

# happenings

## June

**15** Juneteenth of the Carolinas festival, Independence Park, 300 Hawthorne Lane. Four-day event includes cultural camp June 15 at Independence Park Recreation Center (cost \$10); drum circle June 16 at Independence Park; talent show, battle of the bands, choirs and fashion show. For information, call House of Africa at (704) 376-6160 or Kim and Keith Anderson at (704) 651-3390.

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Bassist **Ron Brendle** plays mellow jazz at Mint Museum of Craft + Design, 220 N. Tryon St., 6:30 p.m. Galleries and museum shop will be open from 5-8 p.m. Free

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High-scoring guard **Monique Currie** and the **Charlotte Sting** take on the Washington Mystics in a WNBA game, 7 p.m. Bobcats Arena. Tickets start at \$8 and can be purchased at the box office, online at charlottesting.com or (704) 424-WNBA

**17** Songwriter and musician **Alexis Bingham**, performs at Borders Charlotte-Morcroft, 3900 Colony Road. Free.

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Literary field trip to author **Dori Sanders'** farm near Clover, S.C. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sanders will autograph copies of her books along with author Dot Jackson. ("Refuge"). You can also shop for fresh fruits and vegetables. Tickets are \$35 for adults, \$25 for children 13 and under, including transportation, lunch and activities. Call (704) 432-0153 to register or log on to www.novellopress.org

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**HBCU party** at Ramesses Temple, 4919 Beatties Ford Road, 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Music provided by DJ Lamb. Proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society. Admission is \$5 and BYOB.

**20** **Charlotte Sting** will try to gain a measure of revenge against the Connecticut Sun in a WNBA game at Bobcats Arena. First 2,500 fans will be given 10th anniversary WNBA playing cards. Tickets start at \$8 and can be purchased at the box office, online at charlottesting.com or (704) 424-WNBA

**21** **Gary Owen** headlines Queen City Comedy at Big Chill, 911 East Morehead St. **Steve Brown** is the featured performer. Doors open at 8 p.m., show time is 9:30. Tickets \$10 in advance; \$15 at the door. For information, call (704) 503-HAHA.

**22** The first 7,500 fans to the **Charlotte Sting** vs. Detroit Shock game will get free Sting Stix. Tickets start at \$8 and can be purchased at the box office, online at charlottesting.com or (704) 424-WNBA

**23** **Thomas Blair** book signing, 3 p.m., Books-A-Million, 380 S. Sharon Amity Road. Blair will sign copies of his new book, "The Sabatini Prophecy."

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**Hidden Valley Optimist Club golf tournament**, The Tradition Golf Club, 3800 Prosperity Church Road. Registration is \$65 per player and checks should be made payable to Hidden Valley Optimist Club, P.O. Box 560511, Charlotte, NC 28256-0511.

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**Bennett College admissions day** at Blumenthal Performing Arts Center, 130 N. Tryon St. Admissions officials from the Greensboro school will help prospective students and their families with admissions and financial aid applications. For information, call (336) 370-8624 or go to the internet at admis@bennett.edu.

**2** **Women Who Lead Luncheon**, Hilton Charlotte & Towers, 222 East Third St., 11 a.m. Scholarship fundraiser for the United Negro College Fund with awards to four women who make a difference in their professions and communities. Luncheon includes the HAT-tude contest where women compete for the best and most unusual hats and high-end silent auction. Hosted by Maya Angelou. Tickets are \$125 and can be purchased at the UNCF office by calling (704) 377-8626.

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**Black Family Day**, downtown Reidsville. Free. Includes workshops by Helping Others Succeed Through Technology Vendors, presenters and volunteers needed. For information, e-mail host-technology@earthlink.com.

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**One Vision - A Tribute to Queen**, Ovens Auditorium, 8 p.m. Charlotte Symphony, full rock band, Queen City Queen Singers and vocalist Michael Shotton pay homage to Freddy Mercury and Queen hits like "We Will Rock You." Another One Bites the Dust." Tickets start at \$22 at (704) 972-2000 or www.charlottesymphony.org

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**29** **West Boulevard Library**, 2157 West Blvd. celebrates its 10th anniversary. 4:30-6:30 p.m. Refreshments, entertainment and a retrospective on the library's first decade will be shown. Reservations are free by calling (704) 336-6802.

## MEET Dana Davidson

The author of teen-oriented novels "Jason & Kyra" and "Played" will make appearances at Wachovia Playhouse @ ImagineOn, 300 E. 7th St. June 21 at 7 p.m. and Freedom Regional Library, 1230 Alleghany St. at 3:30.



## LISTEN Tyrone Jefferson



Tyrone Jefferson and Going Through Changes will headline the Afro-American Cultural Center's monthly jazz show June 25 at 8 p.m. at the Attic Theatre. At right is vocalist Toni Tuppence. Admission is \$8 for AACC members; \$10 for non-members.

