

Gordon Parks Celebration of Culture and Diversity Schedule of Activities: October 3-6, 2007

All Four Days:

- 19th 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 10/03/07

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. – Screening of *Half-Past Autumn*, HBO documentary about 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.

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 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**

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. - Screening of *The Learning Tree* by Gordon Parks." FSCC Academic Building, GP Center. **Free**

7:00 p.m. - "Inspired by Faith." A community interfaith service with guest speaker Reverend Sam Mann and special music. United Missionary Baptist Church, 16 N. Ransom. **Free**

Thursday 10/04/07

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. — **REGISTRATION/BOOK AND SOUVENIR TABLE OPEN** in the FSCC Academic Building, Commons Area.

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

9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. — "The Parks Family History-From Tennessee to Fort Scott, Kansas." Historian Arnold Schofield traces the roots of the Parks family's journey to Kansas. FSCC Academic Building, GP Center. **Free**

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Screening of *Half-Past Autumn*, 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) FSCC Academic Building, Gordon Parks Center for Culture and Diversity.

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**

2:00 p.m. – Production of *I RISE: A TESTIMONY OF COMMITMENT AND SACRIFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS*. A Reader's Theatre production compiled and edited by Dr. Richard Emanuel. Directed by Patty LaRoche. Fort Scott Middle School Commons Area, 1105 E. 12th St. (Performance only for students). READER'S THEATRE SPONSORED BY THE BOURBON COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL.

3:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. - “Screening of The Ernest Green Story.” A movie that puts the story of the Little Rock Nine and the Civil Rights Movement in perspective. (*Ernest Green and Elizabeth Eckford will receive the Gordon Parks Choice of Weapons Award this year at the Celebration*) FSCC Academic Building, GP Center. **Free**

7:30 p.m. – *I RISE: A TESTIMONY OF COMMITMENT AND SACRIFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS*. A Reader's Theatre production compiled and edited by Dr. Richard Emanuel. Directed by Patty LaRoche. Refreshments provided after the play. **At 6:45 p.m. there will be a presentation of Gordon Parks Poetry and Essay contest winners.** Fort Scott Middle School Commons Area, 1105 E. 12th St. **Fee: \$7.00** POETRY CONTEST AND READER'S THEATRE SPONSORED BY THE BOURBON COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL.

Friday 10/05/07

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. – “Words and Images with Toni Parks.” Photographer Toni Parks will present photographs and poetry of Gordon Parks. Academic Building, Round Room. **Free**

10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. –. “The Gordon Parks I Knew” with Barbara Baker Burrows and Sarah Burrows. Burrows is the picture editor at LIFE magazine and longtime friend of Gordon Parks. Her daughter, Sarah, goddaughter of Parks, is now chief archivist of the Gordon Parks Collection at the Gordon Parks Foundation. Academic Building, Round Room. **Free**

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Celebration Luncheon and Groundbreaking for the Danny and Willa Ellis Family Fine Arts Center, Home of the Gordon Parks Center. FSCC Cafeteria. **Fee: \$8. Please reserve by Oct. 1.**

1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – “Richard Fontenelle: Family Portrait.” Richard Fontenelle, whose family was the subject of a photo essay for *Life* magazine by Gordon Parks in 1968 entitled “Harlem Family,” will talk about his experiences. Academic Building, Round Room. **Free**

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 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. – “Celebration Tribute Dinner.” Dinner, music and an evening of tribute. Presentation of the 2007 “Gordon Parks Choice of Weapons Award” to Ms. Elizabeth Eckford and Mr. Ernest Green, two of the “Little Rock Nine.” Enjoy the music of blues guitarist Lem Sheppard. *Social hour prior to dinner.* Liberty Theatre, 113 S. Main, Fort Scott. **All seats reserved. Fee: \$25.00.**

Saturday 10/06/07

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. - Inspired by Gordon Parks: Healing Katrina Victims through Photographs.” Danette Vincent, photographer from Little Rock, AR, will share her story of working with young people and developing the exhibit entitled “After the Storm.” FSCC Academic Building, GP Center. **Free**

10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. – “Civil Rights Experiences” -- Panel Discussion with Elizabeth Eckford, Ernest Green, and other panelists on their personal experiences with the Civil Rights Movement. FSCC Academic Building, GP Center. **Free**

12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. - BBQ Lunch in Gunn Park, site of the filming of *The Learning Tree*. Shelter 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: \$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 17

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)

TROLLEY TOUR OF GORDON PARKS' FORT SCOTT-\$6.00 Wed., Oct. 3 @11:00 a.m.____ Thurs., Oct. 4 @ 1:30 p.m.____ Fri., Oct. 5 @ 3:30 p.m.____ Sat., Oct.6 @ 1:30 p.m.____
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Thursday, October 4		# Tickets	Amount
"I Rise" Reader's Theatre	\$ 7.00	_____	_____
Friday, October 5			
Groundbreaking Luncheon	\$ 8.00	_____	_____
Celebration Tribute Dinner	\$25.00	_____	_____
Saturday, October 6			
Picnic in Gunn Park	\$ 7.00	_____	_____

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.

- Lodging in Fort Scott:**
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620-223-0100 | 1st Interstate
620-223-5330 | Lyons Mansion B/B
620-223-3644 | Courtland B/B
620-223-0098 | Levine House B/B
620-223-3908 |
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