May 2010 Calendar: What’s Happening at Ybor?

May 17  Operation College Motivational Activities – Ybor Room – 9am-10am; Noon-1pm; 5:30pm-6:30pm

Collegiate 100 General Meeting – YPAB 102 – 2:30pm

UNA – Choral Rehearsal – YPAB 132 – 7pm

May 19  TCTC Microsoft Excel 2007 Level 1 Training 8am-5pm

May 20  Opening Reception for “Kite Piece” by Ginger Owen – Art Gallery – 4pm-8pm

May 21  Police Academy Graduations – Ybor Room – Noon-3:30pm

Africa International Fundraiser – Ybor Room/Courtyard – 6pm-9pm

May 22  CROP Saturday Academic Enrichment Program – YBOR/YLRC – 9am-1pm

May 24  Operation College Motivational Activities – Ybor Room – 9am-10am; Noon-1pm

UNA – Choral Rehearsal – YPAB 132 – 7pm

May 25  Corrections Academy Graduation – Ybor Room – Noon-3pm

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-David Liller, Editor
Hillsborough Community College’s Ybor School of Visual and Performing Arts Gallery will present “Collecting Memories,” a cyanotype and mixed media photo installation by Michigan artist Ginger Owen-Murakami (May 18 - June 10). An Opening Reception will take place Thursday, May 20, 5:00-7:30pm with a Gallery Talk about her work at 6:30pm. The gallery is located on the first floor of the Performing Arts Building and is free and open to the public.

A graduate of HCC, Owen-Murakami received her BFA in Photography from the University of Central Florida and an MFA in Photography from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. For several years she attended National Graduate Seminars at New York University’s Tisch School of Art, American Photography Institute. Her professional career is an impressive list of exhibitions, fellowships and lectures that range from Texas, throughout the Midwest, to California and Vermont. Currently she is Assistant Professor of Photography and Intermedia at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo.

The work in “Collecting Memories” developed from an interest in personal family history. She states, “The origin of a unique human experience is comprised of the immediate family, inherited DNA, individual, communal and domestic histories. These networks of family structure create shared, human experiences. The work is a quasi-autobiographical story defined by life’s cycle and a search for that which makes us human.”

“Kite Piece,” one of the series of work in the exhibit, is an installation of forty ceiling hung kites with images acquired from personal, family heirloom photo albums and represents a communal conversation on the influence of family history. Owen-Murakami writes, “This work is a residue of the process of self-discovery and exists as a visual diary. It attempts to define roles that I play as granddaughter, daughter, woman and wife and most importantly, archivist of my family history.”

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Gallery hours are Monday-Thursday 10am to 4pm. Phone Carolyn Kossar 813.253.7674 for more information.

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Hillsborough Community College will hold a Grand Opening Ceremony for the new Ybor City Campus Student Services Building on June 8th with the ceremony starting 2:00 p.m., followed immediately thereafter by an Open House until 5:00 p.m.

The building, located on the northwest corner of Palm Avenue and 14th Street, directly across Palm from the Cuban Club and across 14th from the newly-renovated Ybor Performing Arts Building, is the eighth building on the Ybor City Campus.

The building was designed to match the look and feel of the surrounding Ybor City neighborhood. The brick exterior and general design of the exterior allows the state-of-the-art, "green" building to appear as if it has been part of Ybor City for years. Yet, inside the three-story facilities, the needs of the HCC Ybor City Campus student body will be met through modern ergonomic design and he latest technology. Along with transparent walls that allows for the use of natural light, and therefore cutting down on the use of artificial light, the new Ybor City Campus Student Services Building will also feature a bookstore and café.