



Seagrove Wood Fire NC Weekend Pottery Tour Saturday & Sunday June 6-7, 2020

Happening Online & At
Select Locations

Ben Owen Pottery
Blue Hen Pottery
Donna Craven Pottery
From The Ground Up
Johnston & Gentithes
Jugtown Pottery
Kate Johnston Pottery
Luck's Ware
Studio Touya
Stuempfle Pottery

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Historic Luck's Cannery in Seagrove, NC

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View of the entertainment plaza

development. A local bronze sculpture company and a local craft brewer are already renovating space for operations.

In 1947, Alfred Spencer, Ivey Luck and H. Clay Presnell started Mountain View Canning Company. The Cannery was located in Seagrove in a scenic rural area. Pinto beans were canned and the company eventually changed the name to Luck's. The company grew in success and employed many people in the area. The aroma of over 600 cans per minute cooking no longer fills the air along Highway 705. It was sold to ConAgra in 2000 and closed in 2002. Luck's specialized in pinto beans and other canned vegetables and food products, employed many Seagrove and surrounding area families, and was a major buyer of vegetable, fruit, and poultry farms in the Randolph County area and from around the region. Luck's canned food products were sold across much of the Southeast during the 1950s and is still a popular brand today.

The Luck's facility was purchased in March 2017 by Jack Lail. The upper building is leased to Sapona Plastics for manufacturing and distribution. Lail invested over \$500,000 additional to upgrade that building replacing the roof,

HVAC, sprinklers and lighting. The addition of 25 new jobs with Sapona Plastics qualified the project for a \$250,000 North Carolina building reuse grant.

Jack Lail explains, "Our objective is to expand production and warehousing in the upper building with a vision to provide the lower building to the local community for the pottery celebration, economic development and other uses. The town of Seagrove found our vision very appealing and offered to accept the building donation with the stipulation that we clean it up, sell off the equipment and line up funding for repairs and maintenance. We are glad to be able to do something positive for the community and economy while revitalizing the vacant building that had been severely vandalized."

Two livestream fundraising events have taken place on the Luck's Cannery Facebook page at (<https://www.facebook.com/luckscannery/>), one sponsored by the Heart of North Carolina Tourism Bureau which told about the plans for the building on May 2, 2020. There were some audio problems but you can get the sense of the creative and exciting adventure going on in Seagrove, NC. But the other live steam

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