

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

• September 25

The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's fifth annual **Light the Night** walk will take place at Independence Park.

Willy Porter at The Evening Muse, 3227 N. Davidson St. at 8 p.m.

• September 26

Calvin Edwards jazz, Afro-American Cultural Center. General admission is \$20; table tickets \$75 with a table of 10 \$750. For information, call (704) 374-1565.

Charlotte Post Best banquet, Adam's Mark Hotel, 555 S. McDowell St. Guest speaker is Charlotte Bobcats owner and BET founder Bob Johnson. Tickets are \$75. Call (704) 376-0469 for tickets or information.

• September 27

Blumenthal Performing Arts Center presents... **Fra Fra Soun.** at the McGlohon Theatre. Tickets: \$12-\$15.

Jazz concert at Shaw University in Kannapolis from 4-6 p.m. featuring The Master Voice of Sandra and Central Cabarrus High School step team at 113 South Main St. For information, call (704) 932-4614.

West Boulevard YMCA 3-on-3 basketball tournament, Clanton Park at 8:30 a.m.

Urban League Guild 10th golf tournament at Highland Creek Golf Club. Registration is \$100 through Sept. 14. For information, call Gene Buccelli at (704) 373-2256, extension 214.

Art on The Green 10 a.m.-3 p.m., 400 Third St. Local artists will display their works.

True Way Church of God in Christ give-away, 1134 Commercial Ave. Clothes, shoes, household items will be given away from 11 a.m. until everything's gone. For information, call (704) 377-0670 or (704) 536-7080.

Afro-American Cultural Center hosts The Village Square Forum at 10 a.m. Guest lecturers will be Imani Countess and Baba Jallow, who will discuss strengthening ties between Africans and African Americans. For information, call (704) 374-1565, extension 22.

• September 28

Winthrop Flute Choir, Recital Hall at Winthrop University, 4 p.m.

Metropolitan Music Ministries presents "Celebration of Music in Worship," Providence Baptist Church, 4921 Providence Road. Concert begins at 6 p.m. featuring AMEN Community Chorus, Johnson C. Smith University Choir, Adult Ensemble and others. Free. For information, call (704) 529-1616 or log on to www.metro-musicministries.org.

Concord-Cabarrus Alumni Chapter of Barber-Scotia College will sponsor "Hats Tell It All" celebration at the Saber Den on campus. Program starts at 5 p.m. and will include a southern-style tea with musical performances, poetry and drama. For tickets, call Cordia Wallace at (704) 721-4264; Ruth Brooks at (704) 786-7884 or Linda Terrell at (704) 728-2941.

• October 4

Tiffany Johnson Basketball Camp and Coaches Clinic at First Ward Recreation Center, 610 E. 7th St. Camp features coaches and athletes form women's basketball conferences who will offer instruction in ball-handling, dribbling, shooting, passing and rebounding through Oct. 5. Program is \$25 and open to girls 8-16 and adult coaches. Drills start at 8:30 a.m. Oct. 4 and 2 p.m. Oct. 5; coaching clinic starts at 1:30 p.m. Oct. 4 For information, call Cynthia Smith Perkins at (704) 336-3538.

Art & Soul of South End block party, a one-day festival of South End's arts district. Original art work, pottery and demonstrations by regional and local artists; urban flea market, food court and children's activities. For information or vendor application, call Tammy Smith at (704) 334-1442 or e-mail tammy@gainesbrown.com

Metrolina Minority Contractors Association monthly meeting, 9 a.m. at 418 West Trade St. Featured speaker will be Jim Mills, CCO of Charlotte Area Transit System. For information, call Sylvia Grier at (704) 332-9383.

• October 7

Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Orchestra at North Carolina Blumenthal Performing Arts Center, Belk Theatre, 8 p.m. Subscriptions range from \$90-\$350 to Carolinas Concert Association, and single tickets are available. For information, call (704) 527-6680 or log on to www.carolinasconcert.com.

• October 9

South Carolina Conference NAACP convention and civil rights conference through Oct. 12 at Hilton Charlotte and Towers.

Money management seminar for families with special needs children, West Boulevard Library, 6 p.m. Free. To register, call (704) 332-4184.

• October 10

"**Bridge to Terabithia**" at Spirit Square through Oct. 18. Reserved seats \$15; general admission \$10.

CPCC's **Dance Central** presents "Blackberry Mountain," a re-enactment of the 1850 Appalachian legend of the Brown Mountain lights through Oct. 12 at Pease Auditorium. tick-

ets are \$12. For information, call Jean Vance at (704) 330-6976.

Carrot Top, 8 p.m., Ovens Auditorium.

• October 11

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Black Political Caucus banquet at Charlotte Marriott, 5700 Westpark Drive. Banquet starts at 7 p.m. Guest speaker will be Ed Tapscoff, executive vice president of the Charlotte Bobcats. Individual tickets are \$50. For information, call Anna Hood at (704) 333-4685.

Harvest Green Party & Arborist Day, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at RibbonWalk, Hoyt Hinson Road off Nevin Road. Trails will be open for hiking and guided tour. Lunch served at 12 p.m. - \$8 for non-members. Sponsored by RibbonWalk and Charlotte Arborist Association. For information, call (704) 599-2600.

