

Bimbe Festival partners Artful with Durham Parks and Grandparents Network for 'Women in Power: Legendary Ladies'

A tribute and celebration of Hometown Heroines was held May 16 during the monthly Downtown Durham Third Friday Art Walk and May 17 FREE for All People Expo & Art Show and as a feature of the 2008 Bimbe Festival.

A Friday reception was held to kick off the festivities. Artwork created by or inspired by women from the "Artful Women In Power Art Show" highlighted along with performing artists and a preview of work from "The Man Show" which will run throughout June.

On Sat., May 17, a Tribute Program honoring the Artful Women in Power was held. Additionally, The Grandparent Network of Durham held a "Cribs for Kids" drive and collect new items for newborns.

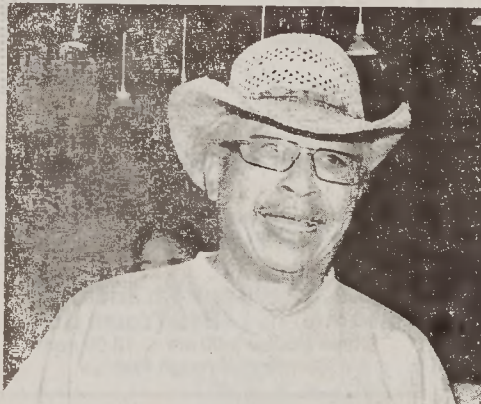
Among the honorees are: Community organizer Ann Atwater; artist and educator C. Omega Barnes; business woman and philanthropist Lonna Harkrader; community organizer and volunteer Barbara Lofton; educator and preacher Linda Kerr Norfleet; civil servant and community activist Yvonne Pena; arts & community organizer Diane Pledger; dance teacher and volunteer Kaye Sullivan; and business woman Julia Taylor were honored.

The event was sponsored in part by Greenfire Development, the Grandparents Network of Durham, Durham Parks and Recreation, The Carolina Times, Spectacular Magazine, the Durham Art Guild and Artful Greetings.

Mrs. Valerie Whitted Blake and Karl Blake organized the event.



Jewelry designer Brenda Evans of Dea's Pieces shops at the Free for ALL People Multicultural Expo sponsored in part by *The Carolina Times*



Jim Barnes.



Honoree Lonna Harkrader listens intently to tribute.



Grandparents Network sharing its' mission at the Artful Concepts event for Bimbe and the Artwalk



Honoree and new Grandparents Network volunteer Yvonne Pena, sharing with Mrs. Ann Clement.



2008 Artful Women in Power Marcella Kaye Sullivan and Ann Atwater.



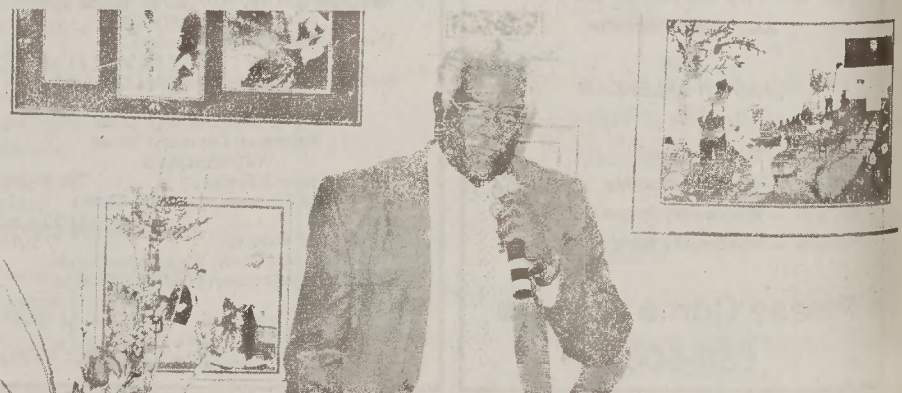
Karl Blake "showing the love" for the Artful Women in Power 2008.



Dancer getting in the mood.



Good Foot celebration of the contribution of the Hometown Heroines



Milton Jordan talks about the late Vivian Austin Edmonds, former editor and publisher of *The Carolina Times*.