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Two SoIN businesses chosen as ‘Best of the Best Travel Suppliers 2017’ American Bus Association’s Destinations magazine honors local attractions

Jeffersonville, Ind. (Oct. 3, 2017) – American Bus Association’s *Destinations* magazine has chosen the [Schimpff’s Confectionery](#) and the [Culbertson Mansion State Historic Site](#) as “**Best of the Best Travel Suppliers in 2017.**” The magazine’s editorial panel selected the companies, two of SoIN’s anchor attractions, from suppliers across the country.

The American Bus Association, ABA, is a trade association for motorcoach operators and tour companies in the U.S. and Canada. Every year, the association provides more than 600 million passenger trips on charters, tours, and shuttles. Its members include motorcoach operators, tour operators, tourism organizations, as well as product and service suppliers. All winners of the [Best of the Best Travel Suppliers in 2017](#) have been published in the magazine’s September/October issue.

“Schimpff’s Confectionery and the Culbertson Mansion have brought group tour experiences to a whole new level,” said Kate Bewley, director of sales for SoIN Tourism. “Visitors want to experience attractions for themselves,” she said, “and these businesses have responded.”

With the Culbertson Mansion’s Clue parties, guests get involved with the game and, in the process, learn about the home. At Schimpff’s Confectionery, guests are captivated by Jill and Warren Schimpff’s banter, as well as by the sights and smells of cinnamon red hot candies as they are being made. Schimpff’s Confectionery has been a staple of group tour leaders for decades, and Culbertson Mansion has become creative in its offerings of fun ways to explore the mansion’s history.

Schimpff’s Confectionery

Family owned, Jill and Warren Schimpff, of Schimpff’s Confectionery, have been a stop on the group tour circuit for decades. Groups watch Warren and Jill Schimpff as they divulge candy-making secrets passed down from Warren’s great grandfather, Gustav Schimpff, who opened the store in 1891. Guests get to learn the story of Schimpff’s, a family owned business located in the same place for more than 125 years.

Culbertson Mansion State Historic Site

The Culbertson Mansion State Historic Site, which has been offering tours to the public since the 1970s, was built as a residence for William Culbertson, once Indiana’s richest man. A significant place in southern Indiana’s history, the Culbertson Mansion has been offering tours to the public since the 1970s. Evolving with the times, they still offer docent-led tours. In addition, they offer events that take guests into a game of Clue while keeping the Culbertson story alive and interesting.

Supplier Information

Culbertson Mansion State Historic Site
1001 Main Street
New Albany, IN 47150

Schimpff’s Confectionery
347 Spring Street
Jeffersonville, IN 47130

Please visit the American Bus Association's website to find out more about the [2017 Best of the Best](#) awards.

SoIN Tourism is the official destination marketing organization for Clark and Floyd Counties, located on the north bank of the Ohio River. SoIN offers an authentic Southern Indiana experience. The Kentuckiana region includes the historic downtowns in Jeffersonville and New Albany, Clarksville's retail corridor, as well as the communities of Starlight and Henryville. Visitors who want more information can visit the destination's website at www.GoSoIN.com.

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