

# Sumter County Cultural Commission

Presents the

## *2011 South Carolina Humanities Festival*

Saturday, October 1 through Sunday, October 9, 2011

Sumter, South Carolina

The annual festival celebrates the history and culture of the host community, engaging the citizens in lectures, discussions, films, and exhibits and facilitating partnerships between cultural organizations, businesses, local governments and community groups.

Welcome to the 18th Annual South Carolina Humanities Festival

*"Come & Stay a While" in Sumter County and enjoy our mix of history, interesting people, places and enrichment.*

The 2011 Humanities Festival is organized directed by the Sumter County Cultural Commission and is sponsored by the Humanities Council SC and the Sumter community.

### **SATURDAY, OCT. 1ST**

#### **1) MILLFORD PLANTATION TOUR: [www.south-carolina-plantations.com/sumter/milford](http://www.south-carolina-plantations.com/sumter/milford)**

**TIME:** tours are from 9:30 am & last 45 minutes. call: 803-452-5282 for additional information. The Plantation closes at 3pm.

**PLACE:** The Millford Plantation, 7320 Millford Plantation Road, Pinewood, SC 29125 (SC 261, west of Pinewood)

**COST:** \$15. for adults

**EVENT:** This fabulous cotton plantation dates from 1839 and the Greek Revival Home is on 400 acres. This lovely home still has some original Duncan Phyfe furniture and the cemetery is said to be haunted!

#### **2) SUMTER GALLERY OF ART: [www.sumtergallery.org/Home](http://www.sumtergallery.org/Home)**

**TIME:** Tues. thru Sat.= 11-5pm , Sunday is 1:30 -5pm

**PLACE:** Sumter Gallery of Art

**ADDRESS:** 200 Hasel Street, 29150

**COST:** free

**EVENT:** There are 2 exhibits, an intriguing collage assemblage of experience & commentary by Andre Leon Gray. A dynamic scaled photography viewpoint of a persons' interaction with the American Flag presented by Sheila Pree Bright.

#### **3) SWAN LAKE IRIS GARDENS: [www.sumtersc.gov/VisitingUs/SwanLake.aspx](http://www.sumtersc.gov/VisitingUs/SwanLake.aspx)**

**TIME:** 7:30 AM till dusk (open 7 days a week)

**PLACE:** 822 West Liberty Street, 29150 ( US 763)

**COST:** free (guided tours: 10am on Sat. ,Oct. 1st & Sat.,Oct.8th)

**EVENT:** These remarkable grounds feature Japanese irises (May/June), impressive cypress swamps, butterfly gardens, picnic tables and the wonderful sculpture called "Recovery" by the world renowned local artisan Grainger McKoy. This location is the only public garden in America to show all 8 species of swans.

**4) SUMTER COUNTY MUSEUM:** [www.sumtercountymuseum.org](http://www.sumtercountymuseum.org)

**TIME:** 10 am TO 5pm (days: Thursday, Friday, Saturday)

**PLACE:** 122 No. Washington Street, 29150

**COST:** \$3.00

**EVENT:** This Edwardian home of 1916 is a wonderful treasure trove of Sumter history, period furnishings, military & Revolutionary War displays, and a fine textile library. The grounds offer a wonderful 1800's exhibit with actual buildings & artifacts.

**5) SUMTER COUNTY LIBRARY-** [www.sumtercountylibrary.org](http://www.sumtercountylibrary.org)

"RETRACING OUR STEPS: 100 Years of the ROC" Photography EXHIBIT On loan from the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office.

