



National Advocacy Center
The Advocate

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Historic Columbia Foundation

The Historic Columbia Foundation has several events going on in the month of July for guests at the National Advocacy Center (NAC) to enjoy!

The first is The Moonlight Cemetery Tour at Elmwood Cemetery on July 7, 2009 at 8:00 PM and 8:30 PM. Costumed guides will lead you through the cemetery to learn about some of Columbia's past residents and the city's history. Elmwood Cemetery is located at 501 Elmwood Avenue. Admission is \$10 and reservations are required.

The second event is Dollar Sundays. Tour a historic home of your choice

for just one dollar every third Sunday of the month (July 19). There are seven homes to choose from: The Robert Mills House, Hampton-Preston Mansion, Mann-Simons Cottage, Woodrow Wilson Home, Modjeska Simkins House, The Seibels House, and The Big Apple.

The third event is the Lantern Tours. Guests are invited to take an evening adventure as a costumed guide leads a tour through historic homes by lantern lights every fourth Thursday of the month (July 23) at 8:00 PM. Learn about the history and significance of the houses and their connection to Co-

lumbia. Guests will tour the Hampton-Preston Mansion from July-September. Admission is \$10.

All tours require reservations, which can be made by calling 803-252-1770. For more information please visit www.historiccolumbia.org.



Robert Mills House

Columbia Blowfish

The Columbia Blowfish is a summer collegiate baseball team . They are in full swing of their 2009 season. Games are held downtown at "The Cap" or Capitol City Stadium located at 301 S. Assembly Street.

The NAC will have sign

up sheets in the library for a shuttle to and from the games. Tickets range from \$5-\$7 and may be purchased by calling 803-254-FISH or by visiting the stadium box office.

For more information and a full schedule

please visit www.blowfishbaseball.com.



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Town Theatre Presents...

Once upon a Town...there was an enchanted castle filled with dancing spoons, a talking teapot, and a troubled Beast. Along came a beauty named Belle who desired more out of her provincial town than an ordinary existence. How Belle handles the advances of pompous Gaston, learns to love the castle's enchanted objects and, unbeknownst to her, works to tame the Beast, is wrapped in melodious tunes and unbelievable spectacle.

In response to audience demand, Town brings this "tale as old as time" back to its stage. The cast of

more than 60 is complete with high-kicking napkins, serenading spoons, and even a cheese or two! So, be their guest as they bring the Beast back to Town!

Town Theatre is located at 1012 Sumter Street, just a few blocks from the NAC. *Disney's Beauty and the Beast* will be presented July 10-26, 2009. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$12 for youth (18 and under). They may be purchased by calling 803-799-2510. Show times are at 7:30 PM Monday through Saturday, and 2:00 PM on Sundays.



Columbia Museum of Art

Jasper Hohns and Robert Rauschenburg are considered to be two of the pioneering artists of the mid 20th century in America and the leading figures in the American pop art movements. Legendary gallery owner Leo Castelli represented both in the 1950s. The two were close friends, saw each other's work daily, and had a considerable influence upon on another. Both Johns and Rauschenberg reintroduced

figurative subject matter to painting in their own right, and are credited with inspiring the transition from Abstract Expressionism to Pop art. This installation, drawn from work in the Museum's collection, explores the visual relationship between these two artists and friends.

Jasper Johns and Robert Rauschenberg: 20th Century Master in the Collection is July 18–October 4, 2009. The Columbia Mu-

seum of Art is located at the corner of Main and Hampton Street. Please visit www.columbiamuseum.org for museum hours.



Columbia Museum of Art

Campus Recreation

Campus Recreation maintains two facilities enclosing 400,000 square feet of space. The Solomon Blatt Education Center (PEC) is located in the middle of campus at 123 Wheat Street, only a few blocks from the NAC.

The newer Strom Thurmond Wellness & Fitness Center (WFC) sits on the corner of Assembly and Blossom Street. Both facilities feature open

recreation areas for basketball, volleyball, badminton, racquetball, handball, and squash as well as group exercise classes. The WFC also features an indoor climbing wall and Outdoor Recreation Office for trip planning. NAC guests are welcome at both facilities.

