



World Cultural Exchange

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2010 Calendar of Events

12/10/2010 - Cultural Diversity, Urban Education, Health & Spirituality Discussions - St Lucia, **Virgin Islands**

11/15/2010 - Culturally Sensitive Healthcare & Diversity Discussions- Milot, **Haiti**

10/24/2010 - Cultural Diversity Discussions - Willis, TX

10/05/2010 - 10/15/2010 - Cultural Exchange - traditional dances, music, food, clothing, discussions, etc.-
Ichiyara, Chiba, Nikko, Kawakura, Takayama, Shirakawa-Go, Gifu, Mino, Seto, and Tokyo, **Japan**

09/10/2010 - Cultural Diversity & Spirituality Discussions - Sedona, AZ

06/25/2010 - Cultural Diversity Discussions - San Antonio, TX

06/11/2010 - Cultural Diversity Discussions - Little Rock, AK

06/10/2010 - Cultural Diversity Discussions - Jackson & Memphis, TN

06/08/2010 - Cultural Diversity Discussions - Nashville, TN

06/05/2010 - Cultural Diversity Discussions - Columbus, OH

05/27/2010 - Cultural Diversity Discussions - Magnolia, TX

05/02/2010 - Cultural Diversity Discussions - Houston, TX

05/01/2010 - Cultural Diversity Discussions - Kingwood, TX

03/19/2010 - Huntsville Pediatric & Adult Medicine - International Luncheon - Huntsville, TX

03/09/2010 - Pan American Round Table of Texas - Cultural Diversity Discussions

02/26/2010 - Community Clinic - Cultural Diversity Discussions and Luncheon - Community Clinic - Oak Ridge
North, TX

02/06/2010 - Fort Bend County Black Nurses Association -Multicultural presentation; donated six door prizes;
served African foods - Missouri City, TX

2009 Calendar of Events

- 11/10/2009 - DVD "Making Roti" - Series on East Indian Cooking with Masiji and Friends - Honolulu, HI
- 11/05/2009 - Cultural & Religion: Changing Roles of Men & Women in America - Memphis, TN
- 11/04/2009 - Cultural Diversity Discussions - Little Rock, AK
- 10/19/2009 - Texas Woman's University - Donated door prize basket of health-related items – Houston, TX: www.twu.edu
- 10/17/2009 - Native American Indian Association of Tennessee - 28th Annual Fall Festival Pow Wow - Sponsored four children to attend and participate in the festival; Nashville, TN: www.naiatn.org
- 10/03/2009 - Celebration of Cultures (COC) - (1) COC Sponsor; (2) WCE Tent featured multi-cultural information, history, art and clothing from Africa, China, Japan, Mexico, South America, and Borneo; (3) taught traditional square dances on Children's Stage - Nashville, TN: www.celebrationofcultures.org
- 09/21/2009 - Texas Woman's University - International Student Festival - Featured Country: Ghana - Displayed art, clothing, historical & cultural information; gave free samples of traditional Ghanaian food, recipes; donated a door prize; Houston, TX: www.twu.edu
- 09/01/2009 - Texas Woman's University Health Fair - WCE donated a basket of health-related items for a door prize - Houston, TX: www.twu.edu
- 08/05/2009 - Cultural Diversity Discussions - Toronto, Ontario
- 07/19/2009 - Huntsville Item Newspaper - Faces of Walker County - "Shabaaz Serves as Multicultural Ambassador" - Huntsville, TX: www.itemonline.com
- 07/02/2009 - Cultural Diversity Discussions - Longview, TX
- 06/03/2009 - Cultural Diversity Discussions - San Antonio, TX
- 05/10/2009 - Children's Art Class - Wynne Home Arts Center - Participants made soap, candles, clay sculptures, block print stationary with envelopes and beaded jewelry, which they kept; door prizes were provided - Huntsville, TX: www.huntsvilletx.gov
- 05/1-3/2009 - Sam Houston Folk Festival - (1) Coordinated activities in African-American History Tent; provided free samples of African food, historical information, demonstrated how to make hoe cakes, make butter, grind corn and make jewelry; provided cultural information and participatory activities; (2) Performed dances with Texas World Dance (square dances), Las Americas Ballet Folklorico (traditional Mexican) and Celtic Menagerie (Scottish); (3) Featured in articles twice in the Huntsville Item, 5/3/09; (4) Co-sponsored seven performance companies; (5) Hosted dinner for Dance Stage performers; (6) Dance Director - Huntsville, TX: www.samhoustonfolkfestival.org
- 03/01/2009 - Huntsville Item Newspaper - Lifestyles - WCE featured "Black History Month Observed" - Huntsville, TX: www.itemonline.com
- 02/13/2009 - Black History Month - Dinner and a Film - Music Interlude (Zabaturode Obatunji, Hugh Mosokela, Mariam Makeba); Film: "Ipi Ntombi" This film is an African celebration of dance and music. Originally, the play opened in Johannesburg, South Africa in 1974 and played to standing ovations all over the world for the next six years. The company of fifty, dance the story of the Johannesburg mine worker, who sings of this love for the girl back home and his sense of separation from his tribal roots." Menu - fried chicken, plantains, sweet potato strips, okra; Main Course - Ground Nut soup, beef and port ribs, potato salad, turnip greens, and assorted breads; Dessert - Fresh fruits, sweet potato tarts, cakes;

