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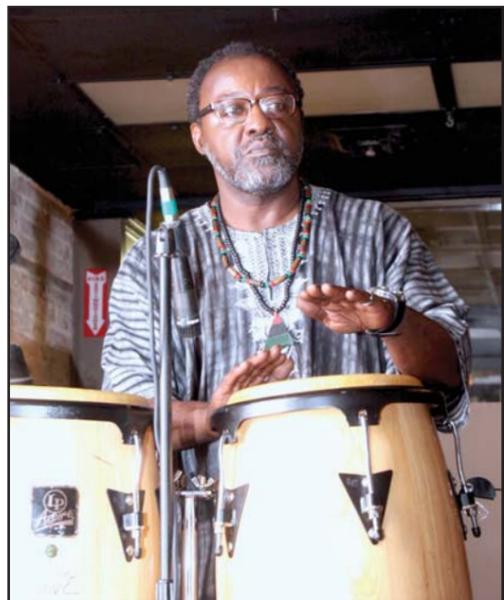
Drumming Sessions this Saturday

The Cheraw Arts Commission is offering an Introduction to West African and Afro Cuban Drumming this Saturday, February 10 for students. Percussionist Bhakti Larry Hough will provide instruction for the two sessions to be held at the Theatre on the Green.

Students in grades 6th and up can participate in either the 12:00noon to 1 p.m. session or the 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. session. The sessions are free, but preregistration is required as space is limited. Instruments will be provided.

A native of Hartsville, Bhakti is a performing and recording artist, poet, singer/songwriter and percussionist in the genres of contemporary jazz and inspirational/contemporary gospel music. As a teaching artist he conducts arts residences in African drumming and world percussion in public and private schools. He is an award-winning writer who has been a print and broadcast journalist, radio talk and music show producer and host, cultural festival director, and artist manager.

Please call the Cheraw Arts Commission at 843.537.8420 x 12 to register students for one of the two sessions or for additional information. Preregistration is required to assist with planning the event.



Upcoming Dates for May Primary Election

- The Anson County Board of Elections has released this calendar of pertinent dates:
- January 28-30 - Elections Conference in Durham
 - February 12 - Candidate filing begins for May 2018 Primary**
 - February 14 - Regular Board of Elections meeting, 5 p.m.
 - February 23 - Deadline to withdraw notice of candidacy
 - February 28 - Candidate filing ends for May 2018 Primary**
 - March 14 - Regular Board of Elections meeting, 5 p.m.
 - March 19 - Absentee Ballots must be available for May 2018 Primary
 - March 23 - Begin publishing election notice
 - March 30 - State holiday (Good Friday)
 - April 4 - Logic and accuracy / machine testing, 10 a.m.
 - April 5 - Mock Election with State Board of Elections
 - April 8 - Public notice of buffer zone
 - April 11 - Regular Board of Elections meeting, 5 p.m.
 - April 13 - Last day to challenge voter prior to election, 5 p.m.
 - April 13 - Voter registration deadline for May 2018 Primary, 5 p.m.**
 - April 14 - One Stop Voting observer list due, 10 a.m.
 - April 17 - Absentee Board meeting, 5 p.m.
 - April 19 - Absentee - Early Voting begins**
 - April 24 - Absentee Board meeting, 5 p.m.
 - April 25 - Deadline to submit petition / signature for unaffiliated candidate in partisan/nonpartisan election
 - May 1 - Absentee Board meeting, 5 p.m.
 - May 1 - Late absentee requests allowed due to sickness of physical disability deadline, 5 p.m.
 - May 3 - Election Day observer list due, 10 a.m.
 - May 5 - Absentee - Early Voting ends, 1 p.m.**
 - May 7 - Pre-election Day Absentee meeting, 5 p.m.
 - May 7 - UOCAVA (military/overseas) Absentee Ballot request deadline, 5 p.m.
 - May 7 - UOCAVA (military/overseas) Voter Registration deadline, 5 p.m.
 - May 8 - Statewide Primary Election Day - all precincts participating - polls open 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

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Conservation Classic Sporting Clays Tournament

The LandTrust for Central North Carolina will host its second annual Conservation Classic Sporting Clays Tournament on Friday, March 9 at Fork Farms and Stables near Norwood. Early bird registration is set at \$400 per team until February 9th, when the price goes up to \$500.

This year, there will be a special category for active duty military, military veterans, law enforcement and firefighters/EMS. Multi-level corporate sponsorships are available and a great way to demonstrate your company's support of local conservation!

Proceeds from this event will go towards conservation work in North Carolina's central Piedmont.

Contact Mikey Fulk with any questions at michael@landtrustcnc.org or 704-647-0302. Also, more information is available at www.landtrustcnc.org.

Teen Dating Violence Workshop February 13

A workshop titled 'Teen Dating Violence' will be held at the First United Methodist Church, located at 410 East Washington Street in Rockingham, from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. Kiricka Yarbough Smith and Ashley Bass-Mitchell with Department of Administration and NC Council for Women will be facilitating the training. Lunch and resources will be provided free.

Contact Suzanne Maness at (910) 627-1769, toll free (877) 211-5995 or by email at connections-fsp@gmail.com for more information. The deadline to register is February 9. Space is limited to 40 attendees.

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