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Juried Art Show & Literary Contest Planned as Part of NC Indian Unity Conference

The twenty-third Annual North Carolina Indian Unity Conference will feature a juried fine art exhibition as part of the upcoming Conference March 12-14 at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux in Fayetteville.

The conference draws people from across the United States and provides an opportunity for sharing ideas, planning and socializing. This will be the eighth consecutive year that United Tribes of North Carolina has offered an opportunity for Indian artists to share and showcase their work at the statewide conference.

There is no entry fee. Participants must be at least 18 years of age or older, be a member of a North Carolina Indian tribe, or may be a Native American presently residing in the state. According to official guidelines, all mediums- are accepted, including: painting, pottery, beadwork, basketry, sculpture, etc. All entries must be original and completed within the last three years, and not entered in the UTNC sponsored juried fine art exhibition in the last three years.

No kits, molds or print reproduction or original works will be accepted. All work accepted as part of this exhibition will travel to Guilford Native American Art gallery in

Greensboro for a show which will run from late March through May, 1998.

Barbara Braveboy-Locklear, this year's exhibition curator, says that the 2-day show, titled "Cultural Connections: Reclaimed Traditions," will open to the public Thursday, March 12, with an artists' reception beginning at 5 p.m. The exhibition will be open to the conference and public on Friday from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Native American artists planning to enter work in the exhibition must register with the exhibition curator no later than 3 p.m. on March 11. Works of art will be received at the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center Monday-Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. The deadline for accepting art at that location is Tuesday, March 10. Those artists wishing to enter work may register with the exhibition curator at the exhibition site (Holiday Inn Bordeaux, Fayetteville) on Wednesday, March 11 until 3 p.m. No late entries can be accepted.

Only art which can travel with the exhibition to Guilford Native American Art Gallery will be accepted in this year's Indian Unity Conference juried fine art exhibition. According to Braveboy-Locklear, "the show in

Greensboro provides a valuable opportunity to have the talents and works of these artists recognized and appreciated by the city's art community."

Artists may submit three pieces of work. No slide entries will be accepted. Two-dimensional work may not exceed four feet in height or three feet in width, including framing. All two-dimensional works must be properly wired and ready to hang. No frame clips will be allowed. Three-dimensional work may not exceed four feet in height or three feet in width. Works must be sturdy enough to withstand handling and exhibition and must be accompanied by any necessary supports at the time of entry, says Braveboy-Locklear.

Entrants may deliver their work to the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center, 1 Recreational Road, Pembroke NC no later than March 10. Please have labels completed and affixed to art prior to delivery. Each art object must be properly packaged for transportation to conference site. Only boxed or crated art will be accepted.

For more information about the juried fine art exhibition, please contact: Barbara Braveboy-Locklear at (910) 739-0058 or Ernestine Bullifant at the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center at (910) 521-2433.

McIntyre Fights For Tobacco Farmers

Washington, D.C. -- At an overflow House Agriculture subcommittee hearing room today, Seventh District Congressman Mike McIntyre strongly urged his congressional colleagues to support the tobacco farmers and their families. The Subcommittee on Risk Management and Speciality Crops, of which McIntyre is a member, held a hearing to determine the impact of the proposed tobacco settlement on tobacco farmers and production.

Congressman McIntyre said, "The importance of tobacco production in North Carolina cannot be overstated. Tobacco is responsible for a \$7 billion annual component of North Carolina's economy and provides jobs for more than 255,000 North Carolinians. And with the money from the production of tobacco turning over 7 or 8 times in tobacco communities, the impact this crop has on local, rural economies is enormous. At the heart of these figures, however, are farmers -- often times small family farmers like the ones here today -- who work extremely hard to make an honest living by growing tobacco. For generations, farmers, in the southeast have fed, clothed, and sheltered their families, supported their communities, and provided for a future for their children by growing tobacco. They must not be forgotten!"

Larry Sampson, a Robeson County resident and President of the Tobacco Growers Association of North Carolina, Inc., was one of several witnesses testifying before the Subcommittee. Mr. Sampson said, "The Tobacco Growers Association of North Caro-

lina has one big message. We must be protected!" Sampson also discussed the fact that while many tobacco farmers grow other commodities, it is tobacco that is the backbone of the economy of the farm.

