



Festival of Cultures News

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Travel the World in Lee Park! May 8, 2010



FOR EXAMPLE, ASIA:

Asian countries featured in performances and exhibits include Burma/Myanmar, Tibet, Bhutan/Nepal, Thailand, and Japan.



OR LATIN AMERICA:

Latin American countries represented include Nicaragua, Mexico, El Salvador, and Peru.

AND OF COURSE AFRICA, THE MIDDLE EAST, EUROPE AND EVEN NORTH AMERICA!

All exhibits are hosted by people who are of that culture/national heritage and now live in Charlottesville.

THE FESTIVAL QUILT

Each year, in preparation for the Festival of Cultures, we create a community culture quilt. Students in the Adult Learning Center and others can take a fabric square to decorate in some way to represent their culture or country.

For the past two years sculptor Ninni Baekstrom has worked with students at the Adult Learning Center to help them express culture through art. While considering shapes and colors, students have created tissue paper collages. These collages become the “first drafts” of their quilt squares.

We keep each year’s quilt for a year at the Adult Learning Center while raffling off the previous year’s quilt at the Festival.

Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5, available at the Festival information booth.

This year, you too can create a collage representing your culture



AGENCY SPOTLIGHT: PIEDMONT HOUSING ALLIANCE

Piedmont Housing Alliance (PHA) offers a wide array of community development services and information: home ownership counseling, fair housing education, community financing, home ownership and rental housing, tenant rights.

Whether it's turning renters into home owners, bridging the home ownership gap with workforce housing funds, ensuring fair housing for all, building green for an affordable and sustainable future, or developing creative solutions to complex problems, visit their booth to learn more about the many ways PHA is working to strengthen our community.



Smell and taste:
delicious food for
sale



Touch and do: hands-on
crafts for kids (and adults
too!) Create a culture
collage or ojo de dios; help
with a Tibetan sand
painting

VOLUNTEER AT THE FESTIVAL:

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See and hear: music,
song, and dance
from many places,
including, India, W.
Africa, Appalachia,
and Spain