then pulled between oak stretcher bars and tied with bowline knots to the body.

While most Pawleys Island hammocks live relaxing lives under shady trees, the hammocks actually have nautical roots. Its creator, Captain Joshua John Ward, was a river boat pilot. Uncomfortable on a grain-filled mattress--and who wouldn't be?--he developed a cotton rope hammock with the now-familiar knotting and wooden stays.

In the 1930s, Ward's brother-in-law began selling the hammocks at a general store called, appropriately, The Hammock Shop. That store still stands at its original location on US Highway 17 in Pawleys Island. Visitors can not only purchase hammocks there but can watch the weaving process as well. The company sells more than 100,000 hammocks each year to people looking for the most comfortable hammock in the world and the Pawleys Island state of mind to go with it.

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The Hammock Village
www.thehammockshop.com

Silk Scarves

Drawing inspiration from East Indian woodcarvings and the antique ornamentation and rich color of her historic hometown, Charleston native Paige Hathaway Thorn transforms undyed silk into intensely beautiful pillows, scarves, wraps and

bedding. A former student of architecture, Thorn has blossomed in the more unrestrained world of textile arts, and is considered one of the country's few serious fabric artists. Using special dyes, she creates lush, saturated tones on the fabric then subtly imprints it with patterns of her own design such as dragonflies, bees and botanicals. Beaded trim is then hand-sewn by the artist.

Thorn's designs have attracted worldwide attention, and she has a devoted following of celebrities,

including Cameron Diaz, Jane Seymour, Bo Derek, Michelle Pfeiffer and Annette Benning. Her work has been featured in Southern Accents and at Charleston's Gibbes Museum of Art. "I love creating works of art that aren't just beautiful but are functional as well," says Paige. "Each piece is totally unique, and, I hope, something that can be used and enjoyed forever."

Find out more...

Paige Hathaway Thorn
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Duke's Mayonnaise

From pimiento cheese to green beans casserole, recipes across the South have been calling for Duke's Mayonnaise by name for generations.

Duke's Mayonnaise was created in 1917 by Eugenia Duke of Greenville, who started a small business selling sandwiches to soldiers stationed at nearby Fort Sevier. The sandwiches sold very well, primarily because of her wonderful mayonnaise used in their preparation. She soon began manufacturing what has become the quite famous mayonnaise, selling it to local stores by the jar.

Still made according to the original recipe at the plant in Greenville, Duke's is hailed by chefs, food writers and other "foodies" as the "closest thing to homemade."

Displaced Southerners either purchase it by the case when they return home, or buy it over the internet, where this Southern tradition is sold at fancy food web sites alongside pricy French butter, exotic oils and pastas from Italy.

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Find Duke's Mayonnaise in any SC grocery store or visit www.cfsauer.com.

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