**TIME:** see above website for all hours ( exhibit is open through Oct. 14th)

**PLACE:**The Sumter County Library **ADDRESS:** 111 No. Harvin St. 29150

**COST:** free

**EVENT:** The United States has always had strong ties with Taiwan (ROC) in Asia. This is a rare exhibit showing the 100 years of its history thru vivid photography of its past up until modern day. Students can benefit by learning about its history & our mutual support to each other. **There will also be four screenings of commercial films produced in Taiwan as well. Check library website for show times and description information.**

**6) CENTRAL CAROLINA TECHNICAL COLLEGE:** [www.cctech.edu](http://www.cctech.edu)

"MIXED MEDIA ART SHOW"

**TIME:** 8AM-9PM, This show is open from Oct.1st - Oct.31st

**PLACE:** CCTC Library Bldg., m500, main campus

**ADDRESS:** 506 No. Guignard St. 29150

Parking is: in front to bldg. #m400, or student park areas

**COST:** free

**EVENT:** This is a moveable feast of student's work in such mediums as welding and Digital photography. These art programs have received many state and national awards. Come and see our county's new generation of artist

**7) MAIN STREET WALKING TOUR**

**TIME:** 4-6 PM (must meet at 3:45\* pm)( if rain; cancelled)

**PLACE:** meet at The County Court House **ADDRESS:** 131 Main St. 29150

(between Canal & Law Range streets) Parking is available behind Court House on Sumter St. There will be an 18 passenger trolley for non-walkers

**COST:** free

**EVENT:** This is a special tour of our historic main street via our remarkable historian, Dr. Sammy Way. Our restored downtown main street includes our 1893 Opera House & stunning architecture. This tour will provide fascinating facts of people, and little known facts.

## 8) "READING OUT LOUD" PROGRAM

TIME: 10 am to 4pm

Sponsored by the Arthenia Bates Millican Foundation: [www.artheniambates.com](http://www.artheniambates.com) And the Sumter County Library: [www.sumtercountylibrary.org](http://www.sumtercountylibrary.org)

PLACE: Sumter County Library -main meeting room

ADDRESS: 111 No. Harvin Street, 29150

COST: free

EVENT: This is an fascinating interactive reading of a remarkable author's work. Student orators will perform a reading of "SEEDS BENEATH THE SNOW" By Dr. Arthenia Bates Millican, a native of Sumter. She was born in 1920 and led a life of distinction in national American literature. This is a heritage that has given Sumter a sense of pride plus encouragement to our current students

## SUNDAY, OCT. 2ND

### 1) SALEM BLACK RIVER : AFRICAN - AMERICAN SPIRITUALS:

[www.sciway.net/sc-photos/sumter.../salem-black-river-church.html](http://www.sciway.net/sc-photos/sumter.../salem-black-river-church.html)

TIME: 3pm - 5:30pm

- 3pm : Dr. Sammy Way, historian, will speak about this community & its cemetery)
- 4pm: the one hour performance begins)
- 5pm: a reception with light refreshments at the church meeting house)

PLACE: Salem Black River Presbyterian Church ( BUILT IN 1846)

ADDRESS: 2 miles north of #378 on # 527.

COST: free/open to public / donations accepted

EVENT: A unique opportunity to go out into our county to the Salem Black River Church ( Greek Revival) for a rare choral performance & possible video of African-American spirituals & their history by Catherine Hass Riley. The members of the Goodwill Presbyterian Church Choir (an African- American community est. by freed slaves) will also have a display of their quilts. Singers from the High Hills Baptist Church Choir from Stateburg will also participate this afternoon. Both White & African-American communities will find this experience very invigorating for the whole family.

### 2) SUMTER MILITARY MUSEUM

TIME: 2pm to 4pm (Sundays only)

PLACE: This museum is located in the Santee-Wateree RTA Bldg. [www.swrta.com](http://www.swrta.com)

ADDRESS: 129 South Harvin St. 29150

COST: free

EVENT: This is a remarkable testimony to all of Sumter's citizens who fought in all wars starting with WW I right up to today's deployments. Artifacts, photos, flags, and documents are shown with WWII German helmets and donated uniforms.

## MONDAY, OCT. 3RD

### 1) "SOMETIMES WORDS ARE NOT ENOUGH"

An art exhibit of hope and healing for cancer patients and their families.

