

# Delta Arts Center exhibits artworks of Barbara Eure

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Woodcarvings, pottery, masks and batiks by Barbara Eure will be exhibited at the Delta Arts Center, 1511 E. Third St. in Winston-Salem, from Sept. 25 through Nov. 19. Visiting hours will be noon to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. The public is invited to a free reception featuring the artist from 3 to 5 p.m. Sept. 25 at the Delta Arts Center. A highlight of this reception will be a slide presentation by the artist.

Some of Eure's pottery can be found in the Afro-American Museum shop of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.; Surf Unlimited, Ocean Isle Beach; and the River Gallery, Chattanooga, Tenn. The High Point Master Crafts Fabric Showroom in High Point and Procter & Gamble in Greensboro own permanent exhibits of her works.

Numerous private collectors have acclaimed her designs. The Chapel at Prairie View A&M University in Texas houses candle holders that Eure designed and produced. Examples of her sculptures and patterns can be found at the Farmers Cooperative in Tuskegee, Ala., and in Southern Living Maga-

zine, respectively. Two commissioned works include the cover of Minorities and Women in Business and the cover of Delta Sigma Theta's "Reflections" art exhibit portfolio.

Eure completed a bachelor of science degree in art education at the University of Maryland-Eastern Shore. She did further training in art in Bassano Del Grappa, Italy.

She has made this statement about her perceptual and creative talents: "Being able to express myself visually using my hands is one of the most relaxing things I do. Since childhood I have been very perceptive and have been able to see correctly - and that means a great deal more than merely looking with the eye. Because only a few individuals seem to possess the ability to see and create using various mediums, I can say that God has blessed me with a rare God-given talent.

"I was encouraged by my parents and my teachers to become an artist and have never regretted my choice. My teachers stimulated my creativity because of their personalities, their creativeness, degree of sensitivity and flexible relationships to their environment and their ability

to put themselves in my place and their understanding and knowledge of my needs.

"I am thankful I can teach while being a working artist and give back what my parents and teachers have given me."

Her love for teaching is evident in her contact with students of all ages. She was previously employed in Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools, Forsyth Technical Community College and as a guest lecturer at UNC-Greensboro. Delta Fine Arts has also utilized Eure's talents when she previously served as artist-in-residence.

Community arts and crafts lovers will remember Eure as the owner and manager of Collectors Choice for 13 years.

Her community activities have been numerous. She has served on the boards of directors for the Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art and Associated Artists of Winston-Salem. The National Black Theatre Festival and the CIAA Men's Basketball Tournament have benefited from her skill in coordination and consultation. The N.C. Museum of Art in Raleigh has utilized her services as a juror.

# Emmanuel Baptist Church to host Prince Hall Day celebration

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The 53rd annual 30th District Masonic Family Prince Hall Day celebration will be held Sept. 26 at 3 p.m. Emmanuel Baptist Church will be the host church. The Rev. Dr. John Mendez will be the celebration speaker.

A native of New York City, Mendez has been pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Winston-Salem for the past 15 years after leaving the congregation at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Wendell, N.C., where he served as pastor from 1977 to 1983.

He is a graduate of Shaw University in Raleigh and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C. He also attended Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta. He is a recent graduate from the Post Graduate Center of Mental Health in New York City in pastoral counseling, psychoanalysis and psychotherapy. He also received a certificate of participation in a pilot project on the Black Church's Economic Responsibility for a New Urban Agenda at Harvard University Divinity School.

Mendez serves on several boards: chairperson of the Home Mission Board of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Racial Justice Working Group of the National Council of Churches, Urban Rural Committee of the World Council of Churches, Black Theology Project, Human Rights Commission of the Baptist World Alliance, N.C. Psychology Board, Forsyth Tech Advisory Committee.

He also served as an honorary member of the All-Africa Conference of Churches in Nairobi, Kenya, and was the first black pastor in the United States to be invited to address the General Board in Madagascar. He helped organize a Progressive National Baptist Convention and Baptist Church move-

ment in London and Wolverhampton, England.

