

Events at the Ships of the Sea Museum

We are in the process of scheduling Museum events for 2010. Watch for announcements of events in *Connect, Do, The Savannah Tribune*, on Georgia Public Radio and at www.shipsofthesea.org/pages/calendar or call 912 232 1511 for information on any of the events listed below.

March 27-April 3 Spring Break Sailors all day
Up to two children receive free admission with a paying adult. This is a companion activity to our annual Christmas Castaways program.

May (day/time tbd) Talk on Savannah Maritime Documents
In this talk, the first in our twice-yearly free evening lecture series, representatives from the National Archives at Atlanta will give a presentation drawing on the Archive's rich holdings of documents relating to Savannah's maritime history, complete with representations of the documents themselves. This is part of our annual National Maritime Day observation. Free admission.

May (day tbd) Dedication of the Scarbrough House Marker
We continue our celebration of local history with the dedication of the Georgia Historical Society's street-side marker commemorating the Scarbrough House's place in the architectural and maritime history of Georgia.

May 14 Montana Skies in Concert 7:30
Acoustic-electric guitar/cello duo returns to our garden in a concert sponsored by the Savannah Folk Music Society. Call 786-6953 or email HGWeisman1@aol.com for information. This is part of our ongoing series of SFMS concerts in our garden. Admission charged.

May 22 National Maritime Day all day
Free admission to Ships of the Sea Museum.

June 18 Akonting Playing Workshop with Sana Ndiaye
Sana, the only traditionally-trained akonting player living in the US, member of Gokh-bi System, and the teacher on our akonting videos at www.shipsofthesea.org/video will be giving a free workshop in playing the instrument this night in our garden. If

you've made an akonting here or just want to learn more, this is one of the few chances you'll ever have without going to Senegal.

June 19 Juneteenth Concert with *Gokh-bi System (GBS)*
As part of this year's Juneteenth celebration, SOS is co-sponsoring with the Telfair Museum a free outdoor evening concert with Senegalese-American hip hop group Gokh-bi System, featuring akonting player Sana Ndiaye. GBS is a high-energy band which combines traditional West African music, hip hop electronics and affirmative lyrics in a propulsive package. Held in the Museum's North Lot along Bryan Street. For info, see also www.telfair.org

November 19 4th Annual Museum in the Moonlight 7-9pm
Wander through the garden and Museum on a moonlit night, while enjoying refreshments under the tent and live music inside the Museum. We will continue our popular tradition of presenting an unusual instrument not ordinarily heard in a solo setting. As always, the most romantic free event in the city.

Planned (but not-yet-scheduled) Events

We will continue the series of yearly **Free Garden Concerts** which so far have included performances by Richard Leo Johnson and Claire Frazier & Frank Bright. These concerts aim to spotlight creative and accomplished Savannah-based musicians who are not as well-known locally as they should be. The performer and date are still to be determined, but this promises to be another memorable night of music.

Spring (date tbd) 2nd Annual Boatbuilding-from-kit Weekend 10 hrs. over 2 days (skiff is launched on day 2!)

For a modest fee, build a 12' Bevin skiff with materials and tools supplied by the Museum and have the chance to own the results! Plans are underway for one and possibly two workshops this year to continue last year's very successful workshop, once again under the leadership of Capt. Clayton Embly. **Last year's unfinished skiff is on display in the garden and can be purchased for \$750 (includes oars.)**- Email karldevries@shipsofthesea.org
Look for announcements for our forthcoming **pond yacht building workshop and regatta** for kids and parents.

The **West Broad Street School** exhibition is moving towards completion, chronicling in text, photos and oral history the use of the Scarbrough House as the West Broad Street School, the first city-supported public school for African-American students in Savannah. We are compiling a **video oral history** of the School as part of the exhibition. If you attended the West Broad Street School, or know anyone who did, please call the Museum or contact karldevries@shipsofthesea.org

The Museum will once again co-sponsor with the Savannah Folk Music Society the **Third Gretsch Foundation Banjo Assembly Workshop** under the tent in the garden. For a very modest cost, assemble your own 5-string banjo from parts supplied by the Gretsch Company. Watch for announcements on our website, sign onto our music email list or contact HGWeisman1@aol.com. This workshop is *tentatively* planned for sometime in May or summer and usually fills up quickly.

We will also be holding our **Fourth Annual Akonting Building Workshop** late this spring. Learn about the West African instrument that crossed the Atlantic and became the fretless banjo, and build a simple but acoustically rewarding version of the instrument for a very modest cost. This workshop will concentrate on the akonting to provide participants (especially 6-9th graders) with instruments with which to participate in Sana Ndiaye's free akonting playing workshop on June 18. (*see the "Events" section above*)

There is also a possibility of another available-material instrument making workshop this fall.

Also planned for this year: another **free public talk or book signing**, and a second **Savannah Folk Music Society concert**.

Museum News

The Museum **website**, www.shipsofthesea.org, has expanded with a calendar of events page with printable descriptive broadsides, a virtual tour of the Museum and garden, a faux marbling video, banjo and akonting instructional videos, complete garden rental information, an updated garden floor plan and annuals list, a presentation on the slave ship *Wanderer* and an educational activities section already on line. Presently in process are an expanded links section and information on the history of the West Broad Street School. An expanded musical activities section including akonting and banjo construction videos with written instructions and an information archive is also planned.

Our secure **on line store** is up and running! Look for a careful selection of books for adults and children, signature gifts, cd's and dvd's, and prints and posters illuminating maritime history and the architecture and history of the Old South.

If you'd like to be added to our **mailing list** for Museum News and Events, please send a request email to: contact@shipsofthesea.org or sign our registry book. You may also sign onto our **music-related activities** news and update list by sending an email to: tonypizzo@shipsofthesea.org or signing our registry book.

We still have quite a few **dates available for garden rentals** this year. Call 912 232 1511 and ask for Wendy Melton or email wendymelton@shipsofthesea.org

You may want to keep this flyer as a guide to our yearly activities.