Beverages - Wine, juice, coffee, tea. All participants received written historical information and gifts. Four door prizes were provided - Huntsville, TX: www.huntsvilletx.gov

- 02/09/2009 - Texas Woman's University - International Student Festival - Featured countries: Guinea and Sierra Leone; displayed art, clothing and cultural information; gave free recipes and samples of African food - Houston, TX: www.twu.edu

2008 Calendar of Events

- 12/23/2008 - Cultural Diversity Discussions - San Francisco, CA
- 12/22/2008 - International Forum - San Francisco, CA
- 12/21/2008 - Cultural Diversity Discussions - Oakland, CA
- 12/18/2008 - Cultural Diversity Discussions - Los Angeles, CA
- 12/18/2008 - Intercultural Relations Discussions - Los Angeles, CA
- 10/04/2008 - Fair on the Square - WCE performed dances from Yucatan, Mexico; taught dances to audience participants; sponsored Celtic Menagerie to perform traditional Scottish dances - Huntsville, TX: www.HuntsvilleDBA.com
- 06/06/2008 - Cultural Diversity Discussions - Columbus, OH
- 06/03/2008 - Cultural Diversity Discussions - Nashville, TN
- 05/31/2008 - Cultural Diversity Discussions - Memphis, TN
- 05/21/2008 - 5/25/2008 - Cultural Diversity Discussions - Atlanta and Lithonia, GA
- 05/16/2008 - HISD Enrichment Day - Taught traditional dances from Africa, Mexico and America to students every 45 minutes, provided written historical information about three forms of dances - Huntsville, TX: www.huntsville-isd.org
- 05/13-15/2008 - Performed line dances with the Primetime Dancers at senior citizen center and three geriatric nursing homes - Huntsville, TX: www.cindygratz@shsu.edu
- 05/10/2008 - Children's Art Class to include painting, jewelry making, and natural decorations
- 05/06/2008 - Ballet Folklorico Classes for children and adults - Huntsville, TX
- 05/2-4/2008 - Sam Houston Folk Festival - (1) WCE performed with Prime Time Dancers (square dances) Ballet Folklorico de San Antonio (traditional dances from Mexico), Intuitive African Dance and Drum Culture (traditional West African dances); (2) Co-sponsored dance companies; (3) Participated in audience participation/instruction: Native American, African, Scottish, Mexican, and square dances; (4) African American History Tent: churned butter, ground corn, provided samples of ethnic foods, cultural historical information distributed, music demonstration, displayed artwork and clothing from African countries; (5) Dance Director - Huntsville, TX: www.samhoustonfolkfestival.org
- 04/12/2008 - Adult Cooking Class - Wynne Home Arts Center - Instructed in food preparation; students prepared, served and ate their culinary creations from Africa, Europe and Asia - Huntsville, TX: www.huntsvilletx.gov
- 04/08/2008 - Huntsville Item Newspaper article about WCE: "Cultural Organization Seeks Diversity Among Groups" - www.itemonline.com
- 04/08/2008 - Cultural Diversity Discussions - Dallas, TX
- 03/29/2008 - Children's Photography Class - Taught basic photography techniques to children; each student received a free camera to take photos of Wynne Home artifacts, flowers, trees and other nature shots - Huntsville, TX: www.huntsvilletx.gov