His lecture experiences include serving as lecturer and preacher for various Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebrations: N.C. State University for the Society of Afro-American Students; citywide King Day observance in Tulsa, Okla.; King Day observance at N.C. Central University; King Day Observance Breakfast for the Ministers Alliance in Raleigh; King Day observance in Winston-Salem.



Mendez

He has lectured at these colleges and universities for African American History Month: Delaware State University, Campbell University, Appalachian State University, Elon College, Livingstone College, University of North Carolina-Greensboro for the Conference on St. Clair Drake, Winston-Salem State University for African American Religious and Cultural Experience Course, Shaw University for the Paul Robeson Festival Conference and Religious Emphasis Week, Wake Forest University Year of Religion Observance.

He was the keynote preacher for the Thomas Dorsey National Convention of Gospel Choirs and Choruses. In 1993, he was the keynote preacher at the Progressive National Baptist Convention Freedom Night. In 1986, he delivered a paper at the Second Martin Luther King Jr. Theological Conference and preached in several churches in Havana, Cuba.

Noted for his contributions to civil and human rights, Mendez has served as a consultant on many fact-finding missions: the Hawaiian land rights issues sponsored by the Racial

Justice Working Group of the National Council of Churches, Puerto Rican Vegas Island pollution issues, investigated U.S. war crimes in Nicaragua and El Salvador, peace initiative in Angola, African American Church Leaders Environmental Racism/Injustice fact-finding mission in Louisiana, Mt. Graham Apache sacred site issue, the Black Hills Lakota issue, etc.

He is the facilitator and founding member of Citizens United for Justice, which successfully led the community in obtaining a citizens police review board.

His accolades range from Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities in 1971 to the Winston-Salem Chronicle's 1994 Man of the Year Award. He has received the President's Award for the Progressive National Baptist Convention, the Alpha Award of Merit by Omicron Gamma Lunda Chapter of Alpha Phi Fraternity, the Wendell-Wake County NAACP Humanitarian Award, the Achievement Award from the Winston-Salem Urban League board of directors, 1989 President's Award of the NAACP in Winston-Salem and Award for Honorary Keeper of the Constitution by the N.C. Department of Secretary of State. In 1991 he was bestowed an honorary doctorate of ministry from Shaw University. He recently received the Scholar of Distinction Award from the Ministers Conference of Winston-Salem.

He is married to the former Sarah Lee Howard, who is a client liaison coordinator in information services at N.C. Baptist Hospital.

They have two children: Sekou 23, a student at A&T State University; and Jamila, 21, a student at N.C. Central.

All Masons and Eastern Star members are asked to attend the Prince Hall Day Celebration. The public is invited. The church is at 1075 Shalimar Dr., Winston-Salem.

# Shiloh Baptist Church to hold fall revival

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The fall revival of Shiloh Baptist Church will begin Sept. 27 and climax Oct. 1. Services will be held at 7:15 nightly. The Rev. Ralph Harris, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Newburg, N.Y., will be the evangelist for the week. Many visiting prayer bands along with our own will participate in these services. The public is invited.

Harris, son of the late Deacon Andrew Harris Jr. and Deaconess Mattie B. Harris, is a native of Shreveport, La.

He attended public schools in Shreveport, where he received his high school diploma from Booker T. Washington High School. He received his bachelor of arts degree with a double major in business and religion from Bishop College in Dallas, Texas, and later a master of divinity degree from Virginia Union University in Richmond, Va.

He began his pastorate at The Good Hope Baptist Church in Lafayette, La., and later moved on to New Hope Baptist Church in

Shreveport, La. He was called as pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church of Newburgh, N.Y., on Nov. 20, 1988. Since he came to Ebenezer, the church has witnessed many areas of spiritual, numerical and physical growth.

Harris is now a candidate for his doctor of ministry degree at the Theology School of Drew University. His focus is "The Evolution of the Urban Parish as a Healing Community for Addictive

Illness."

He has been president of The Black Ministerial Fellowship of Newburgh and vicinity, which consists of 30 churches of various faiths and denominations.

He is married to the former Rochelle Denise Randolph and the father of two daughters, Stacy Andrea Nichole and Chanta Raxquel Denise, and one son, Nicholas Andrew Randolph.

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