

Raleigh Metro Magazine Celebrates 10th Anniversary With Series On Regional Cities

The regional magazine explores all the cities, towns and villages that keep a key slice of North Carolina connected.

Jan. 14, 2009 - [PRLog](#) -- To celebrate its tenth year of publishing during 2009, Raleigh Metro Magazine has launched a five-month, in-depth exploration of the cities, towns and coastal communities that comprise its readership reach: their history; where they are today, and what they're poised to become by the Year 2020.

The series begins this month in the Triangle area -- which, as editor and publisher Bernie Reeves notes in his introduction, is actually "a rhomboid, a four-sided configuration comprised of Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill and Cary."

Metro's January edition focuses on Cary, the "biggest little town in the South," where a passion for its past blends seamlessly with world-class companies and accommodations. Metro writers Diane Lea (design, historic preservation) and Rick Smith (technology) study the people, places and commitments -- to the arts, to the environment, to controlled growth -- that continue to make this thriving "town" so appealing to residents and business.

Calling Cary "the keystone of the geometry of the Triangle," Smith writes, "With a booming, largely affluent population and an economy anchored by high-tech stalwarts...Cary wraps up the first decade of a new century with strong momentum for continuing growth in the years ahead."

In its February edition, Metro senior writer Sharon Swanson will take readers into the heart and soul of Chapel Hill, once defined as a "college town" yet solidly on its way to being much more than just the flagship home of the University of North Carolina. Food Editor Moreton Neal will provide a history of cuisine in this "foodie" town and Diane Lea reviews the architecture, new and old, of this progressive university community.

In March Metro will dig deep into Durham, a city defined as much by its bohemian fringe and trendy warehouse district as its "City of Medicine" status. Veteran writer Jim Hughes, a Durham native who knows the Bull City inside and out, promises a not-to-be-missed journey into the heart of Durham. Food editor Moreton Neal will examine the city's great culinary tradition and Diane Lea will survey the gracious architecture of the past with the thrusting skyline of the new Durham.

North Carolina's Capital City -- Raleigh -- will be the focus of the April edition, with several writers assigned to tackle this fast-growing and sophisticated metropolis. Steeped in history, Raleigh is changing rapidly inside and outside its landmark beltline.

The many communities and beaches that comprise the "down east" portion of Metro's reach will centerpiece the May 2009 edition written by Dr. James Leutze, former chancellor of UNC-Wilmington and a regular Metro columnist. With coastal issues "going critical" in the next decade, Leutze will draw on his expertise on the subject to clarify the key issues, including offshore drilling; beach renourishment; explosive growth and the impact on the region and state.

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