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- 03/19-20/2008 - Huntsville ISD Tour - Taught traditional square dances, discussed historical information about the Wynne Home Arts Center and provided candy for participants; article featured in Huntsville Item Newspaper - Huntsville, TX: www.huntsvilletx.gov
 - 02/25/2008 - Presented a dance scholarship which included:
 - (1) private dance lessons with dancers at Sam Houston Folk Festival with Celtic Menagerie (Scottish), Intuitive African Dance and Drum Culture (West African), Ballet Folklorico de San Antonio (Square);
 - (2) Two free weekend passes to the Sam Houston Folk Festival;
 - (3) Two invitations to a private dinner party on 5/3/08, to meet with the professional dancers and musicians;
 - (4) Free participation in four dance or art-related classes taught at the Wynne Home Arts Center;
 - (5) Free admission to all children's dance classes conducted by WCE through 12/2008 and one month of dance lessons at a school in the Huntsville/Conroe area;
 - (6) An article in the Huntsville Item newspaper
 - 02/23/2008 - African Dance Class - Taught traditional dances from West Africa; provided written cultural information; door prizes - Huntsville, TX
 - 02/22/2008 - Dinner and a Film at the Wynne Home Arts Center in Huntsville, TX: www.huntsvilletx.gov
 - 02/16/2008 - Dance Scholarship Audition - scholarship value \$500
 - 02/15/2008 - Sam Houston State University - Critiqued pre-performance of choreography with two university dance professors; attended the performance of "SHE" - Huntsville, TX: www.shsu.edu
 - 02/04/2008 - Huntsville ISD Field Trip to the Wynne Home Arts Center in Huntsville, TX
 - 02/01/2008 - World Cultural Exchange photos featured in several booklets, brochures and posters representing Huntsville, TX: www.huntsvilletexas.com
 - 01/28/2008 - Huntsville ISD Field Trip - Baked 600 cupcakes for students, taught children to frost and decorate cupcakes, which they ate; discussed Wynne Home history - Huntsville, TX: www.huntsvilletx.gov

