

Celebrate Kwanzaa with Hurrey-UP Stage & Film Works

The Kwanzaa Committee of Pensacola presents Pensacola's 25th Annual Kwanzaa Celebration on Saturday, December 26.

This year, the local Kwanzaa Committee is co-partnering with Hurrey-UP Stage & FilmWorks to produce the event.

Created by Dr. Maulana Karenga, "Kwanzaa" means "first-fruits" in Swahili, a Pan-African language which is the most widely spoken African language.

First held in 1966, Kwanzaa is a seven day holiday celebrated in the United States honoring African heritage and culture. It is observed from December 26 to January 1 each year.

During Kwanzaa, millions of African Americans and people of African descent gather to celebrate their heritage and ancestry. Kwanzaa celebrations provide an opportunity for all

people, regardless of religion or ethnicity, to focus on the importance of family, community, and history, and to reflect on the "Nguzo Saba" or seven principles of African culture.

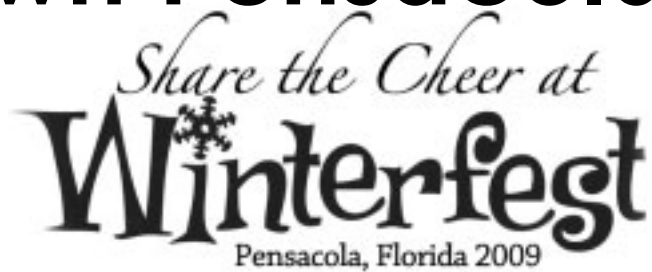
These principles emphasize unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith.

Kwanzaa will be held at Booker T. Washington High School at 6000 College Parkway in Pensacola. The event will begin at 12 p.m. with the Kwanzaa Vendors Market and end at 5 p.m.

The Umoja opening celebration will include the formal Kwanzaa ceremony, local entertainers, and local business supporters.

For additional information on this event, visit www.hurreyupstageandfilmworks.com or contact Ayinde Hurrey at (850) 291-2718 or (850) 291-2228.

Winterfest lights up Downtown Pensacola



Winterfest tours and performances light up beautiful Downtown Pensacola from Historic Seville to the Palafox Business District.

Four exciting holiday tours include a special *Santa's Express Tour* the week before Christmas that's great for young children, and the flagship *Performance Tour* which features 16 fun stops with your favorite holiday characters.

The following is a list of Winterfest activities:

■ **Rudolph's Revue:** In 2009, Rudolph's Revue is coming back with a big new musical show twice a night in Plaza Wonderland. Bringing joy to the Plaza with gospel singers, traditional holiday tunes, and even more great dancing, this free event is a must for your family holiday plans.

■ **Performance Tour:** Featuring our star Cat in the Hat, Gulf Breeze Drama's Charlie Brown Christmas, and UWF Drama's Scrooge.

Singing guides accompany you into a world of wonder featuring scenes from your favorite holiday memories, including Elvis, The Polar Express, and the Grinch! Performance Tours run Dec. 5, 11, 18, 19, and 20.

■ **Walking Tour:** Let Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer guide you on a brisk evening stroll -- you can even bring your pup! This one hour walking tour is a great way to see the Seville neighborhood. Songs and stories make the evening extra special!

■ **Santa's Express Tour:** Take a jolly trip with Santa from Plaza Wonderland. Santa rides every night Dec. 21 through Christmas Eve. Great

for young children--a 30-minute tour.

■ **Frosty's Holiday Lights Tour:** Treat yourself to a lovely view of the downtown decorations! Frosty tours feature songs and stories of the holidays, holiday lights, and relaxing good cheer. This 25-minute tour continues from Boxing Day through Dec. 26 and 27.

■ **Plaza Wonderland:** Plaza Wonderland is what you get when you fill the Courthouse Plaza with Winterfest's trademark holiday cheer. Families and kids of all ages will enjoy visiting Santa Claus, riding the choo choo, and taking in our big show. For more information, visit www.pensacolawinterfest.org.



BOB SIKES TOLL BRIDGE Annual Pass Renewal Begins

NOVEMBER 2, 2009
through
DECEMBER 30, 2009
Mon-Fri 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.



APPLICATIONS CAN BE PICKED UP:

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- AT THE SANTA ROSA ISLAND AUTHORITY OFFICE
- ONLINE AT WWW.SRIA-FLA.COM.

* Remember:

There will not be a January grace period. All 2009 active annual passes will terminate December 31, 2009.

All New Annual Pass sales begins at SRIA office Jan. 4, 2010. Extended sales office hours are 8:30 am to 6:30 pm, January 4, 2010 through January 29, 2010.