

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 30

Classic Productions "Amelia Bedella, Ovens Auditorium, 2700 E. Independence Blvd. Performances at 9:45 and 11:45 a.m.

October 31

CPCC Theatre will present the thriller "Dracula" by Steven Dietz on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1, 7, and 8 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 9 at 2:30 p.m. in Pease Auditorium on the Central Campus. Tickets are \$12 and available at the box office. Call (704) 330-6534.

"Celebrate Autumn" and costume contest, Eastland Mall, 6:45 p.m. Free admission for costumed Planet Kid members and parents. Skate free at the Ice House. At 7 p.m., Radio Disney sponsors a costume contest.

"Rocky Horror Picture Show" at Spirit Square McGlohon Theatre. Screenings at 6:30, and 9 p.m. and 12 a.m. Tickets are \$5 and \$4 for seniors and will be sold at the door for cash only.

November 1

Bobcats FrenzyFest, 10 a.m., Charlotte Coliseum, 100 Paul Buck Blvd.

Americare Health Festival, University Park Shopping Center, 2348 Keller Ave. from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Free health screenings, entertainment, rides and games. For information, call (704) 399-2677.

November 2

Ebony Fashion Fair, Ovens Auditorium, 6 p.m. Sponsored by Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Delta Zeta Chapter. Tickets are \$22 and can be purchased from sorority members or Ovens' box office one hour prior to showtime. Proceeds will benefit the sorority's scholarship fund and local charities. For information, call Deborah Easterling at (704) 563-2127 or Renea Stitt at (704) 394-4285.

"On the Wings of Song" at Carolina Voices, 1900 Queens Road. Season tickets \$51. For tickets and information, call (704) 374-1564.

Ebony Fashion Show, 6 p.m., Ovens Auditorium, 2700 East Independence Blvd.

Nov. 5

James McBride, award-winning writer, composer, and author of the critically acclaimed memoir "The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother" at Levine Museum of the New South, 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10, for museum members, and \$15 for non-members. Please call Kellie McGregor at (704) 333-1887 ext. 243 to purchase tickets.

November 7

Motor Madness, Charlotte Coliseum, 100 Paul Buck Blvd. Continues Nov. 8.

Hee Haw Bingo, 6:30 p.m. at Carole A. Hoefner Center, 610 East Seventh St. Tickets are \$15 for 10 games of Bingo and can be purchased at Paper Skyscraper, White Rabbit Books & Things, City Supply Co. or Regional AIDS Interfaith Network at (704) 372-7246. Proceeds go to RAIN. For information, log on to www.gaybingocharlotte.org.

November 8

Comedian Chris Rock, 8 p.m., Ovens Auditorium, 2700 East Independence Blvd.

Health Care Career Expo, downtown public library, 12 p.m. Event participants include Carolinas college of Health Sciences, Mercy School of Nursing, UNC Charlotte and Presbyterian Hospital. Free admission and parking at Seventh Street Station and IJL Center. For information, call ThinkCollege & Career Center at (704) 335-0852.

"Strikes for Tikes" bowling at Carolina Lanes, 9-11:30 a.m.. Prizes Proceeds will benefit Youth Harbor, which provides assistance to needy children. For information, call (704) 372-2363

American Piedmont Arts will sponsor a benefit for Make A Wish of Charlotte and Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Jetton Park. Displays of more than 30 Piedmont artists will be for sale. Live entertainment provided by June and Marie and Sherwood Lane. Art auction at 2 p.m. All benefits go to charity. For information, call (704) 528-9363.

Third annual Carolina Pottery Festival, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Cleveland County Fairgrounds, 1751 Marion St., Shelby. Admission is \$2 for adults and children over 12.

November 11

Henry Louis Gates at Spirit Square's McGlohon Theatre, 345 N. College St. at 7 p.m. Gates, chair of Harvard's Afro-American Studies department and director of W.E.B. Du Bois Institute will participate in a lecture, student dialogue and an adult leadership forum as part of The Echo Foundation's "Voices Against Indifference Initiative." Nobel Laureate for literature Wole Soyinka will introduce Gates' lecture, "W.E.B. Du Bois and the Encyclopedia Africana." Call 704. 372.1000 for reserved seats: individual (\$20) and student group (\$5). Call (704) 347.3844 for patron tickets (\$65), which include a pre-event reception with Gates and Soyinka at the Noel Gallery, 401 N. Tryon St.

November 14

Composer/songwriter Billy Jonas at Children's Theatre of Charlotte. Original songs, stories and improvisations with voice, guitar and "industrial re-percussion" with instruments made from recycled objects. For ages 5 and up. Tickets range from \$7 to \$15. For information, call (704) 376-5745.

November 15

Alpha Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority presents Pearl Awards Luncheon 11 a.m. at Adam's Mark Hotel, 555 S. McDowell St. Tickets are \$35. For information,

call Doris Asbury at (704) 597-5705.

Smooth jazz artist Brian Culbertson at Spirit Square's McGlohon Theatre, 8 p.m. Tickets are \$44.50 and can be purchased at the Blumenthal Box Office in Founders Hall by calling (704) 372-1000 or online at www.blumenthalcenter.org. Also available at TicketMaster outlets, calling (704) 522-6500 or going online at www.ticketmaster.com.

"Gems In the Rough," a literary showcase of self-published authors, 8:30 a.m. at Zion's Renaissance Complex, 3165 Zion's Renaissance Lane. Keynote speakers include Omar Tyree, Audrey Bell-Kearney and Dan Poynter. Admission is \$180 for showcased author, \$80 for book vendors and \$5 general admission. Benefits go to North Carolina Arts Society and Charlotte Communities in School. For information, call Jolynn Mata at (704) 604-1729 or Ahmad Daniels at (704) 491-3053.

