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Ag Fair Serves up Fun



Top: Participants from St. Kitts at their display table at the St. Thomas/St. John Agriculture and Food Fair. Bottom: Charles Leonard poses near a bunch of bananas while holding a bottle of honey produced by the bees that he raises.



An estimated 5,000 people attended the St. Thomas/St. John Agriculture and Food Fair held Nov. 18 and 19. About 60 booths lined with everything from food, to produce, to arts and crafts occupied the grounds of the University of the Virgin Islands Reichhold Center for the Arts for the fair. The theme for this year's fair was "Food and Agriculture: A Perfect Mix for 2006."

The petting zoo was a big hit with children and adults alike. People came from near and far to participate in the fair, with a group coming from St. Kitts. That group sold everything from pepper sauce, to cassava bread, to sarsaparilla – and of course the country's trademark sugar.

The big prizes of Farmers of the Year were awarded. Michael Bryan was named crop farmer of the year. Leslie Todman was named livestock farmer of the year. Student essay winners were Ronald Williams and Lauren Liburd, in first and second place respectively. For a complete list of Ag Fair winners visit the UVI website at www.uvi.edu.



Television personality Empress Jeanille (left) of MTV's Caribbean music channel Tempo poses with UVI's Cherly Roberts at the St. Croix campus' "Down on the Corner" event a day before the Tempo Turns 1 Birthday Bash.

Tempo Turns One . . . and Turns Up on Campus

While the Virgin Islands were gearing up for what perhaps was the biggest concert to hit the territory, UVI was right in the mix. When the hosts of Tempo were on St. Croix for the Tempo Turns 1 Birthday Bash they stopped by the UVI campus for a 'lime' at "Down on the Corner," the campus' monthly first Friday event that was held Nov. 3.

VJ's Empress Jeanille, Dahved Levy and Hector Lincoln greeted students, signed autographs and posed for pictures with students and staff. Tempo's Founder and Chief Executive Officer Frederick Morton – a Crucian – was also on hand. The Student Activities Office raffled free tickets and sold discounted student tickets. UVI and the Reichhold Center for the Arts were two of the sponsors of the Nov. 4 Tempo Turns 1 Birthday Bash.

Events Calendar

Nov. 22	Archery Tournament	STX
Nov. 23-25	Paradise Jam Tournament	STT
Nov. 23	Thanksgiving Day -- UVI Closed	
Nov. 24	Fortsberg Day -- UVI Closed	
Dec. 2	UVI Christmas Concert	STT
Dec. 8-9	Woodworkers Expo	STT

UVI to Play Mas for Festival 2007

It's going to be 'mas' for the 2007 Crucian Christmas Festival when the UVI troupes come up the road. UVI students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends are welcome to join the UVI's entry in the adult's parade. Based on the theme "Playing Mas: From Many Cultures, One Virgin Islands," the troupe will feature three sections that depict how the people of St. Croix have played mas throughout the centuries. Registration, which covers the cost of the costume, is \$135 for UVI students and \$165 for non-UVI students. An "early bird" special price of \$100 for UVI students and \$135 for non-students is available to those who sign-up by Dec. 11.

Meanwhile, registration is under way for the first annual 4-H Crucian Christmas Festival Troupe. The UVI Cooperative Extension Service 4-H/Family and Consumer Sciences Program sponsors the troupe for children ages 6-12. All children wishing to take part in a wholesome, fun and age-appropriate troupe are welcome to join. The deadline for the 4-H Troupe registration is Dec. 1.

A costume sample from one of the three sections of UVI's Festival 2007 Adult's Parade entry. To view sketches of all of the costumes visit the UVI website at www.uvi.edu.



Caribbean Folklore

To register, or for more information about UVI's adult's parade entry, call 692-4188 or 692-4023 or register on-line at www.uvi.edu. To register, or for more information about UVI's children's parade entry, call 692-4087 or 692-4084. The children's parade is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 5, and the adult's parade for Saturday, Jan. 6, 2007.

Expo to Feature V.I.'s Finest Woodturners

Dressers, dining room tables, spoons, pens, sculptures, carvings and much more – all made by hand using wood – will be on display at the first annual "Virgin Islands Woodworkers Expo" at the UVI Sports and Fitness Center on St. Thomas. This one-of-a-kind event will feature crafts by some of the finest woodworkers in the territory. The pieces will be on display and some will be for sale. Demonstrations will be made by master woodworkers including Avelino Samuel of St. John, Afreekan Southwell of St. Thomas and Bien Brignoni of St. Croix.

The expo opens at 1 p.m. on Dec. 8; and 10 a.m. on Dec. 9. There will be a special showing for junior and senior

high school carpentry, woodworking and art vocational classes at 10 a.m. on Dec. 8. Admission to all sessions is free. For more information call 693-1083.

The Expo is sponsored by the UVI Cooperative Extension Service in partnership with the West Indian Company Limited, VI Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc., the VI Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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