



**The Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center (SQCC) is dedicated to educating the people of the United States and Oman about the breadth and richness of our two cultures. During 2023, SQCC held a vast events to honor its mission. This is a brief summary of the events held though out this year.**



JANUARY- MARCH

- Appointment of a new director Ms.Farah Al Raisi
- Commencement of Spring 2024 Arabic classes.
- Arab America gathering for tour of SQCC.
- Oman represented at Washington DC Travel and Adventure show.
- SQCC and DMC of the Embassy of the SULTANATE of Oman ,Mr. Salim Al Wardi, delivered a presentation about Oman to a group of students from Middle East Affairs at Georgetown.



APRIL - JUNE

- SQCC participated in the Passport DC Around the World Embassy Tour.
- Lecture Series with Adel Korkor on Mental Health.
- 2 Embassy Adoption visits including: EAP Global Warming at Bancroft ES and EAP 45th Annual Mini United Nations.
- SQCC hosted Omani Cultural Attache's Arizona St. Univ. Event
- 22 summer interns from NCUSAR were given a tour of SQCC and a lecture on Oman.
- SQCC participated in The EuroAsia Shorts 2023 with The Alliance Française.



ON 6 MAY, SQCC PARTICIPATED IN PASSPORT D.C.'S ANNUAL AROUND THE WORLD EMBASSY TOUR. NEARLY 1300 VISITORS TOOK PART IN THE REMARKABLE EVENT AT SQCC. VISITORS TOURED SQCC'S PERMANENT EXHIBITION, WHERE THEY LEARNED ABOUT TRADITIONAL OMANI ATTIRE, SILVER WORK, CARPENTRY, BASKETRY AS WELL AS THE AFLAJ IRRIGATION SYSTEM. VISITORS ALSO LEARNED ABOUT OMANI FORTS, SHIPS, AND TRADE.

SQCC AND THE EMBASSY ADOPTION PROGRAM (EAP) CONCLUDED THE 2022-2023 ACADEMIC YEAR WITH BANCROFT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS PRESENTING THEIR CAPSTONE PROJECT ON 13 JUNE. THE PRESENTATION OPENED WITH THE PLAYING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM OF OMAN. STUDENTS SHARED WHAT THEY LEARNED ABOUT OMAN DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR, IN THE FORM OF POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS





**JULY - SEPTEMBER**

- **SALAM Orientation & Travel.**
- **SQCC received many official visits from a variety of Omani delegations**
- **Visit of 40-50 Students from the Fund for American Studies TFAS**
- **Interns Visit to LOC.**
- **SQCC Fall 2023 Arabic Language courses started with 100 enrolled students in 9 classes.**



40-50 STUDENTS FROM THE FUND FOR AMERICAN STUDIES RECEIVED A TOUR AROUND SQCC'S CULTURAL EXHIBITION AND LIBRARY, LEAD BY OUR PROGRAMME OFFICER, JENAN. AFTERWARDS, THEY RECEIVED A LECTURE FROM MR. SALIM AL WARDI, THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION AT THE EMBASSY OF THE SULTANATE OF OMAN IN WASHINGTON D.C., ON OMANI CULTURE AND FOREIGN POLICY. THIS LECTURE WAS THEN FOLLOWED WITH A MINI RECEPTION WHERE STUDENTS TRIED OMANI DELICACIES SUCH AS COFFEE, HALWA, AND DATES.



**OCTOBER - DECEMBER**

- **Visit of 13 students from the Episcopal High School to discuss the Celestials Bodies Novel/ with Teacher Hugh Koeze.**
- **SQCC participates in the Middle East Association Annual Conference in Montreal, Canada.**
- **SQCC's exhibition at the Gulf International Forum / National Press Club.**
- **SQCC hosted Student National Day celebration.**
- **SQCC participated on Embassy National Day.**
- **SQCC attends NCSS Conference.**



ON THE 18TH OF NOVEMBER, 2023, SQCC HOSTED THE CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL DAY FOR OMANI STUDENTS. OMANI STUDENTS FROM DIFFERENT STATES JOINED THE CELEBRATION. STUDENTS FROM DIFFERENT COUNTRIES JOINED THE CELEBRATION AS WELL. H.E. AMBASSADOR DELIVERED A SPEECH TO ENCOURAGE AND INSPIRE STUDENTS TO REPRESENT OMAN AND WORK HARD ON THEIR STUDIES. THE CELEBRATION FOLLOWED BY OMANI FOOD, HALWA, OMANI COFFEE, AND TRADITIONAL DISHES.