

p.m. (weather permitting and based on staff availability). \$2.50/ride. 1100 Jefferson Dr. SW (on the National Mall, near the "castle"). www.si.edu

Storytelling at the American Indian Museum

A Native staff member reads books by or about Native Americans. "Hoknoth-da?" means "Did you hear?" in the Shawnee language. For ages 5-9. Mondays through Fridays, 1:00 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 11:30 a.m. Free, walk-in. Seating is first-come, first-served. American Indian Museum, Resource Center, third level. On the Mall at Third St. and Independence Ave. SW. 800-242-6624. www.americanindian.si.edu

Kids' Corner Fall Fair, Saturday, October 16

Oct. 16, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., is a fun-filled day of pumpkin carving, international food, hay rides, face painting, music, dancing and more! The event raises money to support the Kids' Corner music program. Purchase an all-inclusive fall fair bracelet from the Kids' Corner Front Office or at the event (\$25). Tickets may also be purchased for food and individual activities. Rose Mitchell Park, 23rd and sts. NW. www.kidscornerdcc.wordpress.com ♦

Shaw Sweet Potato Festival

BY ALEX PADRO

As part of the final DC Main Streets First Saturday event of 2010, Shaw Main Streets conducted the first-ever Shaw Sweet Potato Festival. Partnering with the Mid Atlantic Gleaning Network (MAGNET), which provided the produce, Shaw Main Streets had restaurants and bakeries prepare and offer free samples of sweet potato recipes, including Nellie's mini cupcakes and sweet potato fries, and Chapman's celebrated sweet potato pie. Kids were invited to decorate sweet potatoes at Old City Green and compete for prizes: Mr. Potato Head toys. Free reusable shopping bags full of sweet potatoes were also distributed. Photos by Robert Isard and Alexander M. Padro, Courtesy Shaw



Right: Prize Winning Sweet Potato. Photo: Alex Padro

Below: Nellie's Sweet Potato Fries. Photo: Alex Padro



Hans Zook shows off his Mr. Potato Head. Photo Alex Padro



Nellie's Mini Sweet potato Cupcakes. Photo by Alex Padro

Chatman's Sweet Potato Pie Samples. Photo: Robert Isard



TOP TO BOTTOM: Three happy festival goers. Photo: Alex Padro