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**Judge us not by
the negative
things they are
saying but rather,
by the positive
things we are
doing.**

Michael C. Smith

Village Website New Design

Hi friend in keep with our tradition of always improving and keeping Boston Carnival Village web site fresh and interesting we have redesigned the site yet, again. I would like to invite you all to stop by and check it out. As always let us know what is good, bad and down right horrible. Your opinions are very valuable here. www.BostonCarnivalVillage.com

Year End Review

- In 2008 we successfully launched a 40 piece photography exhibition on Boston Carnival entitled "Streets Of Color" to commemorate the 35th anniversary, which was a success. In 2009 the exhibition is on going and we are working out the detail for venues in the coming season. We will keep you up to date. To those of you that took the time and made it to the opening, thank you.
- We were unsuccessful in acquiring the results for the season just ended, however that is not dead yet my sources are working quite hard to get us the information.
- I understand that there was a bit of shaking up that took place over at the Caribbean American Carnival Association of Boston Inc. Mr. Carl Smith (2008 Election) was voted the Vice President, replacing Mr. Alan Oliver and Public Relations is headed up by Mrs. Carol Leggett (unconfirmed). Yes the President is still Shirley Shillingford.
- 2008 Awards ceremony is still pending as of this writing, however if it did take place my apologies, however my sources said no. The hold up is unknown, but it is most likely funding related.
- Boston Carnival founder Mr. Ken Bonaparte Mitchell (1942 - 2008) died on September 6, 2008 from cardiac arrest. He resided in Florida with his wife. He, is as I called him the de original culture warrior. We were planning to have him here for the next opening of the exhibition to present him with the commemorative piece I designed; hopefully one of his children could make the next opening.

Publisher's Notes

2009 is expected to be quite tough season for the artisans (bandleaders) in these financially tough times and all of us who love the culture should really try to help the bandleaders. If you own a business, please consider sponsoring, it is a two way street your business will benefit from the exposure. Give me a call (617.335.8085) or info@bostoncarnivalvillage.com Radio DJs and promoters how about donating some air time and free music at the band launchings. In all these cases Boston Carnival Village will promote your business online for FREE during the carnival season. (27,000 hits / month of free exposure) Networking is always a good thing. How about your business acquaintances send me their information and we will send them a package and if they come on board you will get paid a finders fee.