2007 Calendar of Events

- 12/28/2007 - Touchstone Neurorecovery Center Diversity Luncheon (International cuisine and film) - Conroe, TX
- 10/30/2007 - Women Healing and Empowering Women - Workshop - Presentation on dance therapy and performed traditional dances from Mexico and South America - Houston, TX:
www.whew_now@yahoo.groups
- 10/28/2007 - Touchstone Neurorecovery Center - Hosted a diversity luncheon for the residents and staff; presentation on Greek culture; historical information distributed; showed film "Tribute" by Yanni - Conroe, TX
- 10/13/2007 - Touchstone Neurorecovery Center Family Day - Performed western dances; taught country line and square dances to residents, their family members and staff - Conroe, TX
- 10/09/2007 - Women Healing and Empowering Women First Fundraiser - Performed traditional dances from Mexico and South America - Willis, TX: www.whew_now@yahoo.groups
- 07/10/2007 - Hosted two students from France for eight days, through Echanges Culturels Internationaux. The students came to the US to practice speaking English and to learn about American lifestyles and culture. They went swimming, shopping, to the movies, visited several amusement parks, toured cities and small towns, volunteer organizations, were introduced to new foods made soap, candles, jewelry and collected artifacts, music and other memorabilia – Willis, TX
- 07/28/2007 - Adult Cooking Class - Participants learned to prepare two gourmet meals and ate their culinary creations; Menu: Tilapia in mushroom & wine sauce, garlic mashed potatoes, steamed vegetables, beef medallions, cous cous, asparagus, Julian carrots, rolls - Huntsville, TX
- 4/20-22/2007 – Sam Houston Folk Festival - (1) Coordinated all entertainment on the Cultural Stage featuring: Greater Zion Baptist Church Choir, WonLande West African Drum & Dance Company, Ballet Folklorico de San Antonio, Celtic Menagerie and Ballet Folklorico Hispano de Dallas; (2) Co-sponsored some of the dance groups; (3) Coordinated the activities in the African-American History Tent which included: cooking and samples of foods, corn grinding, churning butter to eat on home-made breads, distribution of historical information and recipes, jewelry making, story telling, dancing, sewing; displayed clothing, sculpture, jewelry, cookware/utensils, books and historical artifacts from Africa; formed alliances with all performing dance companies to perform and/or teach in Huntsville periodically; offered a dance scholarship; (4) Dance Director - Huntsville, TX: www.samhoustonfolkfestival.org
- 03/10/2007 - Jewelry Making - Participants made earrings, necklaces and bracelets with beads, shells, jute, etc. and learned about clothing decorated with beads from Africa, Asia North and South America. Students kept the jewelry they made - Huntsville, TX
- 03/10/2007 - Etiquette - Participants learned to create formal table settings, decorative napkin folding, placement and use of utensils, manners, etc - Huntsville, TX
- 02/10/2007 - Taught the history of African dance, traditional movements, discussed famous dancers and musicians, such as Katherine Dunham and M. Babatunde Olatunji; each student received a gift - Huntsville, TX
- 2/5 & 1/29/2007 - Wynne Home Arts Center First Grade Tour - (1) Baked 500 cup cakes; (2) Children rotated to different stations in the Wynne Home to learn about art, cooking, dance, music, etc. from the 1800s. In the kitchen students became aware of the amount of time it took to prepare food (planting, growing, harvesting, grinding, cooking over open fire, etc.); (3) Students iced and ate their cup cakes; (4) Featured in Item Newspaper article "Elementary students learn about historic Wynne Home"- Huntsville, TX - www.huntsvilletx.gov www.itemonline.com

2006 Calendar of Events

- 12/26/2006 - Touchstone Neurorecovery Center - Presentation about the history of Kwanzaa, seven principles; served a traditional West African meal; showed a South African play - Conroe, TX
- 12/16/2006 - Children's Craft Class - Participants created holiday decorations with leaves, pine cones, foods (i.e. cranberries, pop corn, oranges, cloves, etc.) that could be used for tree ornaments, table decorations or gifts – Huntsville, TX
- 12/16/2006 - Children's Cooking Class - Participants set and decorated a formal table, prepared a meal and received door prizes; each participant took their meals home to enjoy them with their families - Menu: Cornish game hens, garlic mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, gravy, cranberry sauce, rolls, cider and tarts- Huntsville, TX
- 10/14/2006 - Touchstone Neurorecovery Center - Performed traditional dances from Mexico for residents and staff - Conroe, TX
- 10/07/2006 - Fair on the Square - Vendor- sold international art, books, clothing, etc - Huntsville, TX
- 09/23/2006 - Wynne Home Arts Center Opening - Featured countries: Japan and South Africa - art, clothing, food, historical information, music, demonstrations of origami and basket weaving - Huntsville, TX
- 08/2006 - Sister Cities - Hosted two students from Niharu, Japan for two weeks; the students participated in multiple cultural activities, toured Huntsville, Houston, shopped, were exposed to a number of activities (horse-back riding, cooking, parties, pottery, jewelry making, cultural events, etc.) for a broad spectrum of experiences - Willis, TX
- 07/04/06 - Old-Fashioned Fourth of July Celebration - Performed with Las Americas Ballet Folklorico - traditional dances from Veracruz, Yucatan, Jalisco - Huntsville, TX
- 06/03/06 - Las Americas and Elite Performers Third Annual Dance Recital - Talento Bilingue de Houston - performed with Elite Performers - traditional dances from Mexico (some choreography by Silvia Lozano) - Houston, TX
- 4/21-23/2006 - Sam Houston Folk Festival - (1) Coordinated activities in the African-American Cultural Tent; (2) Dance Director; (3) performed dances from different countries - Huntsville, TX:
www.samhoustonfolkfestival.org

2005 Calendar of Events

- Featured on brochure for the Wynne Home Arts Center - Huntsville, TX: www.ci.huntsville.tx.us