[www.darr-hope.com](http://www.darr-hope.com)

**TIME:** 8:30 am to 5 pm.( Monday- Thursday), Mon. Oct.3rd to November 30th

**PLACE:** USC/SUMTER: Umpteenth Gallery, arts and letters bldg., 200 Miller Road 29150

**COST:** free

**EVENT:** This is a special traveling exhibit of color reproductions curated by Heidi Darr-Hope , a mixed-media artist.

Cancer patients created their own artwork to tell their personal story. They had no art training yet the pieces portray the experience of living in the frightening world of disease. When words are not enough, these works of art speak from the heart to the soul. Ms. Darr-Hope feels you will be touched by this feeling of hope and healing expressed by these courageous, resilient patients.

### 2) THIRTY-FIVE YEAR HISTORY OF WRJA-TV, ETV Sumter

**Time:** 2:00pm

**Place:** WRJA Studio, 18 North Harvin Street, Sumter, SC 29150

**Cost:** FREE EVENT

**Event Information:** WRJA-TV, ETV Sumter will present a panel of former and present producers and on camera talent discussing the television station's cultural and community programming contributions over the past 35 years.

Panel participants:

- Ed Sexauer - former station Operations Manager
- Eleanore Vaughan - Producer and on camera talent
- Bruce Mayer - producer and on-camera talent
- Rowland Alston - on-camera talent
- Patti Just - producer and on-camera talent
- Barbara Wright - producer and on-camera talent

**Contact:** Vic Miller, Operations Manager-ETV Sumter at (803)773-5546 or

[vmiller@scetv.org](mailto:vmiller@scetv.org)

### 3) PATRIOT HALL GALLERY

**TIME:** 9-4pm (Monday - Friday) The exhibit will be up thru Oct.21st

**PLACE:** 135 Haynsworth Street, 29150 Parking lot on Hasel Street.

**COST:** free

**EVENT:** The Patriot Hall Gallery will exhibit the artwork of the winners of the Humanities Festival Art Contest. This contest was held within the Sumter County District school system. The artists are children in 3rd-5th grades, 6th-8th grades and 9th-12th grades.

## **TUESDAY, OCT. 4TH**

### **1) MEDICAL HUMANITIES PANEL DISCUSSIONS / "WHY STORIES MATTER":**

**TIME:** 4pm to 5:30 pm

**PLACE:** University of South Carolina/Sumter, [www.uscsumter.edu](http://www.uscsumter.edu)

**ADDRESS:** 200 Miller Road, 29150 (Arts & Letters Bldg.)

**COST:** free & open to public

**EVENT:** a distinguished panel of seven luminaries( medical & prose professionals) will address aspects of the connection between the varied medical professionals (Doctors, nurses, caregivers etc.) and the patients & families themselves. The healing power of expressing experiences thru prose & poetry will be the focus and many people who have a viewpoint (or) frustration with illness have articulated their fears, emotions and experiences through submitted poetry & essays just

for this event & its statewide contest. If you have a story to submit, contact :mailto:2.0medicalhumanities@gmail.com Winners will be published in 2012 in The South Carolina Medical Association Journal.

## **WEDNESDAY, OCT. 5TH**

### **1) SUMTER AND THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT:**

Sponsored by The Item newspaper, [www.theitem.com](http://www.theitem.com)

**TIME:** 2-4pm

**PLACE:** The Opera House stage **ADDRESS:** 21 No. Main Street, 29150

**COST:** free

**EVENT:** A first ever stunning event of six panel members discussing their own personal involvement with the 50's & 60's civil rights in Sumter County. This is a unique opportunity to hear the names of unsung heroes and connections to pivotal actions. Mr. Jack Bass, Ph.D., author, will moderate and many historical slides will be prominent. This will be a meaningful forum for the historical record. Several heroic civic leaders are on this distinguished panel.

Our young people will witness a once in a lifetime event. This experience will truly impact them about what a singular person can do to make a positive difference.

