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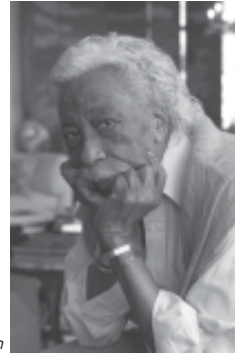
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Gordon Parks Celebration of Culture and Diversity - October 4-7 2006

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS-All Free Events Are Open To The Public

All Four Days:

- 18th Annual Gordon Parks Photography Competition display in the Fort Scott Community College Gordon Parks Center, Academic Building. Free 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Wed. & Thurs. / 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Friday / 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Saturday
- Sarah and Andrew Jackson Parks Photography Exhibit at Mercy Health Center open 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. 401 Woodland Hills Blvd. Free

Wednesday 10/04/06

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. - "Queen Bey: Ambassador of Jazz." Queen Bey will make a presentation to Fort Scott Middle School students on music and mutual respect. Fort Scott Middle School Commons area. **Sponsored by the Bourbon County Arts Council. Free** (8:20 – 9:03— 7th grade) (9:54 – 10:37— 8th grade) (12:15 – 12:58— 6th grade)
 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. - **REGISTRATION/BOOK AND SOUVENIR TABLE OPEN** in the FSCC Academic Building, Commons Area.
 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. - Screening of *Moments Without Proper Names*, a documentary about Gordon Parks. Introduction by David Parks. FSCC Academic Building, (Room location to be announced). **Free**
 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. - Trolley Tour of Gordon Parks' Fort Scott. Visit Mr. Parks' hometown in detail including Evergreen Cemetery and sites where *The Learning Tree* was filmed. Meet at the Fort Scott Visitor Information Center, 231 E. Wall St. **Fee: \$5.00**
 7:00 p.m. - "A Legacy of Faith." A community interfaith service with guest speakers and special music. Joseph McLiney and Joseph Taban Rafino will speak on "The Lost Boys of Sudan." Special appearance by the Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church Choir of Kansas City, Kansas. First Christian Church, 101 S. Judson. **Free**

Thursday 10/05/06

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. - **REGISTRATION/BOOK AND SOUVENIR TABLE OPEN** in the FSCC Academic Building, Commons Area.
 9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. - Screening of *Half-Past Autumn*, HBO documentary about Gordon Parks. Introduction by David Parks. FSCC Academic Building, (Room TBA). **Free**
 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. - Trolley Tour of Gordon Parks' Fort Scott. Meet at the Fort Scott Visitor Information Center, 231 E. Wall. **Fee: \$5.00**
 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. - "Pizza for Poets" luncheon for grade school poetry contest winners. (Not open to public) FSCC Academic Building, Gordon Parks Center.
 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. - "A Father's Legacy: What I've Learned from My Father." Toni Parks Parsons will show work from her father's collections and her own photography. FSCC Academic Building, (Room TBA). **Free**
 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. - "Screening of *The Learning Tree* by Gordon Parks." Introduction by cast member Karole Graham (Big Mabel). FSCC Academic Building, (Room TBA). **Free**
 7:30 p.m. - *Gordon Parks: A Lasting Legacy* is a multi-media presentation that will feature the poetry, images, films, and interviews of Gordon Parks. Participants include Parks' family members, friends and special taped messages. Enjoy the music of blues guitarist Lem Shepard. Fort Scott Middle School Commons Area, 1105 E. 12th St. **Fee: \$8.00**

Friday 10/06/06

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. - **REGISTRATION/BOOK AND SOUVENIR TABLE OPEN** in the FSCC Academic Building, Commons Area.
 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. - "Working With Gordon Parks." Johanna Fiore, assistant to Mr. Parks for eighteen years, discusses their working relationship. Academic Building, (Room TBA). **Free**
 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. - "Gordon Parks: The Last Interview." Ann Brill, Dean of the Journalism School at the University of Kansas, will show and talk about the interview Parks gave in December of 2005 upon accepting the William Allen White Award from KU. Academic Building, (Room TBA). **Free**
 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. - "Gordon Parks and LIFE Magazine: A Fifty-Year Partnership." Speaker Barbara Baker Burrows, a longtime friend of Gordon Parks, is the picture editor at LIFE magazine, where she has worked for over 35 years. Academic Building, (Room TBA). **Free**
 12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. - Legacy Luncheon with Parks' Family and Friends and *Learning Tree* cast members. Buffet lunch followed by Q & A. FSCC Cafeteria. **Fee: \$8. Please reserve.**
 2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. - "Howard L. Bingham: Witness." Photographer Howard L. Bingham will show selections from his work and talk about his relationships with Muhammad Ali, Gordon Parks, Joe Louis, Bill Cosby and others. Academic Building, (Room TBA). **Free**
 3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Book Signing with Ann Parr, author of "Gordon Parks: No Excuses." Academic Building, (Room TBA). **Free**
 7:00 p.m. - "Celebration Tribute Dinner." Dinner, music and an evening of tribute hosted by native Kansan and journalist Bill Kurtis. Presentation of the 2006 "Gordon Parks Choice of Weapons Award" to Mr. Howard L. Bingham. Enjoy the music of Queen Bey. Liberty Theatre, 113 S. Main, Fort Scott. **All seats reserved. Fee: \$25.00.**

