

Kwanzaa, celebrating the Seven Principles

The Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center (IFCC) presents the annual community group exhibition - KWANZAA, Celebrating the Seven Principles, through December 31, in both galleries.

This year's exhibition includes works by the following community artists:

Damali Ayo, Bobbye Brown, Gail Carter, Lana Centeno, Adriene Cruz, Omotayo Fletcher, Bobby Fother, Avel Gordly, Athena Hampton, Gene Hill, Roslyn Hill, Chris Poole-Jones, Cliff Lewis, Jerry Quenton, Jose Reyes, William Rutherford, Bill Scott, Cleveland

Smith, A.R. Sutton, Leslie White, and other artists.

In addition to the visual artwork, an Afro-centric Family Movie Marathon will be held on December 18 and 19 from noon to 10 pm, open to the public at no charge.

On December 31, the IFCC has been invited to co-host the day of KUUMBA, the celebration of community creativity. The KUUMBA schedule is as follows:

1-3pm Zawadi (Gift Making) with artist damali ayo

3-4pm Folk Tales from our Ancestors with Brenda Phillips & Hakim Muhammad

5-8pm Karamu (Community Feast: Light Dessert) Libation Ceremony Sharing with Artists

KWANZAA is an African American non-religious holiday celebrated by people around the world from December 26 through January 1. Maulana Ron Karenga, a California State University professor of black studies, inspired by traditional African harvest festivals, created the holiday in 1966 to provide African-Americans an opportunity to celebrate their heritage.

For more information, call 503/823-IFCC.

Happy 18th Birthday Kaleah

Kaleah is a senior at St. Mary's Academy and plans to enroll next fall at either Spelman College or Fort Valley State University where she will major in chemical engineering.



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