## 2) A PERSONAL TOUR OF SHAW AIRFORCE BASE

**Time:** Board bus at Patriot Hall

**Place:** Patriot Hall Performing Arts Center, 135 Haynsworth Street, Sumter, SC 29150

**Cost:** FREE

### **Event Information:**

- 12 noon to 12:30pm - Board bus at Patriot Hall
- 12:30 - Depart Patriot Hall
- 1 p.m. - Arrive 20<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing headquarters, Shaw AFB, greeted by commander or vice commander, 20<sup>th</sup> FW
- 1:10 p.m. - Information presentation about the 20<sup>th</sup> FW and Shaw AFB
- 1:30 p.m. - Travel to Wing Weapons Standardization hangar to see an F-16 fighter and various weapons up close.
- 1:25 to 3 p.m. - Driving tour of entire base, escorted by Col. Walter Fulda, commander 20<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Group.
- 3 p.m. - Depart Shaw to return to Patriot Hall

**NOTE: NOTE: No children under 12 years old.** All details of this program are subject to change or cancellation up to and including after arrival at base due to military contingencies, emergencies, severe weather or other unforeseen circumstances. Please have an alternate plan.

Space is limited. To reserve a seat for the tour call 803-436-2260. For information,

**Contact:** Rob Sexton, Community Relations Manager, Shaw AFB, SC at (803) 895-2019

## THURSDAY, OCT 6 TH

### 1) " FRONT PORCHES OF SUMTER"

Presented by The Sumter Chamber of Commerce: [www.sumterchamber.com](http://www.sumterchamber.com)

**TIME:** 6pm to 9pm ( must be there at 6 to begin tour)

**PLACE:** meet at Memorial Park (Calhoun, Hampton St & Park Ave.) Parking on No. Salem St.

**COST:** Ticket is \$25. ( you can pre-register by calling: 803-775-1231)

**EVENT:** This guided walking tour journeys onto 8-10 historic porches.

There will be a band "Latitudes" playing at the band shell in the park  
And light refreshments on each porch.

### 3) AN EVENING OF INTERFAITH CONVERSATIONS

**TIME:** 6pm

**PLACE:** Morris College, [www.morris.edu](http://www.morris.edu), Neal Jones auditorium, 100 West College St. 29150

**COST:** free

**EVENT:** Although many of our communities are separated by race, religious differences, politics, cultural differences, and philosophical beliefs, interfaith dialog can be the one area that unites and inspires us to make the world a better place. Please join us at 6pm on October 6th 2011 in Neal Jones Auditorium for An Evening Of Interfaith Conversations by various members of Sumter's religious community.

## FRIDAY, OCT. 7TH

### 1) THE HEALING POWER OF POETRY, A workshop with Cassie Premo Steele ,Ph.D

[www.cassiepremosteele.com](http://www.cassiepremosteele.com)

TIME: 12 NOON - 1PM

PLACE: USC/Sumter: The Umpteenth Gallery, arts & letters bldg. 200 miller road, 29150

COST: free

Event: Come and participate in learning how poetry can be a healing experience. Cassie Premo Steele, is a prize-winning poet, an author of eight books, and creativity and writing coach. She will explore connections between traumatic memory and poetry, how its rhythm and sound can open us up to healing and open you up when you are feeling uncertain. If you have had no exposure to poetry- learn how darker times can be addressed through poetry's healing powers.

### 2) QUILT SHOW

Sponsored by The Swan Lake Quilt Guild, [www.swanlakequiltguild.com](http://www.swanlakequiltguild.com)

TIME: 10 am to 4pm

PLACE: City Centre ADDRESS: 21 No. Main Street, 29150

COST: free

EVENT: This is a unique concept of creating lap quilts for the children taken into the DSS system. The child gets to keep their very own quilt and this display shows the care, thought and artistry provided by The Swan Lake Quilt Guild.

### 3) ART IN THE HOUSE

TIME: FRIDAY: 10AM - 7PM

SATURDAY: 10AM - 5PM

SUNDAY: 12PM -5PM

PLACE: 115 West Calhoun Street, 29150 COST: free

EVENT: This is open to everyone to come and purchase local (made in Sumter) art from the artisans themselves. A dozen vendors will offer all types of jewelry, handbags, original art, photography, home items & much more.

