

**2008 Sweetgrass Cultural Arts Festival
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Dear Restaurant/Food Vendors:

I am writing to ask for your help. The Sweetgrass Cultural Arts Festival, Board of Directors, The Charles Pinckney Historic Site (NPS), the City of Charleston Office of Cultural Affairs, Wando Community School Program and the Town of Mt. Pleasant have once again partnered in an effort to present our third Annual **Sweetgrass Cultural Arts Festival 2008. The events will take place at Laing Middle School (2213 Highway 17 N.) on Friday June 6th from 3-8 PM and Saturday June 7th 2008 from 12-8 PM.** The Sweetgrass Cultural Arts Festival will once again be a part of the renowned Piccolo Spoleto celebrations and, we anticipate a significant number of tourists and local residents will be attracted to our festival events. The festival will provide live entertainment, Gullah Geechee skits and storytelling, children's activities, and a variety of songs and dance groups will perform throughout the festival. Local basket makers, quilters, artists and other crafters will showcase their rich history, culture and legacy handed down for the past three hundred years from one generation to the next.

Restaurants and food vendors are being asked to participate by providing a variety of Gullah Geechee and Lowcountry foods for our visitors to enjoy. **We are soliciting your participation in our 2008 Sweetgrass Cultural Arts Festival. The cost for Restaurants and Food Vendors to participate in the festival is fifty dollars (\$100.00) per day for each vendor, payable to the Sweetgrass Cultural Arts Festival and application fees are non-refundable.** We are asking our local restaurants and food vendors to help make this year's festival a huge success, by participating in our third annual Sweetgrass Cultural Arts Festival.

An application has been enclosed for your consideration and convenience. If you choose to participate, please complete the enclosed application and return it by the April 30, 2008 deadline with the appropriate fee to the address above. If additional information is needed, please call 856-9732. We are looking forward to your participation at our Sweetgrass Cultural Arts Festival 2008. With warm and kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Thomasena Stokes-Marshall
Mt. Pleasant Town Council Member
SCAF Project Director

The Honorable James Clyburn, Honorary Chairperson
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