Admission is \$3 for the PEC and \$5 for the WFC. Please be sure to bring your NAC ID with you for access to

both facilities.



Strom Thurmond Fitness & Wellness Center

McKissick Museum

McKissick Museum is located at the heart of the historic Horseshoe on the University of South Carolina campus. It was established in 1976 to bring together under one roof the many object collections housed in various departments and colleges throughout campus. These collections date back to 1801 and provide insight into the illustrious history of the University.

Two exhibits currently on display are *Worth Keeping: Traditions in the Permanent Collection* and *The Life and Times of Congressman Robert Smalls*. The first exhibit highlights

McKissick Museum's oft-unseen permanent collections of traditional art. They collect, conserve, preserve and research examples of hand-made traditional art. The artwork includes items such as quilts, baskets, and pottery along with video, audio and artifacts. The collection relates to other traditional arts forms in connection with music, cooking and storytelling.

The second exhibit gives insight into the life of a man who exemplified what many former enslaved African Americans were able to achieve through freedom. Smalls' journey

took him from slavery to a Union hero during the Civil War. In 1874 he was elected to the United States Congress where he served five terms.

The McKissick Museum is free, open to the public, and located a stone's throw away from the NAC. For more information please visit www.cas.sc.edu/mcks/.

McKissick Museum

Lake Murray Fireworks

The Independence Day Celebration on Lake Murray will be held on Saturday July 4th. This year's theme is "Salute to Independence". Events start at 12:30 PM with a boat parade, where locals will decorate their boats in patriotism that sparkles!

Starting at 8:00 PM, the Lake Murray Symphony Orchestra will perform at Dreher Island State Park. Visitors may bring chairs,

blanket, and picnics to enjoy the music and hang around for the fireworks. The fireworks will be launched from Spence and Dreher Island and will be choreographed to the music of the Lake Murray Orchestra on 106.7 FM or 98.5 FM.

For directions please visit www.lakemurray.com.



After Work Kayak Trips

Enjoy a beautiful trip down the Congaree River on Thursday evenings. Led by trained guides and nature specialists, this trip is something you will not want to miss. Adventure Carolina will pick up NAC guests promptly at 5:15 PM on the front porch.

The trip lasts approximately 3 hours, depending on the current. The skill level is suitable for the first

-time kayaker and groups. The 3.9 mile trip begins below the Gervais Street Bridge, and continues to the Blossom Street Bridge, through the old Granby Locks, and ends at the Cayce Landing. For more information or to make a reservation, contact the NAC concierge. Guests may also purchase a boxed dinner from the NAC for \$8.00 payable in CASH or CHECK only. The cost of the kayak

ing trip is \$35.00 per person and payment is due upon registration.



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NAC Recipe

Peaches 'N Cream Cheesecake Cupcakes

Peach Mango Topping:

2 cups peeled, chopped fresh ripe peaches

1/2 cup mango juice

1/3 cup sugar

2 1/2 tablespoons cornstarch

Combine 1 cup peaches, mango juice, sugar and cornstarch in a medium saucepan. Cook and stir over medium heat until mixture bubbles and thickens. Cool for 10 minutes, then add remaining 1 cup peaches. Set aside.

Cheesecake:

3 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, softened

5 eggs

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1 teaspoon almond extract

1 cup sugar

Preheat oven to 300 degrees F.

Combine all cheesecake ingredients in a mixing bowl and beat on medium speed with electric mixer until smooth. Place paper baking cups into muffin tins and fill cups 2/3 full with cheesecake batter.

Bake for 4 minutes.

Sour Cream Filling:

1 cup sour cream

3 tablespoons sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Mix sour cream filling ingredients in a small mixing bowl using a spoon. When the cupcakes sink in the middle, place a scant table-

spoon of sour cream mixture in the middle of each one. Place back into the oven for 5 more minutes. Remove from oven and cool.

When cool, spoon about 1 1/2 to 2 tablespoons of Peach Mango topping over the top of the sour cream filling on each cupcake and refrigerate.



Recipe courtesy Julie Coleman