Congressman McIntyre and Mr. Sampson both stressed to the Subcommittee that even if no settlement is reached, there are other problems that need to be addressed to maintain the viability of the tobacco program. McIntyre said, "Our message must be heard - and is now being heard - from the warehouse to the White House. Yearly funding fights, declining quota levels, and the increased importing of foreign-grown tobacco are eroding the peace of mind for our tobacco farmers. We must act now to ensure that tobacco farmers can continue to support their families and communities and provide for a future for their children."

Since the proposed settlement, McIntyre has been meeting extensively with farmers in southeastern North Carolina to listen to their concerns. In addition, last August, Secretary Dan Glickman accepted an invitation to come to Robeson County to a tobacco auction where he heard firsthand the concerns of nearly 600 tobacco farmers. The input Secretary Glickman received on that trip spurred president Clinton to announce last week in his State of the Union address that no comprehensive tobacco legislation would meet with his approval unless it directly and adequately addressed the concerns of tobacco farmers and their communities.

Democratic Women to Meet

Robeson County Democratic Women will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, February 9, 1998 at 7 p.m. at the Robeson County Courthouse on the third floor. Guest speaker will be Milton Hunt, Chairperson for Robeson Democratic Party. Everyone is invited. For further information call 521-9092 or 628-6642.

Health Care Providers Join Hermitage and Rowland Clinics

Two health professionals, both of whom are natives of Robeson County, have joined Southeastern Regional Medical Center and are now practicing in primary care clinics affiliated with SRMC in Lumberton and Rowland.

Family Nurse Practitioner Maxine Blue has joined the Rowland Medical Clinic located at 102 N. Bond St. A native of the Maxton area, Blue had been practicing in private industry in South Carolina. She is also certified as an occupational health nurse.

Nurse practitioners are registered nurses in advanced practice who provide a broad range of primary care services to individuals and their families. NPs can provide wellness care as well as treatment for disease or injury. They may also take medical histories and perform physical exams; diagnose, treat and monitor acute and chronic health problems such as infections, minor injuries, high blood pressure, diabetes, arthritis, etc.; order and interpret lab work, x-rays, and EKGs; and prescribe medications as well as many other services.

A graduate of Southeastern Community College, Blue earned her certification as a nurse practitioner from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1975. She holds a bachelor of science in nursing from Queens College in Charlotte. Blue is also working toward a degree in organizational leadership and management at UNC-Pembroke.

"I am looking forward to the new year and this new job," Blue said. "I am excited about being back in my home county and providing primary care to the people of this area."

Appointments for both adults and children are available by calling (910) 422-3350. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Physician Assistant Sanford "Sandy" Hardin, II, has joined the Hermitage Medical Clinic located at



From left to right: Jammi Lowry of Purnell Swett High and Ernestine Bullifant of Pembroke Chamber of Commerce.



From left to right: Lee Burgess of South Robeson High and Ernestine Bullifant of Pembroke Chamber of Commerce.

Students of Excellence Presented to Board

The January 20th meeting of the Board of Education for the Public Schools of Robeson County was the scene as members of the senior class of our 6 high schools were recognized as Students of Excellence. Receiving a plaque presented by David Evans of the St. Pauls Chamber of Commerce was Beverly Crystal Blackmon of St. Pauls High School. Adam Rugg of Red Springs High School was presented a plaque by Fran Ray of the Red Springs Chamber of Commerce; Ernestine Bullifant of the Pembroke Chamber presented plaques to Lee Edward Burgess of South Robeson High and to Jammi Lowry of Purnell Swett High; and Jennifer Everson of Lumberton Senior High received her plaque from Board Member Beth Williamson representing the Lumberton Area Chamber. Angela Colvin of Fairmont High was unable to attend because of another commitment.

The Chambers, in cooperation with the Chamber Coalition, select Students of Excellence on the basis of participation in school and other activities in addition to academic achievement. In making the presentations, they stress the importance of education and their interest in cooperating with the schools. The presentations salute a different high school class quarterly.

Hunt to Compete in Junior Olympics



Colorado Springs, Colorado-Corey Mack Hunt, a freshman at the Air Force Academy will be competing for a spot on the Junior Olympics February 13 through the 15th. The trials will be held in San Francisco. Corey competes in fencing, in the saber category.