• October 12

Art on the Green will be held Saturday uptown from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.



LEADERSHIP CHANGE



Helen Alexander (left) was elected Interim Southeast Regional Director of National Women of Achievement. Passing the gavel to Alexander, who is president of the Queen City Chapter, is Jeannette T. Lewis, national vice president of NWOA.

DIABETES AWARENESS



Dr. Heather Grant takes a glucose reading from Alberta Wesley during the McCrory YMCA Diabetes Support Group program last week. The event's aim was to raise awareness of diabetes and ways to control the disease.

DANGER RANGERS GALA



Vernon Willis (left) of the 100 Black Men of America - Greater Charlotte Chapter and former Charlotte mayor Richard Vinroot pose with Danger Rangers member "Sully" at the "Carolina I'm Safe Tour" Greater Issues Dinner held at Discovery Place Sept. 20. The purpose of the fundraising dinner was to highlight efforts being made to teach safety rules and ideas to youth and parents to prevent avoidable accidents that occur to youth.

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NOTES

Central United Methodist Church will sponsor "**Adventures in Learning**" for seniors from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Registration is \$18; \$5 lunch or bring your own. Subjects include Tai-Chi, learning Spanish, do it yourself home repair. For information, call (704) 338-1511.

Children's story times Saturdays at 2 p.m. at Barnes & Noble, 4720 Sharon Road. For more information, call (704) 554-7986.

Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden Free First Sundays. The DSBG offers free admission to the garden the first Sunday of each month. The garden is located at 6500 S. New Hope Road, in Belmont. For more info visit www.dsbg.org or call (704) 825-4490.

Race: The Power of an Illusion, The Light Factory, 600 East Trade St. PBS series on race relations will be shown Sept. 25, Oct. 2 and Oct. 9 from 7-9 p.m. After viewing will be group discussion on the topic. For information, call (704) 336-2605.

Democratic Women of Mecklenburg County meet every second Wednesday at 2821 South Blvd. Meetings with refreshments served at 6:30 p.m., followed by a speaker. Open to all registered Democrats.

Matchmaker Tennis sponsors clinics to teach new players the basics of the game. To sign up, log on to www.matchmakertennis.com and click on the events calendar link.

Mecklenburg EMS Agency offers free car seat checks first and third Thursdays from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at 6410 Conference Drive. Trained technicians are available to install car seats safely.

Renaissance Festival & Artisan Marketplace every weekend from Oct. 4-Nov. 16, Highway 73 at Poplar Tent Road, Huntersville. European-style arts and comedy festival features a combination of outdoor theatre, circus, arts and crafts, jousting tournament and feast. Tickets are \$14 for adults, \$13 for seniors and \$5 for children available at Harris Teeter stores. Festival times 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For information, call (704) 896-5544 or log on to www.renfestinfo.com.

Bare Bones Theatre Group presents "The Underpants" Sept. 4-21 at South End Performing Arts Center, 201 Rampart St. Admission is \$15 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors. To reserve tickets, call (704) 332-5300

Thoroughly Modern Millie. At the Belk Theater, Sept. 23-28. Tickets: \$23-\$64.

Charlotte Shout Culinary Arts Experience Sept. 25-27 at Barnes & Noble-Arboretum, 3327 Pineville-Matthews Road. Celebrity chefs include Alton Brown, Sara Moulton and Rochelle Brown. For information, call Lynn Payne at (704) 341-9481 or Pattie Hall at (704) 895-8863.

Afro-American Cultural Center Culture-Camp, first Saturday of the month beginning Oct. 4. Cultures that will be explored include Native American, Vietnamese, Hispanic and African traditions. CultureCamp will run in conjunction with AACC's Heritage Saturday Tour program, which travels to cultural sites across the Southeast. For information, call (704) 374-1565.

Novello Festival of Reading Oct. 9-Nov. 10. Headlining authors include John Grisham, Marcela Serrano and Joyce Carol Oates. For ticket information and programs, log on to www.novellofestival.org.

EXHIBITS

"**New Abstractions**," Oct. 3-31, Joie Lassiter Gallery, 525 North Tryon St., Suite 140. North Carolina native and stone sculptor Horace Farlowe will exhibit sculptures. Reception on Oct. 3 with the artist on hand.

"**Celebrating the Legacy of Romare Bearden**," a juried exhibition, at Mint Museum of Art and the McColl Center for Visual Art. The exhibition offers Carolina artists the opportunity to show the impact of Bearden on their own works.

"**American Quilt Classics 1800-1980: The Charles and Fleur Bresler Collection**" at Mint Museum of Craft + Design through January 4, 2004. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 seniors and \$3 for anyone age 6-17. Closed on Mondays and major holidays. For information, call (704) 337-2000 or log on to www.mintmuseum.org.

"**Another World**," ceramic works by Jeff Pender at Central Piedmont Community College Art Gallery, Pease Auditorium, 1200 Pease Lane. Through Oct. 13. Call (704) 330-2722 extension 3110 for gallery hours. Appointments can be made by calling (704) 330-6668.

Joie Lassiter Gallery presents Linda Fantuzzo, Nov. 7-Dec. 2. At 525 N. Tryon St. For information, call Kate Baillon-Case at (704) 373-1464 or e-mail artjlg@aol.com.