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## LISTEN Charlotte Philharmonic

The Charlotte Philharmonic will present concerts July 2 at Pineville Lake Park and July 4 at Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens. The orchestra will feature Broadway and popular tunes.



Good to go

### ALL ACADEMIC



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Charlotte Post Advertising Director Fran Farrer-Nash presents the senior of the year runner-up trophy to East Mecklenburg High School senior Donnarrae Wade during awards day at the school.



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Klara Saveguis-Hall, 8 and friend wait for the blessing of pets Saturday at Green Market in Center City. The blessing was non-denominational, of course.



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The Polynesian Dancers of Charlotte showed their best moves at the Queen City Cruisers' annual car show.

## Notes etc.

**Bethlehem Center** will grant scholarships to students enrolled in college or trade school. Eligibility is based on a cumulative 2.5 grade point average, acceptance at an academic, vocational, technical or post-secondary school. Applicants must also complete at least 25 hours of volunteer time at Bethlehem Center per semester. Ten awards are given annually with an average scholarship of \$400. Applications due by July 7. For information, call Abbie Butler at (704) 371-7416.

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Step back in history Saturdays through Nov. 25 at **Historic Brattonsville** in McConnells, S.C. Costumed interpreters will bring to life aspects of 18th and 19th century living with themes changing weekly. Visitors can also witness life in the Carolina backcountry through activities such as farming, sheep shearing, cotton harvesting. Admission is free for Culture & Heritage Museum members, \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, and \$3 for children

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Applications are being taken for **Neighborhood Excellence** grants. The grants sponsored by Bank of America, come in three areas: Neighborhood Builders to non-profit organizations working to promote vibrant neighborhoods (\$200,000 and grant funding); five local heroes (\$5,000 to the nonprofit of their choice) whose achievements and leadership contribute to neighborhood vitality and student leaders (eight-week paid internship); high school juniors and seniors with an interest in improving their neighborhoods. Apply online at www.bankofamerica.com/foundation. Deadline June 30.

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**Food Addicts Anonymous** hosts meetings daily for people recovering from addictive eating and no anorexia. There are no dues or fees and no weigh-ins. For information, call (704) 348-1569.

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**Campus Connections BCT** is recruiting participants for the 2006-07 school year. Prospective students should be rising sophomores, juniors or seniors with a minimum 2.5 grade point average and have solid character traits. Call Kathie Baucom at (704) 627-6168 or e-mail apply@campusconnections.org for a schedule of interest meetings. The organization's website is www.campusconnections.org.

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**Torrence Lyde High School Alumni Association** will honor former educators Aug. 12 at Zion Renaissance. Alumni will name scholarships in honor of I.T. Graham, Esther Johnson, F.M. James and Leroy Wynn. For information, call Jackie Torrence at (704) 399-8588.

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**Charlotte Reads and the Public Library** are looking for volunteers for the third annual Drop Everything and Read Day June 15 at ImagineOn. If you're interested, call Heather McCullough at (704) 343-2251 or e-mail heather.mccullough@hmcw.com.

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**Charlotte Neighborhoods Family Day** Aug. 26, 12 a.m.-12 p.m., Charlotte Museum, 3500 Shamrock Drive. Tour the Charlotte Museum's interactive exhibit of Plaza-Midwood through maps and photos. Free for museum members; \$6 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors and \$3 for children.

## Exhibits

**Without Boundaries: The Afro-American Cultural Center Permanent Collection** opens June 16 at 6 p.m. Artists Tommie Robinson and T.J. Reddy will be among the panelists discussing "the African-American artists today."

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New works by **Duy Huynh**, Center of the Earth Gallery, 3024 North Davidson St. Exhibit showing through June 23. For information, call (704) 375-5756 or visit www.centeroftheearth.com or www.noda.org.

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**Eco Art of the Carolinas**, July 7-30, Charlotte Art League, 1517 Camden Road. Pasten marshscapes and pigment giclee prints of the Charleston, S.C. area by Roselynn Imbleau in Studio 14. Exhibit will open with an artist reception July 7 at 6 p.m. For information, call (704) 376-2878.

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**Wild Life: The Art of Lauren Faulkenberry & Andrew Linton**, through July 30, the Icehouse Center Gallery, 416 South Main St., Davidson. Free. Preview of the exhibit June 9 from 6-9 with public opening June 10 from 6-9 p.m. Call the Icehouse Center at (704) 892-7323 for summer gallery hours.

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**The Four Elements**, Mint Museum of Craft + Design through June 26. Exhibit graced the foyer of the U.S. Federal Building at the

1939 World's Fair. Designed by award-winning industrial designer Viktor Schrenckengost.

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"Photography & the Artist Book: A Survey of Approaches from the U.S. and Abroad" at the Light Factory @ Spirit Square, 345 N. College St. Curated by Barb Hertenbaum. For information, go online at www.light-factory.org