Saturday 10/07/06

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. - **REGISTRATION/BOOK AND SOUVENIR TABLE OPEN** in the FSCC Academic Building, Commons Area.
 9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. - "The Buried Roots of African-American History of Fort Scott." Funded by the Kansas Humanities Council, this ongoing project seeks to uncover the buried history of African-Americans, including Gordon Parks' family, in Fort Scott: the families, churches, and schools. Panel discussion led by Fort Scott historian Arnold Schofield includes project steering committee members. FSCC Academic Building, (Room TBA). **Free**
 10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. - "The Gordon Parks I Knew." Former Fort Scott photographer Michael Henry exhibits his photos of Gordon Parks shot on different occasions over a period of twenty or thirty years. From the filming of *The Learning Tree* to Parks' visit to Fort Scott in 1996, view never-before-seen images of Gordon Parks. FSCC Academic Building, (Room TBA). **Free**
 12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. - Picnic Luncheon in Gunn Park, site of the filming of *The Learning Tree*. Authentic Southeast Kansas-style chicken and House #1. **Fee: \$7.00. Please Reserve.**
 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. - Trolley Tour of Gordon Parks' Fort Scott. Meet at the Fort Scott Visitor Information Center, 231 E. Wall. **Fee: \$5.00**
 3:00 p.m. - Remembrance Service at Gordon Parks' gravesite in Evergreen Cemetery. Look for Section 7 sign, north end of cemetery.

Schedule subject to change- please check website: gordonparkscenter.org

Gordon Parks (1912-2006) wrote about his hometown of Fort Scott, Kansas, in his autobiographical novel and subsequent film, *The Learning Tree*, which was among the 25 films placed on the National Film Registry of the Library of Congress in 1989. He went on to direct other films, to author several books, and to write original musical compositions, film scores, and a ballet. He established his reputation as a world-renowned photojournalist for *Life* magazine. Parks received the National Medal of Arts in 1988 and over fifty honorary doctorates in his lifetime.

The Gordon Parks Celebration, a component of the Gordon Parks Center for Culture and Diversity, was created in 2004 by Fort Scott Community College to honor Parks and perpetuate his legacy.

At the culmination of the first year's events, the *Choice of Weapons Award* was established in Parks' honor and named after his autobiography of the same name. Avery Brooks was the first recipient of the *Gordon Parks Choice of Weapons Award* at the 2005 Gordon Parks Celebration and Howard L. Bingham is the 2006 recipient.

Howard L. Bingham is one of America's most highly regarded photographers with a body of work that's appeared in scores of newspapers and national magazines, including *Time*, *Sports Illustrated*, *Life*, *Newsweek*, *People* and *Ebony*.

He's taken more than a million photographs of the man who's known around the world as the "Greatest of All Time". And every image marks a special moment in the remarkable 40-plus year friendship between Howard L. Bingham and Muhammad Ali.

Bingham credits longtime friend Gordon Parks as his mentor. Parks said of Bingham, "I have deep respect for Howard as an artist and a staunch friend." Bingham will be honored with the Parks' Award on Friday, October 6.



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REGISTRATION for Gordon Parks Celebration Events

Tickets will go on sale starting September 18

I wish to register for the events checked below, paying a total of \$ _____.
 (For Trolley Tour Ticket please add \$5.00 and check time below)

Thursday, October 5	# Tickets	Amount
Gordon Parks: A Lasting Legacy	\$ 8.00	_____
Friday, October 6		
Legacy Luncheon	\$ 8.00	_____
Celebration Tribute Dinner	\$25.00	_____
Saturday, October 7		
Picnic in Gunn Park	\$ 7.00	_____

TROLLEY TOUR OF GORDON PARKS' FORT SCOTT-\$5.00		
Wed., Oct. 4 @ 2:30 p.m._____	Thurs., Oct. 5 @ 11:00 a.m._____	Sat., Oct. 7 @ 1:30 p.m._____

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 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Phone # _____

Method of payment: (Circle One) Check Visa Mastercard
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Make checks payable and mail to: The Gordon Parks Center, 2108 S. Horton, Ft. Scott, KS 66701 (Questions? Call 1-800-874-3722, ext. 515) or check on updates at www.gordonparkscenter.org. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE SPECIAL NEEDS.

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