

Gordon Parks Celebration of Culture and Diversity

Schedule of Activities: October 1-4, 2008

All Four Days:

•20th Annual Gordon Parks Photography Competition display in the Fort Scott Community College Gordon Parks Center, Academic Building. Free •Sarah and Andrew Jackson Parks Photography Exhibit at Mercy Health Center open 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Self-guided tours available during those hours. 401 Woodland Hills Blvd. Free

Wednesday 10/01/08

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. – Screening of *Half-Past Autumn*, HBO documentary about Gordon Parks. FSCC Academic Building, GP Center. Free

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Screening of *The Learning Tree* by Gordon Parks.” FSCC Academic Building, GP Center. Free

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – REGISTRATION/BOOK AND SOUVENIR TABLE OPEN in the FSCC Academic Building, Commons Area.

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. — “Behind the Scenes of the filming of *The Learning Tree*. Writer, director and editor Nicholas Eliopoulos will show his short film of footage taken behind the scenes of filming and talk about his experiences with *The Learning Tree*. FSCC Academic Building, GP Center. 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: \$6.00

7:00 p.m. - “A Celebration of Faith.” A community faith service with special music and speakers. First United Methodist Church, 301 S. National. Free

Thursday 10/02/08

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. — REGISTRATION/BOOK AND SOUVENIR TABLE OPEN in the FSCC Academic Building, Commons Area.

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. — Ft. Scott Chamber of Commerce Coffee at the Gordon Parks Center. Join Chamber of Commerce members for coffee, refreshments and announcements.

9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. — “A Sense of Place” by Historian Arnold Schofield. A presentation of the completed and published African-American History of Fort Scott project. Introduction by committee members. Booklet and DVD available for purchase. FSCC Academic Building, GP Center. Free

10:30 a.m. – 11:45 p.m. – Kyle Johnson, “Newt” in *The Learning Tree*, and Karole Graham, “Big Mabel” will discuss “Behind the Scenes of the filming of *The Learning Tree*.” Writer, director and editor Nicholas Eliopoulos’ short film of footage taken behind-the-scenes of filming will be shown along with other footage. FSCC Academic Building, GP Center. Free

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. - “Pizza for Poets” luncheon for grade school poetry contest winners. (Not open to public) Gordon Parks Center.

12:15 – 2:30 p.m. — WONDER WORKSHOP: A Drumming/Storytelling Experience at the Fort Scott Middle School. Richard Camara Pitts, an African-American storyteller and drummer will present grade-level performances as follows: 7th grade (12:15 - 12:58) / 8th grade: (1:02 - 1:45) / 6th grade: (1:49 - 2:32). Sponsored by the Bourbon County Arts Council and the Kansas Arts Commission. FSMS, 1105 E. 12th St. FREE

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. - Trolley Tour of Gordon Parks' Fort Scott. Meet at the Fort Scott Visitor Information Center, 231 E. Wall. Fee: \$6.00

7:00 p.m. – “Hot Ribs & Cool Jazz with Ida McBeth” at the Liberty, Sponsored by UMB Bank.” Liberty Theatre, 113 S. Main, Fort Scott. FEE: \$20 (includes rib dinner and concert). Open seating. (Doors open at 6:30 p.m.) Please reserve tickets by Monday, Sept. 29.

Friday 10/03/08

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. – 10:15 a.m. – “Gordon Parks: Concerned Photographer.” Lecture by Michael Edelson, retired Professor of Art and Photography at Stony Brook University, New York, and longtime friend of Gordon Parks. FSCC Academic Building, GP Center. Free

10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. – “LIFE: The Classic Collection.” Barbara Baker Burrows, picture editor at LIFE magazine and longtime friend of Gordon Parks, will talk about her new book, *LIFE: The Classic Collection*, published by Time-Life. FSCC Academic Building, GP Center. Free

12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. – “A Kansas Sampler” Lunch in the Gordon Parks Center. A festive lunch of Kansas favorites appropriate to the season. Enjoy lunch and listen to Sarah Burrows talk about her career in photojournalism at PEOPLE magazine. Presentation of high school creativity contest winners. Fee: \$7.00. Please Reserve by Oct. 1.

1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Screening of the film *Shaft*, starring Richard Roundtree and directed by Gordon Parks. Film introduced & panel discussion by David Parks and others who worked on the film. See behind-the-scenes footage. FSCC Academic Building, GP Center. Free

7:00 p.m. – “Celebration Tribute Dinner.” Dinner, music and an evening of tribute. Presentation of the 2008 “Gordon Parks Choice of Weapons Award” to Mr. Richard Roundtree, star of the Gordon Parks-directed film *Shaft*. Social hour prior to dinner. Liberty Theatre, 113 S. Main, Fort Scott. All seats reserved. Fee: \$25.00. Please Reserve by Oct. 1

Saturday 10/04/08

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. – Howard Bingham, 2006 “Gordon Parks Choice of Weapons Award” winner, will discuss his career as a photographer, especially his years as photographer for Muhammad Ali. FSCC Academic Building, GP Center. Free

10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. – “Part of the Family.” Panel discussion with Gordon Parks' family members including daughter Toni Parks, son David Parks, grandson Alain Brouillaud, and others. FSCC Academic Building, GP Center. Free

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. – “Hard Hat Luncheon.” Lunch is served in the construction zone for the new Gordon Parks Museum/Center. See the progress up close and personal and hear about the design plans. Fee: \$8. Please reserve by Oct. 1.

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: \$6.00

3:00 p.m. – Remembrance Service at Gordon Parks’ gravesite in Evergreen Cemetery. Look for Section 7 sign, north end of cemetery.

REGISTRATION for Gordon Parks Celebration Events
Tickets will go on sale starting September 15

I wish to register for the events checked below, paying a total of \$ _____.
 (For Trolley Tour Ticket please add \$6.00 and check time below)

Thursday, October 2		# Tickets	Amount
<i>Rhythm & Ribs</i>	\$ 20.00	_____	_____
Friday, October 3			
Kansas Sampler Luncheon	\$ 7.00	_____	_____
<i>Celebration Tribute Dinner</i>	\$25.00	_____	_____
Saturday, October 4			
<i>Construction Zone Lunch</i>	\$ 8.00	_____	_____

TROLLEY TOUR OF GORDON PARKS' FORT SCOTT-\$6.00		
Wed., Oct. 1 @ 2:30 p.m. _____	Thurs., Oct. 2 @ 12:30 p.m. _____	Sat., Oct. 4 @ 1:30 p.m. _____

Name _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Phone # _____

Method of payment: (Circle One) Check Visa Mastercard
 Visa or Mastercard # _____
 Exp. Date: _____ Signature _____

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.