According to Corey, had never fenced before joining the Air Force Academy. "I had not even heard of it before...except for seeing it in a movie somewhere. My roommate last year at the prep school, Sr. Airman Sean McCormack, and I talked about what clubs and stuff that we would like to join when we got to the academy, and fencing was one of them."

Corey said he likes fencing because of the individual challenge it offers.

Corey, 18, graduated from Purnell Swett High School in 1996 with honors and participated in sports as a wrestler and golfer.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie E. Hunt (Lynneettah). The Hunts live on McQueen Road near Red Springs. Mr. Hunt is General Manager of Lumbee River EMC, headquartered in Red Springs.

Robeson County Girls Christmas Classic Tournament

While many students were out enjoying their Christmas vacation, the Purnell Swett Rams were hard at work preparing themselves for the annual Robeson County Girls Christmas Classic Tournament. Their preparation proved successful when the Lady Rams defeated the Scotland Lady Scots in a title game, 65-58, making them the Christmas Classic Tournament Champions for the second time in the past five years.

Danyel Locklear and Leona Barton were the high scorers for the victorious game, both scoring 18 points. These girls were among two others, Jessica Collins and Amy Carter, chosen for the All-Tournament team selected by tournament officials. A very deserving Amy Carter was chosen tournament MVP for her out-standing performances throughout the Christmas Classic Tournament.

By: Adrienne Chavis

A Guide To Financial Aid For College-Bound Public Housing Residents

NAHRO (National Association Of Housing And Redevelopment Officials) has prepared a booklet on finding student loans to aid Public Housing Residents. The publication, "A NAHRO Guide To Helping Residents Get Into College" is free to Housing Authorities who are NAHRO members. The cost for non-members is \$12.50. Request publication number N915.

The publication provides advice on the college application process, reference tools, and internet sites.

Local Housing Authorities can help their residents greatly in making sure that they have the free application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to fill-out. For those planning to enter college this fall, this form should be filed as soon as possible. The forms should also be available from libraries and school Guidance Counselors, or at www.ed.gov/prog-info/SFA or by calling (800) 4FED-AID.

For information about scholarships provided by NAHRO Regions, Chapters, and State Associations, check the member area of NAHRO Nct at www.nahro.org.

Nominees Sought For Lumbee Homecoming

Pembroke-The Indian Honor Association of Robeson County, Inc. is seeking nominees to be honored during the July 4th edition of the Carolina Indian Voice. The categories of nominees are as follows: Retired Educators; Retired Military; Retired Pastors; Lawyers; Doctors of Medicine; and our Elders.

If you or anyone you know might qualify for one of these categories, we invite you to call and submit a nomination to one of the following persons: Garth Locklear (521-2611), Lenark Harris (521-0501), Pauline B. Locklear (521-4277), Lee A. Maynor (521-0174), Rev. Welton Lowry (521-4354), or Jeanne D. Thompson (521-1114).

This is the second annual honoring of our Indian retirees and professional people. Please feel free to help us identify all those eligible to be honored.

Pembroke Senior High Class Reunion

Pembroke Senior High School class of 1978 will hold their 20th year reunion at the Top Hat-South of the Border at 7 p.m. on June 13. Cost is \$25 per person and \$50 per couple. Please make payment as soon as possible to Class Reunion and mail to P.O. Box 1328, Pembroke, NC 28372 or to Lindsey Locklear at Pembroke Hardware. For more information, call 521-9536 or 521-6070.

Women's Health Event Planned

Scotland Memorial Hospital will sponsor its first-ever women's health event called "The Gathering," at Scotland High School on Saturday, beginning at 8:30 a.m. This will be a bi-annual event.

The Gathering will feature morning and afternoon workshops on a variety of health care issues important to women of all ages, including nutrition, stress and depression, adolescent girls at risk, women and HIV, helping daughters reach their potential, and birth and pregnancy.

Cost of attending will be \$15, which will include choice of two workshops and lunch.

To register or for more specific information about available workshops, please call Pat Steimer at (910) 291-7807.

Shirley Jones Award-winner Star in Concert

Film, television and stage star Shirley Jones will be in concert at the Givens Performing Arts Center on Friday, February 6 at 8 pm. Tickets are \$20, \$18 and \$6 for children and students. For reservations or more information, call the GPAC box office at 910-521-6361 or 1-800-367-0778.



Maxine Blue



Sanford "Sandy" Hardin, II