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What We Do

Our mission is the development and support of entrepreneurship and job creation opportunities related to heritage tourism in Stokes County. Heritage tourism describes the way rural communities can use their unique local assets to create new home grown economies; new businesses and jobs.

We have many visitors to the incredible Saura Mountains and Dan River every week. Our farm landscape, and the ways of the people who tend it, draw people here. Our goal is to help create a healthy, sustainable, local economy based on our most unique local treasures and assets --- for all of the county's residents.

Local foods, and the land they are grown on, represent a focus for the work of StokesCORE. Our foods are a connection between our land, our culture and the people who visit our area. We have a vision for the County's future; join us in making that vision a reality.



Community Kitchen Project



Our Community Kitchen Project is a tangible focus for heritage tourism efforts in the county and is already beginning to create locally grown market ready food products.

The early years of StokesCORE have been about listening to the community. The call for a way to combine our area's potential with products that all our residents can help develop led us to explore shared-use culinary facilities ("community kitchens").

These facilities are used around the state and the nation to provide rural residents a convenient and cost effective way to create businesses in value added food production. The Kitchen will offer facilities and support to growers, small businesses and new entrepreneurs who want to join an emerging food service industry in Stokes County. It will incubate new businesses and help to create a new economy for our County.

Growers that have no way to add value, homemakers who cook in home kitchens but need industrial space and equipment for more production, and budding entrepreneurs with great recipes but no way to get their products to market, will each find the CKP to be of benefit when the program is in place in 2008. This year's Sweet 'Tater Cook-off was one step in identifying great recipes, and in seeking potential users for a shared-use Community Kitchen.

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*We're Investing in
the Future of Stokes
County --- Join Us!*

1st Annual Sweet Tater Cook Off



February 24th was Sweet Potato Day in Stokes County --- at least for a morning. And what a morning it was. There were tasty hot sweet potato pancakes and maple syrup for breakfast, and dish after dish of the tuber in every form imaginable lining the hallway. Over one hundred Stokes County residents participated in this recipe contest and to promote awareness of our organization and our work to create a community kitchen. There were cash prize winners and people who found new hope --- in possibly a future in the food industry. Just wait until next year!

StokesCORE Gets to Cooking



StokesCORE was front and center at the 2nd annual **Wine, Bid, and Boogie** on the Townfork Creek in Germanton on Saturday, June 16th.

The event, an auction for the Stokes County Art's Council is sponsored the Germanton Gallery and Winery and has enjoyed vigorous support from the corporate community and individual art-lovers alike

This also served as a CKP product development step, provided an opportunity to meet county residents and raise funds through the sale of a local agricultural product --- Saura Pride Sweet Potatoes. Board member Kim Christie (above, center,) donned her apron and grilled home-grown sweet potato fries along with Executive Director Tony McGee (above, right,) and Development Coordinator Larry Weston.

StokesCORE's tent also provided a business opportunity for local food entrepreneurs whose beautifully baked offerings included brownies, breads, and other sweets. County Commissioner Stanley Smith, Arts Council Executive Director Eddy McGee, Apple Foundation Board member Ben Vernon (above, left), and many others stopped by StokesCORE's tent to offer their good wishes and thank the organization for its work.

Lively music from area performers, a spirited art auction featuring paintings by local artists, wine and food tastings, and outdoor fun for the kids made the day a memorable one. The festival offered a great chance to see fine art, hear triad musicians, meet interesting new people, and sample tasty food offerings --- right here in fresh foothills air of Stokes County.

A short drive from Winston-Salem, Mount Airy, Raleigh/Durham/Chapel Hill or Charlotte is all it takes to join Stokes County in celebrating its gifts and the people that make it possible. StokesCORE will be there again next year for the 3rd Annual Wine, Bid, and Boogie. See you all there.