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

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# STRONG THREADS

DANCING - SINGING - STORYTELLING - FOOD - MUSIC - ART  
POETRY - VENDORS - YOUTH GAMES - STEPPIN'



## This is a FREE EVENT

Join us for the 5th annual premier celebration of history & culture

# Saturday, February 18, 2012

11:00am - 3:00pm

116 Barberville Loop, Lower Richland Boulevard, Hopkins, SC 29061  
@ the historic Harriet Barber House

From Garners Ferry Road in Columbia, make a right on Lower Richland Blvd

**LEGACIES ARE INTENTIONAL, BUILT AND THEN GIFTED.**

Join us for the official presentation of the  
**STRONG THREADS FAMILY OF THE YEAR AWARD!**

## Featured Performers



**Sulaiman (Kutay) Turay**  
Master Drummer, dancer,  
storyteller and Cultural Arts  
Instructor from Sierra Leone

Lil' People Theater  
of Greenville, SC



**ABATSU Drummers & Dancers**

**Black Inventors' Museum**

**Abram Staten & All 4 Christ**

**Dannetta Lynn (singer)**

**MO'MUSIC**

**Vii's African-American Tea Ceremony**

**Historic Harriet Barber House Museum**

**Lower Richland Diamond Dawgs**

**The 21st Century Burton-Pack Steppers**

**New this year!!!**

**An African wedding ceremony  
with dancing and traditional dress**

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9th Annual

## Congaree SwampFest



Part I – BBQ, Blues & Jazz Sept. 30



Carlos Santan



Katrina Garvin



2nd Nature



H2Flo



RC Dist. 10  
Councilman  
Kelvin Washington  
Salutes SERCO

9th Annual

## Congaree SwampFest



Part II – A Fall Celebration of People & Nature Oct. 1

Two Sites: Old Mt. Moriah Grounds & Congaree National Park



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## "Return to Kingville" - 2nd Annual Kingville Reunion

The 2nd Annual "Return to Kingville" community reunion was held on Saturday, October 29, 2011. Residents of the historic and once thriving railroad town, established in the late 1700's, were joined by local and nationally residing family and friends. (The event was sponsored by SERCO through a grant funded by Richland County Hospitality Tax. *Extractions of info & photos from: "Return to Kingville," By MINDY LUCAS - [mlucas@thestate.com](mailto:mlucas@thestate.com): <http://www.thestate.com/2011/10/10/30/2028105/return-to-kingville.html>)*



Eighty-three-year-old Ada Hopkins was just a girl when the steam engines of the Southern Railway line would go rumbling down the track to Kingville. "I can still hear those trains," said the former school teacher at the Kingville Reunion held near Gadsden. "They were so loud... made all kind of noise."



George Wilson of Gadsden is the chair for the Kingville Historical Foundation and would like to see Kingville brought back as a town.



Cole Wilson, of Gadsden, talks with Emma Jones, of Orlando, FL. Wilson recounted life during the Great Depression and both World Wars while Jones remembered growing up in a section of Kingville along the railroad tracks called "The Quarters."



The Kingville historical marker on Kingville Road off Bluff Road in Gadsden, is one of the only signs of what was once a vibrant town. Erected by SERCO through a Richland County Hospitality Tax Grant.



Jordan Alford, 7, of Gadsden, learns about natural history from Terri Hogan, chief of resource management for the Congaree National Park.



Wanda Green of Columbia was working hard making fresh squeezed lemonade for the Kingville Reunion.



"Jaime Da Clown" was a favorite with children at the Kingville Reunion, including Makayla Dove, 7, and London Dove, 2, of Gadsden.



Sharlene Drummond of Gadsden paints a monkey on the face of Wilson Shiver, 5, of Gadsden, at the Kingville Reunion.



Beatrice Sumter of Hopkins writes out the menu for just one of the food booths at the Kingville Reunion.

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## Lower Richland Veterans Day Celebration & Parade

The 9th Annual Lower Richland Veterans Day Celebration and Parade was held Saturday November 5, 2011. It was started by the Lower Richland Veterans Formation under the leadership of Rev. Sammy L. Wade.



Veterans Tina Knight (l.) and Lori Gregory (r.) carry parade banner. Marching behind is Shaw Air Force Base Color Guard.



Fort Jackson Army Band



Lower Richland High School Marching Band



Guest Speaker for the Veterans Day Program, Ms. Angela Geiger, delivers a powerful message.



L/R: County Auditor Paul Brawley, County Councilman Norman Jackson, District 11, and William Posey & family. Posey is LR Veterans Formation's oldest member.



Hopkins Magistrate V.R. Stroman and staff



Front L/R: Judge Amy McCullough and former State Representative Joe E. Brown. Rear: County Council Chair Kelvin Washington, District 10 (center), is flanked by two local veterans.



Antique truck: Team 1 Automotive



The program honors members of the Lower Richland Veterans Formation, the SC Combat Veterans Group and all veterans and their families. Lower Richland High School Principal Kelvin Wymbs is shown among the special guests.

