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## **KINGSTON PLANTATION'S BIG TOP GIVES MEETING PLANNERS A BREATH OF FRESH AIR** *New 12,500 square-foot seasonal tent provides additional meeting space options*

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. - (April 2006) - If you erect it, they will come. Kingston Plantation expands its meeting space by more than 10 percent with the addition of its new special event tent on the grounds of Embassy Suites Hotel. The seasonal tent provides a new venue for meeting planners with more than 12,500 square feet added to Kingston Plantation's 105,000 square feet of meeting space options.

"Most hotels don't have a large enough footprint to allow for this type of outdoor addition," says Bob Barenberg, general manager. "The tent is fully heated so we are able to use this space from January to Easter and then again from Labor Day until December 31."

The space is ideal for trade shows and exhibitions since it offers easy access for vendors and displayers with roll-in loading. The tent can accommodate 120 vendors at 8 X 10 spaces and 100 vendors at 10 X 10 spaces.

The special event tent also accommodates 1200 guests in theater style, 700 in classroom, 850 for banquet and 1,000 for a reception.

Kingston Plantation is the largest and most comprehensive oceanfront conference facility between Atlantic City and West Palm Beach. The Kingston Plantation Conference Center features 70,000 square feet in 17 different meeting rooms on a single floor in addition to the flexible ballroom banquet facilities that can accommodate groups from 40 to 1,400. The Conference Center also allows for various meeting rooms throughout the facility to be linked through a high-tech communications center that allow for simultaneous sound in each room. The 14,250 square-foot Kensington Ballroom features 18-foot ceilings and drive-in access, making it easy to incorporate special displays and exhibition equipment into meetings and presentations. In addition, the ballroom features column-free construction.

The Hilton Myrtle Beach Resort contains 34,000 square-feet of on-site meeting facilities, which includes an 18,000 square-foot exhibition hall. The flexible space is perfectly suited for any occasion of 10 to 600 people – from corporate retreat, board meetings and receptions to major exhibitions and special events.

Located in the heart of the famed Grand Strand in Myrtle Beach, Kingston Plantation is one of the largest and most comprehensive oceanfront resorts on the East Coast. In addition to the Embassy Suites, the 145-acre property offers more than 1,300 choices in accommodations including the 385-room Hilton Myrtle Beach Resort, private villas, townhomes and condominiums. Guests enjoy access to extensive recreational and meeting facilities including a 50,000 square-foot Sport & Health Club with indoor and outdoor pools, nine lit tennis courts, pro shop and state-of-the-art fitness equipment; Splash!, an oceanfront waterpark and lazy river; 72-par Rees Jones-designed Arcadian Shores Golf Course; and a host of seasonal activities for adults and children. For more information, call 800-876-0010 or visit [www.kingstonplantation.com](http://www.kingstonplantation.com).

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