

# happenings

## April

**28** "Scenes From Sarafina," Afro-American Cultural Center Attie Theater, 7 p.m. Theatrical production re-enacted by the Teen Drama Ensemble. Afterwards, you can view "Body Maps" and "Beautiful Things," in-house visual art exhibits displayed as part of the South by South African initiative. Admission is \$5 per person, \$4 each for a group of 20 or more.

**Barber-Scotia College Family Reunion.** Concord. Reunion starts with Scotia Hall of Fame Alumni Jam at 9 p.m. Admission is \$10. General alumni meeting at 11 a.m. Saturday at Kittle Samson Chapel; step show at 1 p.m. (admission \$5). Gala and induction ceremony of 1867 Society at McLean Student Union at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$50. For information, call Wanda Burns at (704) 593-0657.

**29** Art and Soul of South End, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Camden Road. Two-day festival includes block party, Avenue of the Arts and Children's Art Festival. Second day is 11 a.m.-6 p.m. For information, call (704) 932-2227.

**N.C. A&T Charlotte Metro Aggie Club** spring golf tournament, Olde Sycamore Golf Club. Check-in is 7, shotgun start at 8 a.m. Reservations first-come, first-serve. Support levels range from \$75 for a single player to \$400 for a team of four with sponsorship. Entry deadline is April 21. Make checks payable to N.C. A&T Charlotte Metro Aggie Club.

**West Charlotte High School** attic sale, 6 a.m.-12 p.m., cafeteria and Omni. Tables are \$10 for round, two for \$15. Rectangular tables are \$20 or two for \$30 and can be reserved through April 28. Checks should be payable to West Charlotte PTSA. For information call (980) 343-6060, extension 240.

**Boogie BBQ Bash,** 8 p.m., Neighborhood Theatre, 3306-A N. Davidson St. Featuring dance and boogie band the Professionals and guitarist/vocalist Daryl Rice. Tickets are \$15 and available at RealEyes Bookstore.

**Memorial service for children,** 2 p.m. Children's Memorial Walkway, Frazier Park, 1201 West Fourth St. There will be a release of butterflies and balloons. In case of rain, service will be held at Ray's Splash Planet, 215 N. Sycamore St.

**Spring concert** by Johnson C. Smith University Choir, 6 p.m., Jane M. Smith Memorial Church. Free event of live recording for future release.

**Black Political Caucus of Charlotte-Mecklenburg** Family Festival, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Bob Davis Resource Center, 421 Beatties Ford Road. Includes arts and crafts, voter education and registration, music and food. For information, call (704) 277-3450.

## May

**"American Genius: Ailey, Balanchine & Robbins,"** Belk Theatre. Tickets are \$10-\$55 at N.C. Blumenthal Performing Arts Center box office at (704) 872-1000 or the box office at Founders Hall.

**North Carolina Dance Theatre Opening Night Insiders** host party for young professionals, mezzanine level of Belk Theater. The party follows the performance of "American Genius: Ailey, Balanchine & Robbins." Membership dues are \$75 and include free admission to three N.C. Dance Theatre performances, opening-night receptions and admission to any adult dance class.

**Black-tie gala,** 100 Black Men of Charlotte, Westin Hotel. Gala benefits scholarship and Movement of Youth programs. Includes silent auction and Hidden Beach jazz artist Mike Phillips. Tickets are \$100. For information, call (704) 375-7300.

**5deMayo 5K Unity Run and Walk,** 8 a.m., Freedom Park. Crafts, food, music and folkloric dancing from Latin America and an award ceremony for race winners. For information, call (704) 531-3848.

**Keith Lynch,** author of "Dirty Justice: Who Killed Mommy," 6:30 p.m., RealEyes Bookstore, 3306-A N. Davidson St. Book signing included.

**Charlotte Dragonboat Festival,** 9 a.m., Ramsey Creek Park, 18441 Nantz Road, Cornelius. Inaugural race is held in conjunction with Charlotte's seventh annual Asian Festival to celebrate Asian culture, diversity, ethnicity and history. Boats are crewed by teams of 22, with a minimum of eight women per boat. For information, log on to [www.charlottedragonboat.com](http://www.charlottedragonboat.com) or call (704) 588-4288.

**The History of Baseball: Town Ball,** 1 p.m., Historic Rosedale Plantation, 3427 North Tryon St. Costumed interpreters teach the game for players of all ages. Children 12 and under who wear their team's baseball uniform can get in free and are invited to join the game. Admission is \$5 for adults; \$4 for seniors and students. For information, call (704) 335-0325.

**Nights of Fire,** Belk Theater. Multi-cultural stage show centered around the music of the Spanish guitar backed by dancers and musicians. Tickets are \$30-\$40 and on sale at the Performing Arts Center box office in Bank of America Corporate Center or call (704) 372-100 or online at [www.blumenthalcenter.org](http://www.blumenthalcenter.org).

**James Taylor,** 7:30 p.m., Blumenthal Performing Arts Center Belk Theater. Tickets online at [www.livenation.com](http://www.livenation.com), [\[center.org\]\(http://center.org\) or phone \(704\) 372-1000.](http://www.blumenthal-</a></p>
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**17** Taste of the Nation preview party, Wachovia Atrium, 301 S. Tryon. Preview party

## BOOK FAIR



Livingstone College sponsored a book fair on the Salisbury campus last week, complete with face-painting by Shara Streater for Jared Everhart, 9, games, and of course, books.

