

COMMUNITY

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Community Calendar

Holiday open house

Soulful Santa arrives at Special Occasions, 112 N. M.L. King, Jr. Dr. on Nov. 25 from 1 - 3 p.m. Bring the kids to have their pictures taken. Enjoy seasonal refreshments. Special guest, V.J. Switzer will autograph his latest book, "Hard Heads make Soft Bottoms." The local farmer turned author has been a favorite of young readers since his first book, "Lucy the Cantaloupe."

The event is free. Call 724-0334 for information.

Housing Committee meeting

The Housing Committee of The Forsyth County Aging Services Committee will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 28, from 2 - 4 p.m. in Room C of the Forsyth County Government Center. The public is invited to join this group, which includes older adults, health care providers and government representatives, who meet to develop ideas for affordable housing options for older adults. Call 703-3883 for more information.

Create holiday cards

Parents/caregivers and children are invited to join instructors from the Sawtooth School for Visual Art to create whimsical holiday cards on Saturday, Dec. 1, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. The workshop will take place at BestHealth in the Hanes Mall. There is a \$10 fee. Call 716-2255 to register.

Jazzy Christmas

Local jazz group, Freeport is set to present a concert, Jazzy Christmas, on Dec. 1 at the Arts Council Theatre on Coliseum Dr. at 7:30 p.m. The group offers a combination of smooth, contemporary jazz and favorite standards. The band consists of four men, Steve Thorton, Malik Graham, Herman Sanders and originator Scott Marvill. Tickets are available and can be purchased on line at www.postjazz.com. Concert goers are encouraged to bring a toy to support the Winston-Salem campus of the Children's Home, Inc.

Peace Toys for War Toys

William C. Sims, Sr. Recreation Center's 14th annual Peace Toys for War Toys Exchange will be held Dec. 21 at 6 p.m. Youth may exchange violent toys and video games for peace toys such as basketballs, footballs, puzzles, video and computer games. Youth will also have an opportunity to win bicycles and other special prizes that promote fitness, education and peace. For more information, contact Ben Piggott at 727-2837. The center is at 1201 Alder St.

Lung Cancer update

WFUBMC oncologist Dr. Tony Miller will discuss how successes in lung cancer research and treatment are leading to a more positive future for patients on Monday, Nov. 26 at 6 p.m. The session will be held at BestHealth in the Hanes mall. Call 716-2255 to register.



Dozens of people turned out for the festival. Many wore eye-catching native clothing.

Photos by Jaeson Pitt

DESTINATION: ETHIOPIA

Weekend festival spotlights African nation

BY JAESON PITT
THE CHRONICLE

A festival held Saturday brought the culture of the African nation of Ethiopia to Winston-Salem State University's Diggs Gallery.

The event was the first-ever of the City of Winston-Salem's Human Relations Commission's Global Festival Series and coincided with Diggs' current exhibit, "Continuity and Change: Three Generations of Ethiopian Artists", which will be on display until Dec. 8.

The function included a cultural overview of the Northern African country, an Ethiopian fashion show, traditional dance, children's arts and crafts, as well as an authentic Ethiopian food sampler and coffee ceremony.

Volunteers from the Kidane Mehret Ethiopian Orthodox Church of the Triad (the only one of its kind in North Carolina), contributed to the event, as did Textures Art Gallery.

Diggs Gallery Director Belinda Tate called the art exhibit "a curator's dream." Continuity and Change is co-curator by Ethiopian-born Achameleh Debela, a graduate of the School of Fine Arts in Addis-Ababa, which was founded by the famed Haile Selassie. Most of the artists featured in the show are also graduates of the school.



Young people get assistance as they work on art projects.



See Festival on B8

Aebeyo Abraha with his wife, Wanda Allen-Abraha.



Yohannes holds a drum as his wife, Freweni, stands by him.



Children gather at the entrance to pass out programs.



Diggs Gallery's Belinda Tate speaks.



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