Harvest Day at Latta Plantation. Take part in fall chores on the farm, including shucking corn, harvesting crops and picking cotton. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and students and \$3 for children 6-12. For information, call (704) 875-2312 or log on to lattaplantation.org.

"A Journey to India," Westin Charlotte hotel. International House gala celebrates diversity and splendor of India. Tickets are \$135 per person and can be purchased by calling International House at (704) 333-8099. Reservations must be received by Nov. 8.

HAPPY TRAILS



PHOTO/FRANK WILLIAMS

Dr. Kenneth Chambers (right) is congratulated by Charlotte Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Cannon (center) and his brother Julius Chambers at his retirement party at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. Kenneth Chambers retired after 43 years as a gynecologist.

GIVE THE DRUMMERS SOME LOVE



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The Youth and Family Services African Drum Ensemble was a featured attraction at the Families For Kids Rally sponsored by Mecklenburg County Dept. of Social Services. The rally brought attention to the need for adoptive families in Mecklenburg.

AGGIE PRIDE



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N.C. A&T State University Chancellor James Renick and his wife Peggy showed his school spirit during A&T's homecoming parade in Greensboro. An estimated 50,000 alumni and fans were at the university for homecoming activities and the traditional football game between the Aggies and Howard University. A&T won, pushing its record to 7-1.

NOTES

Central United Methodist Church will sponsor "Adventures in Learning" for seniors from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Registration is \$18; \$5 lunch or bring your own. Subjects include Tai-Chi, learning Spanish, do it yourself home repair. For information, call (704) 338-1511.

Children's story times Saturdays at 2 p.m. at Barnes & Noble, 4720 Sharon Road. For more information, call (704) 554-7986.

Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden Free First Sundays. The DSBG offers free admission to the garden the first Sunday of each month. The garden is located at 6500 S. New Hope Road, in Belmont. For more info visit www.dsbg.org or call (704) 825-4490.

Race: The Power of an Illusion, The Light Factory, 600 East Trade St. PBS series on race relations will be shown Oct. 9 from 7-9 p.m. After viewing will be group discussion on the topic. For information, call (704) 336-2605.

Democratic Women of Mecklenburg County meet every second Wednesday at 2821 South Blvd. Meetings with refreshments served at 6:30 p.m., followed by a speaker. Open to all registered Democrats.

Matchmaker Tennis sponsors clinics to teach new players the basics of the game. To sign up, log on to www.matchmakertennis.com and click on the events calendar link.

Mecklenburg EMS Agency offers free car seat checks first and third Thursdays from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at 6410 Conference Drive. Trained technicians are available to install car seats safely.

Renaissance Festival & Artisan Marketplace every weekend through Nov. 16, Highway 73 at Poplar Tent Road, Huntersville. European-style arts and comedy festival features a combination of outdoor theatre, circus, arts and crafts, jousting tournament and feast. Tickets are \$14 for adults, \$13 for seniors and \$5 for children available at Harris Teeter stores. Festival times 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For information, call (704) 896-5544 or log on to www.renfestinfo.com.

Afro-American Cultural Center Culture-Camp, first Saturday of the month. Cultures that will be explored include Native American, Vietnamese, Hispanic and African traditions. CultureCamp will run in conjunction with AACC's Heritage Saturday Tour program, which travels to cultural sites across the Southeast. For information, call (704) 374-1565.

Novello Festival of Reading through Nov. 10. Headlining authors include John Grisham, Marcela Serrano and Joyce Carol Oates. For ticket information and programs, log on to www.novellofestival.org.

Theatre Charlotte present "Blithe Spirit" Oct. 30-31; Nov. 1, 8, 9 and 15. Ticket prices range from \$17-\$22. For information and tickets, call Theatre Charlotte's box office (704) 334-9128 Monday-Friday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

EXHIBITS

"New Abstractions," through Oct. 31, Joie Lassiter Gallery, 525 North Tryon St., Suite 140. North Carolina native and stone sculptor Horace Farlowe will exhibit sculptures. Reception on Oct. 3 with the artist on hand.

"Celebrating the Legacy of Romare Bearden," a juried exhibition, at Mint Museum of Art and the McColl Center for Visual Art. The exhibition offers Carolina artists the opportunity to show the impact of Bearden on their own works.

"American Quilt Classics 1800-1980: The Charles and Fleur Bresler Collection" at Mint Museum of Craft + Design through January 4, 2004. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 seniors and \$3 for anyone age 6-17. Closed on Mondays and major holidays. For information, call (704) 337-2000 or log on to www.mintmuseum.org.

Works of Dale Chihuly at Jerald Melberg Gallery, Oct. 25-Dec. 27. An intimate exhibition of organic, innovative glass sculptures. Chihuly's works include baskets, pendants, macchias and seaforms.

Joie Lassiter Gallery presents Linda Fantuzzo, Nov. 7-Dec. 2. At 525 N. Tryon St. For information, call Kate Baillon-Case at (704) 373-1464 or e-mail artjlg@aol.com.

"The Machine Shop," Oct. 25 at Discovery Place as part of the Amazing Inventors Festival from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Admission is \$7.50 for ages 13-59, \$6.50 for over 60, \$6 for 6-12 and \$5 for 3-5.

Integrative works by Alex Horstman Jr. at Central Piedmont Community College Pease Auditorium, Central Campus, Oct. 20-Nov. 21. Call (704) 330-2722 extension 3110 for gallery hours.