## SKYLINE VOLUNTEERS



The 11th annual Charlotte Skyline Run supports the CPCC Foundation. The run included a half-mile fun run, 5K walk for health, 5K baby jogger and 5K run. The race course traveled along Independence Park to the Elizabeth neighborhood toward uptown.

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## HALL OF FAMERS



N.C. Rep. Beverly Earle (from left), Marie Butler, Ruth Samuelson and Vivian Williams were inducted into the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club Women's Hall of Fame. Also inducted was Gloria Pace King, not shown.

## AMERICAN GENIUS



Ayisha McMillan, principal dancer in choreographer George Balanchine's Swan stars in "American Genius: Ailey, Balanchine & Robbins" May 5 at Belk Theatre.

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## Notes etc.

**Little Moments,** an informational tour of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Charlotte, May 9, 7:30 a.m. Meeting at 2424 N. Davidson St., Suite 110. RSVP by calling (704) 377-3963 or e-mail [info@bbbscharlotte.org](mailto:info@bbbscharlotte.org).

**The Art of Craft: 1830,** May 13 at Historic Rosedale, 347 N. Tryon St. Many of N.C.'s best-known potters will have their work on sale, in addition to metal artists, print makers, basket weavers and fiber arts. General admission tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and students ages 3-18. Family passes are \$25. Gates open at 11 a.m. and continues to 4 p.m., rain or shine. For information, call (704) 335-0325.

**Historic Neighborhood Awards,** May 11, 6 p.m., Van Landingham Estate. Reception tickets are \$5 for Historic Charlotte members; \$10 for the general public. The awards will recognize owners, architects and contractors who rehab and preserve properties in historic neighborhoods. For information, log on to [www.historiccharlotte.com](http://www.historiccharlotte.com).

**Youth wellness seminar,** May 13 at 10 a.m., Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 3301 Beatties Ford Road. Seminar's theme is "Keeping it clean," and includes a panel discussion and worship service facilitated by Rev. Clarinda Burston, CEO of Young Peace. Workshops will address HIV/AIDS, self-esteem, peer pressure, healthy relationships and gang issues. For information, call Rev. Michelle Jones at (704) 392-0392, extension 138.

Step back in history Saturdays through Nov. 25 at **Historic Brattonsville** in McConells, S.C. Costumed interpreters will bring to life aspects of 18th and 19th century living with themes changing weekly. Visitors can also witness life in the Carolina backcountry through activities such as farming, sheep shearing, cotton harvesting. Admission is free for Culture & Heritage Museum, \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, and \$3 for children.

Applications are being taken for **Neighborhood Excellence** grants. The grants sponsored by Bank of America, come in three areas: Neighborhood Builders to non-profit organizations working to promote vibrant neighborhoods (\$200,000 and grant funding), five local heroes (\$5,000 to the nonprofit of their choice) whose achievements and leadership contribute to neighborhood vitality and student leaders (eight-week paid internship), high school juniors and seniors with an interest in improving their neighborhoods. Apply online at [www.bankofamerica.com/foundation](http://www.bankofamerica.com/foundation).

**Mt. Olive Presbyterian Church Golf Tournament,** May 12 at Renaissance Golf Course, 1525 West Tyvola Road. Entry fee is \$80. Men and women can play in three flights of captain's choice format. For information, call Ernest Grier at (704) 421-5228, John Lathan (704) 591-0914 and Robert Grier (704) 589-8928.

**Food Addicts Anonymous** hosts meetings daily for people recovering from addictive eating and anorexia. There are no dues or fees and no weigh-ins. For information, call (704) 348-1569.

**Campus Connections BCT** is recruiting participants for the 2006-07 school year. Prospective students should be rising sophomores, juniors or seniors with a minimum 2.5 grade point average and have solid character traits. Call Kathie Baucom at (704) 527-6168 or e-mail [apply@campusconnections.org](mailto:apply@campusconnections.org) for a schedule of interest meetings. The organization's website is [www.campusconnections.org](http://www.campusconnections.org).

**Torrence Lytle High School Alumni Association** will honor former educators Aug. 12 at Zion Renaissance. Alumni will name scholarships in honor of L.T. Graham, Esther Johnson, F.M. Jones and Leroy Wynn. For information, call Jackie Torrence at (704) 399-8588.

## Exhibits

**"To Boddah,"** May 1-30, Gallery at Gettys, 210 E. Main St., Rock Hill. First solo show for Winthrop University senior art major Dan McMahon. Show features works of thrown and hand-built ceramics as well as copper and silver inspired by grunge music from the early 1990s. Reception at 6 p.m. For information, call (803) 322-7873.

**Senior Art Exhibit,** Queens University of Charlotte through May 5. Six Queens graduates-to-be will showcase their work at Watkins Art Gallery on campus. Gallery hours are 7:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. For information, call (704) 337-2286.

New works by **Duy Huynh,** Center of the Earth Gallery, 3024 North Davidson St. Exhibit showing May 5-June 23. For information, call (704) 375-5756 or visit [www.centeroftheearth.com](http://www.centeroftheearth.com) or [www.noda.org](http://www.noda.org).

**"Oh Freedom Over Me,"** through May 28, Levine Museum of the New South. Photographer Matt Herron's recording of the civil rights movement through the Southern Documentary Project.

**"From Apartheid to Democracy,"** through May 15, Levine Museum of the New South. Exhibit illustrates transformation of South Africa by telling the story of the first 10 years of democracy.

**The Four Elements,** Mint Museum of Craft + Design through June 26. Exhibit graced the foyer of the U.S. Federal Building at the 1939 World's Fair. Designed by award-winning industrial designer Viktor Schrenckengost.