

Ava Advocates

Ava Advocates, the Museum's membership program, provides Ava Gardner fans with free admission, 15% gift shop discounts, and invitations to member-only events.

ONE (1) YEAR MEMBERSHIPS

- \$25.00 Individual
- \$50.00 Family (includes spouse and children 18 years of age and under)*
- \$40.00 Senior Citizen or Military Family (includes couples age 65; grandchildren 18 years of age and under; or military family)*
- \$20.00 Military or College Student

CORPORATE LEVEL MEMBERSHIPS

(same benefits as listed above, plus additional guest passes)

- \$125.00 Showboat (includes 5 guest passes)
- \$250.00 Mogambo (includes 10 guest passes)
- \$500.00 Barefoot Contessa (includes 20 guest passes)

You can pay for your tax deductible membership through

- 1) Personal check 2) Credit Card (Mastercard or Visa)

Card #: _____

Security code: _____

Expiration Date: _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Mail to: Ava Gardner Museum
Attention: Memberships
325 East Market Street
Smithfield, North Carolina 27577
Email: avainfo@avagardner.org

Maps & Directions



Directions to the Museum:

From I-95, North or South, take Exit 95, turn west toward Smithfield onto US 70 Business/Market St. The museum is 1.3 miles on the right.

From Raleigh, take I-40 Exit 309 to US Hwy 70, take Exit 326, turn right toward Smithfield on US 70 Bus. The museum is 7.1 miles on the left.

Directions to Sunset Memorial Park:

From the Ava Gardner Museum, travel west on US Hwy 70 Bus/Market Street approximately one mile, turn left onto NC Hwy 210, turn right immediately into the cemetery, follow signs to the gravesite.

Find the Ava Gardner Museum Online at:



<http://blog.avagardner.org>



The Ava Gardner Museum is a non-profit organization under the IRS 501(c)(3) exemption. Gifts to the museum are tax deductible to the extent provided by law.

Receive information about new exhibits and invitations to special events by signing up for our museum newsletter at:

www.avagardner.org



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Ava's Story

The Ava Gardner Museum, one of North Carolina's most unique attractions, honors the life, loves, and legacy of one of Hollywood's most glamorous leading ladies.

From the moment you enter the Museum, you get an in-depth look at the life of silver-screen legend Ava Gardner and the glory days of the Golden Age of Hollywood.



Begin your visit in the theatre and enjoy the 15-minute film of her life compiled from interviews from friends, family and peers in the film industry.

Experience Ava's rise from a small town farmer's daughter to an international sensation.

Gift Shop

The Museum's gift shop offers unique merchandise and souvenirs to commemorate your visit. Internet, mail and phone orders are also available.

Gravesite

Ava Gardner requested that her remains return home to Smithfield and be laid to rest along side her parents and siblings. Ava's gravesite is located one mile from the museum at Sunset Memorial Park.

TRIVIA: Ava starred in over 49 motion pictures, two television mini-series and one night-time soap, Knot's Landing.



Self-Guided Tour

Discover the real Ava Gardner as you take the self-guided tour through more than 5,000 square feet of exhibit space. You'll see extraordinary costumes, movie posters and awards that represent Ava's 50-year career as a leading Hollywood actress. The Museum also houses a collection of personal items of china, jewelry, clothing and fine art, including 30 portraits by Bert Pfeiffer, a Dutch artist whose collection was donated to the museum in 2001.

Get to know the people who played important roles in Ava's life. Her circle of close friends included celebrities such as Gregory Peck, Grace Kelly, Ernest Hemingway, Robert Graves and Howard Hughes. You'll also learn about her marriages, which were even bigger news than her films.

View artifacts that belonged to her third husband Frank Sinatra, whom she always considered the "love of her life."



TRIVIA: In 1955, Ava moved to Spain to escape both the pressures of Hollywood and the press surrounding the recent breakup of her marriage to Frank Sinatra.

Group Tours & Rentals

When booked in advance, groups can take advantage of special tour packages like the Ava Heritage Tour or At the Movies with Ava. Call for prices.

The Museum is also available for daytime and evening rentals. It's the perfect setting for private parties, receptions, rehearsal dinners or small meetings.



Admission

Adults (ages 18 - 64) - \$7
Seniors (65 - up) - \$6
Teens (13 - 17) - \$6
Children (6 - 12) - \$5
Children under 6 - Free
(Rates are subject to change)

Operating Hours

Hours are Monday - Saturday 9 am-5 pm, year-round and Sunday 2-5 pm. (March - December)

The museum is handicap accessible and open every day except Easter Sunday, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

TRIVIA: Ava first fell in love with the movies at the Howell Theatre in Smithfield, which is still in operation today.