

SERCO



South East Rural Community Outreach

P.O. Box 332 ~ Hopkins, SC 29061 ~ www.serco-sc.org ~ 803/788-7185 ~ Non Profit

"Preserving History and Enriching Communities of the Lower Richland Corridor"

Summer 2012 Issue ~ Page 1



10th Annual Congaree SwampFest

SERCO Celebrating The Lower Richland Heritage Corridor

Part I



Friday, October 5, 2012 ~ 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Carlos Santan of Atlanta, GA
Second Nature of Camden, SC
Katrina Garvin of Columbia, SC

Historic Harriet Barber House

116 Barberville Loop @ Lower Richland Blvd. - Hopkins, SC

Advance Tickets: \$15.00 (\$20.00 Day of Event)

Includes: Admission ~ Entertainment ~ Food
Cash Bar - Please Drink Responsibly

Proceeds Benefit SERCO's Educational Component

Further Info: www.congareeswampfest.com or (864) 205-0767



Sponsored by South East Rural Community Outreach & Richland County Hospitality Tax Grant



Part II



Saturday, October 6th

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Free Admission

Two Locations - Hopkins, SC

Festival Grounds Old Mount Moriah 1000 Old Bluff Road
Congaree National Park 100 National Park Drive @ Old Bluff Road



Further Info
www.congareeswampfest.com or (864) 205-0767



Sponsors: South East Rural Community Outreach (SERCO) & Richland County Hospitality Tax Grant

~ In This Issue ~

- 10th Annual Congaree SwampFest
- Strong Threads
- Memorial Day
- Lower Richland Sweet Potato Festival
- Jubilee – Historic Columbia Foundation
- Congaree Park Superintendent Tracy Swartout Relocates
- 3rd Annual Kingville Festival & Reunion
- Neal Ecological Center Grand Opening
- Visitor's Guide - LR Heritage Corridor, 2nd Edition
- Friends of Congaree Annual Meeting
- Holiday Taste & Tour with Norfolk Southern Exhibit Car

~ Upcoming Events ~

- Oct. 5: BBQ, Blues & Jazz @ Harriet Barber House
- Oct. 6: 10th Annual Congaree SwampFest
- Oct. 28: Friends of Congaree Annual Meeting @ the Harriet Barber House
- Nov. 2-3: Congaree Campfire Chronicles @ Congaree National Park
- Nov. 10: Lower Richland Veterans Day and Program @ Hopkins Park
- Dec. 1: Holiday Taste & Tour with Norfolk Southern Exhibit Car

We Welcome News: Please send news and announcements to SERCO by U.S. mail ~ Attention D.S. Brooks, PO Box 332, Hopkins, SC 29061 or e-mail: sercoevents@gmail.com. SERCO reserves publishing rights. (Photographer, Ken B. James)



SERCO

Lower Rich-land
Clean & Green

South East Rural Community Outreach

P.O. Box 332 ~ Hopkins, SC 29061 ~ www.serco-sc.org ~ 803/788-7185 ~ Non Profit

"Preserving History and Enriching Communities of the Lower Richland Corridor"

Summer 2012 Issue ~ Page 2



February 18, 2012



The Fifth Annual Strong Threads Festival was held on Saturday, February 18, 2012. The free event took place on the grounds of the Historic Harriet Barber House, and featured Sulaiman Kutay Turay, a master drummer, dancer, storyteller and cultural arts instructor from Sierra Leone, West Africa; Black Inventors' museum; African wedding scene; Lil People Theater of Greenville, SC; youth step teams; children's crafts; vendors and much more. Top center photo includes (left) Annette D. Grevious, Associate Professor of Speech & Drama, Claflin University, who portrays Harriet in the *Harriet Barber Monologue*, and (right) Vanessa Manley, dancer, from the production of "Masyende" created by Sulaiman Kutay Turay. Strong Threads is partially sponsored by SERCO, through a Richland County Hospitality Tax Grant.



SERCO

Lower Richland
Clean & Green

South East Rural Community Outreach

P.O. Box 332 ~ Hopkins, SC 29061 ~ www.serco-sc.org ~ 803/788-7185 ~ Non Profit

"Preserving History and Enriching Communities of the Lower Richland Corridor"

Summer 2012 Issue ~ Page 3

Memorial Day ~ Monday, May 28, 2012



The 7th annual Memorial Day event began with a solemn Memorial Commemoration at the St. John Resurrection Memorial Garden (also known as the Government Cemetery), on Ault Road. SC Combat Veterans Group performed a special tribute, and the Honorable Richland County Council Chairman Kelvin Washington of District 10 provided words of encouragement and honor. This ceremony was sponsored by the Lower Richland Veterans Formation and the J.P. Holley Funeral Home. Following, there was a procession to the historic Harriet Barber House, 116 Barberville Loop, where the Heritage Celebration continued with a family-oriented day of entertainment and fun. This event was sponsored by South East Rural Community Outreach (SERCO), with funding from the Richland County Hospitality Tax Fund and was free to the public.

Lower Richland Sweet Potato Festival – April 28, 2012



The Lower Richland Sweet Potato Festival was held at Hopkins Park on Saturday, April 28, 2012. The annual festival featured a parade, prizes for the Sweet Potato and crafts contests, praise dancers, mime, step team, drum line, health fair, live band, gospel recording Artist Melvin Williams and other singers, arts & craft games, rides and amusement for children, face painting and more. The free event was sponsored through a Richland County Hospitality Tax Grant.

Jubilee: Festival of Heritage

Historic Columbia Foundation

Saturday, August 18, 2012



Guest gets history lesson from SERCO's Marie Adams.



Congaree National Park Rangers (l/r): Jim Boylston, Kate Hartley, Hailey Corthell



SERCO's Mary B. Kirkland (r), displays Lower Richland Heritage Guide's fold-out map to guest..

Celebrating the rich cultural heritage and entrepreneurial spirit of a local family, the annual Jubilee: Festival of Heritage is held on the grounds of the historic Mann-Simons Site. Jubilee features a variety of activities including hands-on demonstrations from some of the region's artists and craftsmen, musical entertainment including African drumming, R&B, jazz and gospel, and vendors with African-influenced and traditional merchandise. Highlights of the festival also include tours of the Mann-Simons Site, African-American heritage sites tours, and many other activities.