## SATURDAY, OCT. 8TH

### 1) SPECIAL SUMTER COUNTY HISTORIC BUS TOUR OF THE KING'S HIGHWAY CORRIDOR:

TIME: 9am to 1pm

(Arrive at Patriot Hall by 8:45 am to register and board a bus that only holds 40 people, You can also pre-register by calling 803-436-2260)

PLACE: Bus will be at Patriot Hall entry

ADDRESS: 135 Haynsworth Street, 29150. Car parking is on Hasel Street

COST: free

EVENT: Sumter's premier historian, Dr. Sammy Way, will visit such unique locations in our county such as Remini, Wedgefield, Manchester, plus vistas from The Borough Plantation and other noteworthy sites.

## **2) "CAROLINA BACKCOUNTRY HARVEST":**

**TIME:** 10AM TO 4PM

**PLACE:** The Sumter County Museum & grounds, [www.sumtercountymuseum.org](http://www.sumtercountymuseum.org)

**ADDRESS:** 122 No. Washington Street, 29150

**COST:** free

**EVENT:** This annual event is an exciting family day. Your family will see the true backcountry of the 1800's. There are buildings and people there to transport you back in time . They will show you demonstrations of blacksmithing, bread making & so much more. You are welcome to visit the interesting gift shop and walk the gardens.

## **3) SUMTER COUNTY HUMANITIES FESTIVAL CONTEST**

Student art, poetry, essay and oratorical competition- prize ceremony

**TIME:** 4pm

**PLACE:** Patriot Hall (The Booth Room)

**ADDRESS:** 135 Haynsworth Street, 29150 (enter by circular ramp to left)

**COST:** free

**EVENT:** The contests seek to involve the schools in The Humanities Festival Art, Essay, Poetry & Oratorical Contests and offer avenues and opportunity for students to demonstrate their artistic, written and oral communicative skills. The feature of each entry must focus on places or depict people and events which makes up or has contributed to the history, growth, culture, and development of Sumter County and its people.

## **4) STAINED GLASS CHURCH TOUR**

**TIME:** 2PM TO 5PM

- 2pm is: St. Anne Catholic Church  
216 East Liberty Street 29150
- 3pm is: Trinity United Methodist Church  
226 West Liberty Street 29150
- 4pm is: Episcopal Church of The Holy Comforter  
213 N. Main Street 29150

Each tour is approx. 45 minutes and 15 minutes to arrive at next tour.

**PLACE:** see above.

**COST:** free / no reservations

**EVENT:** This is an opportunity to visit the sanctuary of these churches and view the stained glass windows with a guided tour.

## **5) SUMTER SHOWS TALENT!**

**TIME:** 7pm to 9:30 pm

**PLACE:** Patriot Hall

**ADDRESS:** 135 Haynsworth Street, 29150 (parking lot on Hasel St. as well)

**COST:** \$ 5.00 each - For audience

**EVENT:** This is family fun at its best. A previous audition day (Sept.17th) provided 20 viable contestants to come to the stage tonight and be judged by 3 and applauded/judged by the audience. The judges are Sumter celebrities and the winner gets \$500. and great publicity. Entire families are welcome!!



## **SUNDAY, OCT. 9th**

### **1) SUMTER MILITARY MUSEUM**

**TIME:** 2PM TO 6PM (Museum will also be open Sunday, Oct. 2, 2-4 pm)

**PLACE:** This museum is located in the Santee-Wateree RTA bldg.: [www.swrta.com](http://www.swrta.com)

**ADDRESS:** 129 South Harvin Street

**COST:** free

**EVENT:** This is a remarkable testimony to all of Sumter's citizens who fought in all wars starting with World War I right up to today's deployments. Artifacts, photos, flags, and documents are shown with WW II German helmets & donated uniforms.

### **2) SUMTER MUSIC CLUB PERFORMANCE**

**Time:** 3:00pm

**Place:** First Presbyterian Church

**Address:** 9 West Calhoun Street, Sumter, SC 29150

**Cost:** FREE EVENT (donations accepted)

**Event Information:** The special music program is varied and excellent, including a piano duet by Annette Matthews and Eddie Huss (music director for Shandon Methodist Church in Columbia), a string quartet, organ performance, the acclaimed Sumter High School chorus among others.

**Contact:** (803) 773-3814

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