'Fabric of Life' to open Sept. 11 at Florida Tech

The Ruth Funk Center for Textile Arts at Florida Tech in Melbourne will host the exhibit "Fabric of Life: Textiles of Latin America" Sept. 11 through Dec. 18. The exhibition will display complex and colorful textiles from Mexico to Brazil. The hand-painted Amazonian weavings, Panamanian molas and indigenous costumes from Ecuador and Guatemala illustrate the vibrant traditions that have survived through centuries of modernization. Special selections from the Funk Center's permanent collection will be presented along with objects on loan from private collections. Regular hours for the Ruth Funk Center are Tuesday to Friday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, from noon to 4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, visit http://textiles.fit.edu, or contact Carla Funk at 674-8313, or textiles@fit.edu.

Aces for Autism Tennis Exhibition Sept. 12

The Aces for Autism Tennis Exhibition, set for Sunday, Sept. 12, at the Kiwi Tennis Club in Indian Harbour Beach, will pit Florida Tech tennis coach Bill Macom and a partner against yet-to-be-named competitors in a doubles match. The day's events, which support the university's Scott Center for Autism Treatment, will be from 1 to 4 p.m.; the Macom match is at 3 p.m. Also planned is a mini-tennis clinic for the children and siblings of the Scott Center, run by members of the Florida Tech tennis team. A Pro-Am event from 1 to 3 p.m. is open to members of the community. The $150 entry fee for the Pro-Am will go directly to the Aces for Autism program. "Aces" provides funding through the Macom Scholarship to offset the cost of family services at the Scott Center. Other activities are free of charge. For more information on the event or to sign up, contact the Scott Center for Autism Treatment at 674-8106 extension 1, or send an e-mail message to cmiddlebrooks@fit.edu.

Keep Brevard Beautiful Coastal Cleanup Sept. 18

Keep Brevard Beautiful's Coastal Cleanup in Brevard County will be held from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 18. KBB will have 15 check-in sites throughout Brevard. North: Canaveral National Seashore Beach 1, Titusville; Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge; Haulover Canal, Merritt Island; and Kennedy Point Park. Marina, Titusville, Central: Kelly Park East, Merritt Island; Cherie Down Park, Cape Canaveral; Shepard Park, Lori Wilson Park and Ramp Road Park, Cocoa Beach; and Patrick Air Force Base, Central Beach. South: Jon Jorgenson Landing, Grant; Pelican Beach, Satellite Beach, Howard Putch Park, Paradise Beach; Ocean Avenue Beach, and Coconut Point Park, Melbourne Beach; and Sebastian Inlet State Park. This year's sponsors include Delaware North Parks and Resorts, Coca-Cola, FP&L, Ocean Potion, The Ocean Conservancy, the Florida Inland Navigation District and The Boeing Co. Bottled water, sun-care products and free T-shirts will be provided to the volunteers, while supplies last. For more information about the event, call Jim Krewaldt at KBB. His phone number is 631-0501, extension 206.

International Sound and Flavor Festival in Melbourne

The Melbourne Regional Chamber's Multicultural Business Council will present the International Sound and Flavor Festival from 12 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 25, at Wickham Park Pavilion. The park is next to Brevard Community College in Melbourne. Food vendors will include A Taste of Thai, Alexandria Grill, Broken Barrel Tavern, Cold Fusion Ice Cream, Orchid Bistro, and European Cafe. There will be arts and crafts displays, cultural clubs, a business expo and activities for children. Admission for all ages is $2 per person and includes a free tote bag. Exhibitor tables are available for businesses, cultural clubs, artists and crafters, and civic and charitable organizations. Also, there are openings for entertainers. For more information about the event, call Lisa Rouede at the Chamber. Her number is 724-5400, extension 225.

Fox Lake Fall Festival seeks crafters for Nov. 20 event

Registration for display tables and spaces for the 17th Fall Festival of Crafts at Fox Lake Park in Titusville, to be held Nov. 20, is under way at the North Area Parks Operations office. Spaces under the pavilion are $30 each (plus state sales tax), while spaces in the outside area are $20, and are limited to two per crafter. All items must be "handmade or homemade." Application forms are available at 475 N. Williams Ave., in Titusville, by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope, or by e-mailing jill.hill@brevardparks.com. The registration deadline is 4 p.m. on Nov. 12. This activity is sponsored by Brevard County Parks and Recreation Department. Call 264-5105 for additional information on this event.

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