Hey Ya'll! I'm Sade Turnipseed your host of Delta Renaissance the number one cultural arts talk show in the Delta. This segment is dedicated to all the Delta residents who were so instrumental in putting together the Fannie Lou Hamer Memorial Park project. We thank you for all your hard towards keeping the Delta history alive and relevant for the sake of our children. And, now your Delta arts updates............

The first annual Sweat Equity Investment in the Cotton Kingdom Symposium will be held at the Mississippi Valley State University, on Thursday October 11 beginning at 9am. The organizers would like to invite you not only to the symposium, but also to the ground breaking ceremony for the Cotton Pickers of America Monument on Friday October 12 at high noon. The ceremony will take place on old Mound Bayou road just off highway 61 in Mound Bayou. There will also be the first annual Cotton Pickers Ball, at 6pm on the Valley's campus in the Lackey auditorium, featuring soul singer Lacee and storyteller Helen Sims. This is the only celebration in the Delta where folks are encouraged to come to the party in their cotton picking clothes like overalls and don't forget da hat. Also, don't forget to bring a white candle for the African drumming and Ancestral candlelight vigil that precedes the Ball. You may visit khafreinc.org, or call 662.347.8198 for more information. ........

This Friday is 1<sup>st</sup> Friday and that means Ladies Night at da House starring the Delta's own soon to be superstar Mr Columbus Toy, featuring Big Red and Mr Wood from Greenwood. The show starts at 9pm. Don't forget to join us also at da' House each Monday and Wednesday at 7:30pm for Line Dance classes, and now African American historical Films on Thursdays at 6pm. So do come to meet the family at Da' House 105 Main street in historical downtown Indianola.......

NOW thru DECEMBER 15 in *Leland* there is a "Blues & Beyond" Photo Exhibit, in The Leland Progress building located at 119 E. Third Street.

In Greenwood today there is an Art Alfresco, which is a day of FREE fun in historic downtown. Local artists will display their work and musicians will be playing in the streets. For more information, call 662-453-7625, see the website main street greenwood dot com.

And tonight through Saturday you gotta get to *Helena, Arkansas* for the King Biscuit Blues Festival featuring Bobby Rush, Taj Mahal, and Bonnie Raitt.

Once again, I would like to encourage everyone to please support the arts and education in the Delta, by attending one of these truly wonderful cultural events and by tuning in weekly to the Delta Renaissance Show, just before Saturday

Night Live. This week is part two of the conversation that I had with Mr. Charles McLaurin discussing the Fannie Lou Hamer Memorial project and Mr McLaurin's life as a Civil Rights worker. Remember the full version of Delta Renaissance airs every Saturday evening at 10pm on NBC...........

This has been Sade Turnipseed inviting you all to stay connected to your culture, right here on WABG, DELTA FOX-10 and NBC 33. If you are planning an event that you would like to share, please don't hesitate to send it in to me at: deltarenaissance@aol.com, or fax it to 662.887.2900. And to get more information about all of these events and more you can visit Delta Renaissance online at www.DeltaRenaissance.com.