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## Kuumba celebrates our African American Heritage

Scotland County has a rich African American cultural heritage which goes all the way back to the earliest years of the republic. In fact, many of our local families have ties and traditions that extend back to the time before the Civil War.

The annual celebration of this rich fabric of art and culture is known as Kuumba. Kuumba means "creativity" and the festival lives up to that promise. Kuumba features dancing, drumming, storytelling and socializing, as well as a musical menu that runs from gospel to jazz.

Presented by the African American Heritage Committee, the festivities begin Friday, Sept. 21st with a pageant and the crowning of Miss Kuumba. The celebration then shifts Saturday, Sept. 22nd to Market Park in Laurinburg, where music, food and the arts of Africa come alive. Kuumba is truly an event for the community and the whole family.



- **Artist and craftsmen showing and selling their work**
- **Educational and African artifacts exhibit**
- **Chefs cooking on the grill, many with an African flair**
- **Live music, drumming and dancing**
- **Storytelling**
- **Kid's activities**
- **Fashion Show**
- **Pageant**
- **Socializing**
- **Family Fun**

Directions to Market Park in Laurinburg – Travel west on Main Street. Bear right at North 401 Business. Proceed .2 miles and bear right onto Lees Mill Road. Follow to Market Park.

Visit [kuumbafestnc.org](http://kuumbafestnc.org) for more information

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## Think of it as ESPN Meets Braveheart

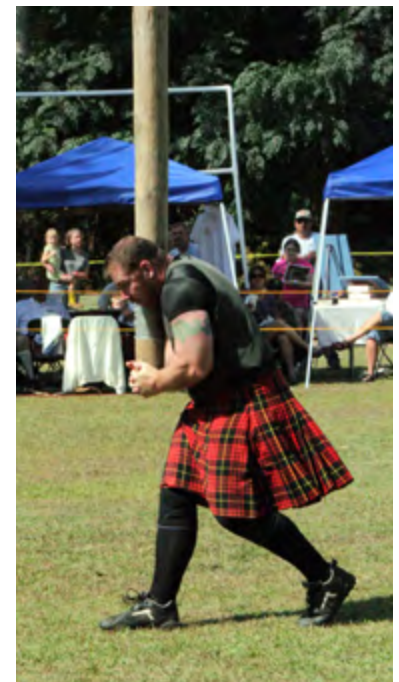
Ever think about trying to flip a telephone pole in the air? It's called the caber, and Highland Scots have been tossing it around for over 500 years. If you've never experienced a Highland Games, you owe it to yourself to join us Saturday, October 6th at the North Carolina Rural Heritage Center in Laurinburg (Take 401 to Laurinburg and turn at the Wal-Mart - The grounds are 1 mile up on the left).

Watch our athletes compete in traditional events, such as tossing the Scottish hammer and stone throws. Ever heard of the sheaf toss? That's throwing a 20-pound bail of straw straight up over a high bar using a pitchfork. For the little pros out there, we have events that kids love to try – NOTE: there is no need to preregister for the kids game – just show up!

A full spectrum of events will be offered at the Games: Clan and Society tents, food and merchandise vendors, athletic competitions, Scottish musical and dance entertainment, sheep dog demonstrations, and EUSPBA sanctioned solo piping and drumming competitions. Again this year will be pipe and drum band competition which will bring bands in from all over the southeast and provide spectators a first-hand look at the pageantry and precision of pipe bands.

Advanced ticket sales are \$12 for adults, \$3 for children (\$15 and \$5 at the gate). Advanced tickets may be purchased online at [www.games-tickets.com](http://www.games-tickets.com) or by visiting the Laurinburg/Scotland County Area Chamber of Commerce, or Bob's Jewel Shop in Laurinburg. For more information, visit:

[www.carolina-highlandgames.com](http://www.carolina-highlandgames.com)



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## Storytelling Festival of Carolina

If you have never experienced the on-stage performance of storytelling, you owe it to yourself and your family to join us for the annual Storytelling Festival of Carolina, to be held October 20th in Laurinburg.

Held at the Storytelling and Arts Center, the festival features a small, accessible stage to assure you'll hear the best storytelling this side of Garrison Keillor. Get ready to be utterly spell-bound as internationally renowned and honored performers spin their magic and touch every emotion from laughter to horror to tears. (Yes, they're that good.) The festival runs from 9:30 to 5:00 each day.

Military and family packages are also available. For more information visit [www.storyartscenter.org](http://www.storyartscenter.org) or call (910) 277-3599.



## The John Blue Festival – A Glimpse of the Past

Join us October 13th and 14th for the Annual John Blue Cotton Festival held at the John Blue House and the North Carolina Rural Heritage Center in Laurinburg.

See a team of mules hitched to an authentic cotton gin used before the Civil War. Check out the goods in the old-time General Store. Thrill to the Cotton Blossom Railroad, powered by a miniature steam locomotive. See how a 19th century mill cut shingles for a house, or how a country grist mill turned out sacks of corn meal. You can also visit an original tobacco barn – one of only five in the state.

The kids can play old-time farm games or go on a hayride. Enjoy live music, storytellers, and dancers on our outdoor stage. It's a great weekend destination for the family-- a one-of-a-kind event.

Visit [www.johnblue-cottonfestival.com](http://www.johnblue-cottonfestival.com)

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## Laurinburg Welcomes Our Visitors

The City of Laurinburg and Scotland County look forward to welcoming you to our community and showing our Southern hospitality. For more information on where to stay, please visit the **Scotland County Tourism Web site** at [www.visitnc-soul.com](http://www.visitnc-soul.com)

### Hotels

<b>Hampton Inn</b>	910-277-1516	<b>Pine Acres Lodge</b>	910-276-1531
<b>Holiday Inn Express</b>	910-291-3300	<b>Scotland Inn</b>	910-276-0632
<b>Quality Inn</b>	910-277-0080	<b>Oasis RV Park</b>	910-266-8372

### Casual Dining

<b>215 on Main</b>	910-361-4474
<b>Captain Larry's Seafood House</b>	910-276-1880
<b>Mi Casita Restaurante Mexicano</b>	910-276-0032
<b>The Main Table</b>	910-361-4273
<b>Wooly McDuff's Neighborhood Grille</b>	910-276-6632

### Quick Serve Dining

<b>Dawg Haus Express</b>	910-277-9303	<b>Great Wall Chinese Food</b>	910-276-9199
<b>General McArthur's</b>	910-276-1498	<b>Jin Jin Chinese Food</b>	910-277-1616
<b>Golden Corral</b>	910-277-1620	<b>Little Fuji Grill</b>	910-277-9922
<b>Greek Village</b>	910-277-7700	<b>Miyako</b>	910-506-4081
<b>Jerry's Deli and Grill</b>	910-266-9020	<b>Taki Japanese Restaurant</b>	910-291-9908
<b>Huddle House</b>	910-610-4100	<b>Jesse's Pizza &amp; Hot Sub</b>	910-277-8538
<b>Smithfield's Bar-B-Q</b>	910-266-8700	<b>Pizza Hut</b>	910-276-1770
<b>Waffle House</b>	910-277-9259	<b>Pizza Inn</b>	910-276-6565
<b>China Garden</b>	910-266-8885	<b>Moe's Chicken</b>	910-506-2325
<b>Golden Run</b>	910-277-7734		