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### Pecha-kucha

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#### about anything.

So called Pecha-Kucha Nights have sprung up in cities all over the globe. The events generally consist of 10-14 people who give Pecha-Kutcha presentations on various subjects. Breaks are frequent so that attendees can grab a drink, some food, mingle with guests and receive feedback and new ideas.

Syed Ahmad, one of the founders of the Salisbury 20x20 Pecha Kucha Night, helped to introduce the concept to Winston-Salem residents Tuesday night with a sample of a Pecha-Kucha Night at the Winston Tower's Center for Design Innovation (CDI).

Ahmad was one of four Pecha-Kucha presenters at the event. He used his presentation and images, which are projected onto a screen as the presenter speaks, to tell how he, his wife and another couple renovated a downtown Salisbury building into an art mecca.

"After much blood, sweat, tears and all of our life savings, we managed to turn this abandoned bread factory into living spaces," he proclaimed at the culmination of his demonstration, gesturing to slides of the two brightly painted expanses where the couples live. "We invite you to come to Salisbury to see our work, to see how we turned a factory into our homes.'

Jan Detter, a mosiac artist and instructor at Wake Forest University, gave a presentation on her life story, or in her words, "a story of blessings ... dashed hopes and new beginnings."

Among the slides in her

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### America."

Daniels, president of the New York-based Institute of the Black World 21st Century, says the event will bring together Black civil rights leaders from all walks of life.

'We must not make the mistake of believing that the new President will be able to resolve all our problems without a powerful grassroots movement to promote our agénda. This is very much in keeping with Barack Obama's

position that change comes from the bottom up.

The line up for conference the reads like a who's who of the "Black



Professor Sharif Bey was among the presenters.

presentation were photographs of a tree that had bent to reach the sunlight and a teeter totter. because "part of my life journey is figuring out how to both stand up straight and how to teeter because that is the nature of life.'

Ceramic artist and Winston-Salem State University Art **Education Professor Sharif Bey** followed with a presentation about his massive family and his work as an artist.

Bey is one of 13 children. Needless to say, Mom never had a crystal collection,"

he quipped. Bey has more than 40 nieces

and nephews to date. "Another one is always on

the way," he related with a grin. Architect Rence Callahan of Walter Robbs Callahan Pierce Architects, P.A., rounded out

of Islam, has also been invited as a panelist for the Town Hall Meeting.

Other activities will include. a Damu Smith Leadership Development and Organizer Training Institute; Katrina policy roundtables; a special session on Haiti; a Pan-African policy forum; a Black Family Summit; and a wide range of issue-oriented work session and intergenerational dialogues.

"The conference is timed to occur two weeks after an historic presidential election. While people of African descent are excited about the prospect of an Obama victory,

most seasoned \* observers concur that a myriad of issues rooted in institutional racism and poverty will continue to plague Black people in America and the world whoever White the wins House," says a stateby issued ment Daniels.

the evening, with a presentation on the historically significant downtown buildings in Winston-Salem.

CDI is billed as an interinstitutional research center that builds on strengths of local insititutions of higher learning like WSSU and Wake Forest. Pecha-Kutcha Night was part of its Idea Exchange Program.

Carol CDI Director Strohecker praised the Pecha-Kucha project.

"Sometimes when something's very short, you can feel like you're kind of grazing the surface," she commented. "This was dealt with in a much more introspective way."

The first full' fledged Pecha-Kucha Night will be held Friday, October 24, at EastSquare ArtWorks, 120 East Innes Street in downtown Salisbury. For more information or to present, email artists@eastsquareartworks.c om

# New routes are a part of expansion by WSTA

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The Winston-Salem Transit Authority operating began

The Campbell Transit Center could be getting even busier.

expanded routes on Monday, a move to bring fresh public transportation options to residents.

The expansion, the largest by WSTA is some time, includes extended service to the Martindale area, Creek Fiddlers Willard Apartments, Road, Green Oaks

Apartments and the Autumn Oaks area. Two new routes have been added, while two other routes will now offer all-day service. WSTA's night service will run until midnight on

Monday through Saturday.

"This exciting expansion is dedicated to providing our existing customers with the transit service they expect and deserve, service that is more convenient and designed to accommodate their needs," said WSTA General Manager Art Barnes. "No doubt, these new services will attract new customers to our already growing ridership, but our prime purpose is to better serve our core customers.

WSTA said the changes were created after input from customers, many of whom are trying public transportation for the first time in an effort to save money on sky-high gasoline.

detailed explanation of each route/schedule change is available online at www.wstransit.com, or by calling the WSTA Mobility Management Department at 336-727-2000.



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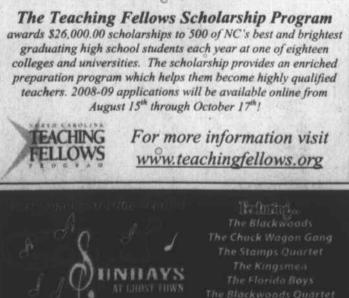
Ogletree, who will moderate a town hall meeting to open the event. Panelists will include Marc Morial, president/CEO National Urban League; Rev. Al Sharpton, president, National Action Network; Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr., president, National Rainbow/PUSH Coalition; Ben Jealous, the new president/CEO, Dr. NAACP; Julianne Malveaux, president, Bennett College for Women; Dr. Ronald Walters, Professor of government and politics, University of Maryland; Dr. Elsie Scott, president/CEO, Congressional Black Caucus Foundation: Dr. Iva E. Carruthers general secretary, Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference, Inc.; Faya Rose Sanders, founder, Voting Rights Museum, Selma, Alabama; and, Dr. E. Faye Williams, president, National Congress of Black Women. Minister Louis Farrakhan, leader of the Nation

His sentiments reflect those of civil rights leaders who spoke at a "Unity Breakfast" during the Democratic National Convention in Denver.

At that breakfast, civil rights icon Rev. Joseph Lowery - a chief supporter of Obama declared that even if he is elected president, he must still be held accountable. "Those of us who are called to speak truth to power, we don't care what color power is," Lowery told the applauding audience.

The issues at the State of the Black World Conference will not be contained to just Black America. Daniels says delegations of organizers across North and South America, Africa, Europe and the Caribbean are expected to attend.

For more agenda information, call: 888-774-2921, email sobwc@ibw21.org or visit http://stateoftheblackworld.org.



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Left to Right: June King, CMD; Mahta Mirzaei McKee, MS, DABR; Dr. Brigitte Miller; Sandra Teague; Dr. Kathryn Greven; Lori Nifong, RN

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