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Art ... Latino Style

Delta Arts Center opens "Punto De Vista - Latino Perspectives III"

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The diversity of Latino art can be seen on the walls of the Delta Arts Center.

The "Punto De Vista - Latino Perspectives III" exhibit kicked off Sept. 5 with a lively reception. The Hispanic Arts Initiative, which uses art and education to raise awareness of Latino culture, is behind the showing.

About 250 people, including Mayor Allen Joines, attended the opening. They enjoyed Latin food and were rapt by several live dance performances.

Thirteen North Carolina artists who originally hail from throughout the vast Spanish-speaking world are featured in the exhibit, which is being billed as "A Cultural Journey Through Art."

There have been two previous "Punto De Vista - Latino Perspectives" exhibits; both were held downtown at the Milton Rhodes Center for the Arts. Hispanic Arts Initiative Director Maria Sánchez-Boudy said the change of venue to the Delta Arts Center, which traditionally focuses on African American art, would help to bring attention the sometimes overlooked influence that Africa has had on Latino culture.

"We wanted to explore the cultural heritage between Latinos and African Americans," she said. "We do have a shared cultural heritage."

Delta Arts Executive Director Nadiyah Quander is hopeful that the exhibit will start to build a bridge between the two cultures.

"We're really looking to show solidarity between the Latino and African American communities as we continue to co-exist and co-habitat ... we're living in the same neighbors, and we want to show unity between the two communities," she said.

The art wasn't just on the walls at the opening. A vividly-attired Jubelin Ramirez dazzled



Gustavo De Los Rios discusses his art with an attendee.

Photos by Todd Luck



Hispanic Arts Initiative Director Maria Sánchez-Boudy (left) with Delta Arts Center Executive Director Nadiyah Quander.

with her Salsa and Samba performances. John Archer and Ela Feliz did Merengue and Bachata routines. Daniel "Oseiku" Diaz, well-known for his African drumming, provided the dancers with musical accompaniment.

The Hispanic Arts Initiative is planning to launch a concert

series next year that will feature live music and dancers, Sánchez-Boudy said. With all of its programs, the Initiative strives to drive home the point that the Latino community is vast.

"Everyone thinks we come from one country, when we come from 22," said Sánchez-



Mayor Allen Joines speaks.

Boudy, who is from Cuba.

Punto De Vista artist Diana Isabel Vásquez-Zurita came with her family from Ecuador in 2009. She graduated from Salem College in 2013 with a degree in studio art and works at a printing press while she is starting her own web design firm, Digital Minds Studio.

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Jubelin Ramirez dances as Oseiku drums.



Isabel Vásquez-Zurita with some of her art.



Nadiyah Quander addresses the large crowd of attendees.



Community Calendar

DSS director forums

The Forsyth County Department of Social Services Board will hold two community forums today (Thursday, Sept. 18) to get input into its search for a new director of the Department of Social Services. The first meeting will be held from noon - 1 p.m. in the Behavioral Health Auditorium, 725 N. Highland Ave. The other will be from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Department of Social Services, 741 N. Highland Ave., in the first-floor Conference Room.

Black Chamber meeting

The Winston Salem Black Chamber of Commerce will have a mixer this evening (Thursday, Sept. 18) from 7-9 p.m. at the Carolina Vineyards and Hops, 1111 S. Marshall St. Members and non-members are welcome. For additional information, contact Randon Pender at 336-575-2006.

Brown Alumni Chapter meeting

The WSSU Brown Alumni Chapter will meet on Friday, Sept. 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the Mazie S. Woodruff Center of Forsyth Technical Community College, 4905 Lansing Drive. Contact Shelia Bailey at 336-575-2006 for additional information.

Aggie ROTC reunion

A reunion of former N.C. A&T University Army ROTC cadets from the Vietnam era will be held this year during the school's homecoming at the Greensboro Marriott Downtown. This event will be the first time Aggie military graduates have ever re-connected in a formal setting. For more details, contact Marquis D. Street at 336-373-1904 or via email at marquisdstreet-law@gmail.com.

Food Pantry anniversary

The Clemmons Food Pantry will celebrate "10 Years of Feeding Hope" on Thursday, Sept. 18 from 7 - 11 p.m. at the Salem Glen Golf and Country Club, 1000 Glen Day Drive in Clemmons. The event will feature the music of Doug Davis and the Mystery Dates and a silent auction. Food will be provided. Tickets are \$40 per person or \$75 per couple. To purchase tickets, email anne.rudert@clemmonsfoodpantry.org.

Dance team tryouts

The Carolina Silverhawks will hold tryouts for the Lady Silverhawks Dance and Cheer Team on Saturday, Sept. 20 at the Gold's Gym at 4835 West Wendover in Jamestown. For additional information, email either Dajah Wright at dwright.csilverhawks@gmail.com or Roderick Hinton at centerstagecreations@gmail.com.

Zumba fundraiser

The N.C. Black Repertory Company will host a Zumba

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