

# *The South Carolina Humanities Festival*

(The annual festival is a celebration of community history and community enrichment.)

2011 South Carolina Humanities Festival

Host Community: Sumter, SC

**Festival dates: Thursday, October 1 through Sunday, October 9, 2011**

The Humanities Council of South Carolina has asked the Sumter County Cultural Commission to host the 2011 SC Humanities Festival. The Cultural Commission has started planning for the Sumter-based festival and is soliciting input and suggestions from throughout the Sumter community. The Cultural Commission would like to provide an opportunity for Central Carolina Technical College, USC Sumter, Morris College as well as Sumter-area civic groups, organizations, businesses, churches and individuals to participate in the October 2011 Humanities Festival.

Every year, The Humanities Council<sup>SC</sup> sponsors the Humanities Festival in a community in South Carolina. Started in 1993 in honor of the Council's 20th Anniversary, the Humanities Festival has been held in eighteen different South Carolina cities. **Each festival celebrates the history and culture of the host community, engaging the citizens in lectures, discussions, films, and exhibits and facilitating partnerships between cultural organizations, businesses, local governments and community groups.** For additional information: <http://www.schumanities.org/>

*What are the humanities? The humanities help shape everyday life. They are history, literature, languages, linguistics, philosophy, ethics, comparative religion and anthropology, as well as historical, critical and theoretical approaches to the arts. They are how we understand ourselves and our world. They're also how we communicate and share the human experience and understanding to others.*

If you are interested in participating in the 2011 Humanities Festival please contact

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