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**SOUTHEAST TOURISM SOCIETY SELECTS 78th ANNUAL COLUMBUS,
MISSISSIPPI SPRING PILGRIMAGE AS AN 'STS TOP 20 EVENT'**

Travel industry organization has saluted region's best events since 1985

ATLANTA, Ga. – Southeast Tourism Society has named the 78th Annual Columbus, Mississippi Spring Pilgrimage as one of the STS Top 20 Events in the Southeast for April 2018.

This year's Pilgrimage is April 5-14, 2018. The STS Top 20 Festival and Event Awards have highlighted programs around the Southeast since 1985.

Travel industry experts select 20 events per month, and STS publicizes them throughout the United States. The complete list is published on two websites: [Southeast Tourism Society](#) and [Travel Media Press Room](#).

authentic home tours in the South, and one of the few events in the Southeast to have received this coveted Award for over twenty-five years. “We take great pride in our successful event”, stated CEO Nancy Luke Carpenter. “Visitors come from practically every state and usually fifteen countries on an annual basis”, stated Carpenter.

Showcasing more than 650 historic properties within three National Register Historic Districts, the 2018 Pilgrimage embraces and celebrates all of Columbus’ history as it serves up a feast of irresistible cultural flavors. New to Spring Pilgrimage this year are the Buttahatchee Barn Quilt Trail and the Art ‘N Antiques Show and Sale! The Band Mustache will perform at the Crawfish Boil Kickoff Party.

“The Southeast is home to unique and memorable events throughout the year. In spotlighting the Top 20 festivals and events each month, STS is not only giving these events the recognition they deserve but we’re also creating a quick reference guide to some of the best festivals in the Southeast,” said Bill Hardman, president and CEO of the Southeast Tourism Society. “These events are important to the economic vitality of our communities and this is a way for us to acknowledge the time and resources organizers have tirelessly spent to create memories for their attendees.”



