

REALIZATION OF A DREAM:
THE AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM, TACOMA

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., whose birthday we celebrate this month, said in his famous speech in Washington, DC, August 28, 1963, "I have a dream." Many people have dreams, but nothing comes of them. But in June 1993, under the sponsorship of Koinonia Ministries, Rev. Alred Davis, Sr. talked to Ms. Jackie O'Bannon about a dream. Jackie had recently finished degrees at Seattle University and the University of Washington Tacoma. Jackie, who was a long-time community activist, knew the importance of developing African-American history. She pulled together a small group to explore the idea of a museum. In October 1993, Rev. Davis, Rev. Richard Penton, Ivy Murphy, Elliott Slaughter and Charlotte Caffee became the first African-American Museum Board. They appointed Jackie as their president. Their mission was to "educate the public about the contributions made by African Americans, locally as well as nationally." The mission statement has been changed to say: "to collect, preserve, interpret and exhibit objects and information illustrative of the story of African Americans, for the education and betterment of the community and its visitors."

The African American Museum Board created their first exhibit, "Washington State's First African American Pioneers," which is a collection of twelve (12) 4 by 3 feet colored portraits. It also includes artifacts from that era, such as an 1886 college diploma. The histories of these pioneers and their cities are also included. One of the portraits is of George Washington, founder of Centralia, 1872. This exhibit was shown in several places in Tacoma and Olympia.

Since this first exhibit in 1994, many things have taken place. The Board was restructured several times, adding new members and losing old members; we received our Internal Revenue Service 501(c)3 nonprofit charitable, educational status; and we created more exhibits.

On June 29, 1994, the African American Museum Board opened its Gallery of African American Heritage on the third floor of the old Washington State Historical Museum on Stadium Way. An official opening was held in August 1994, with Tacoma's first African American Mayor Harold Moss and African American State Senator Rosa Franklin among the speakers.

On Veterans' Day 1994, our second exhibit opened in our Gallery entitled, "SERVICE WITH HONOR: The Role of the African American in the Military." This exhibit now includes over 300 pictures of Washington's veterans. It traces the role of African Americans in the military from the Revolutionary War up to the recent Somalia deployment. It includes medals, uniforms and military gear from as early as World War 1 and contains portraits of the Buffalo Soldiers and Tuskegee Airmen.

In March 1995, we opened a third exhibit entitled, "EXTRAORDINARY LEADERS: The African American Mayors of Washington State." This exhibit contains the pictures, personal items and histories of the six African American Mayors of

Washington State. By the way, Washington is the only State to have six African American mayors, and all were Mayors of predominantly Caucasian cities. They are: William Cravens, Mayor of Roslyn, WA 1975-1980, who was Washington's first African American Mayor; James Chase, Mayor of Spokane, deceased; Joe Jackson, former mayor of Pasco; Henry Beauchamp, former mayor of Yakima; Mayor Harold Moss, Tacoma (now County Councilman); and Mayor Norm Rice, Seattle. All five living African American mayors and former mayors were in attendance at the opening on March 25, 1995. It was truly a historical occasion as this was the first time all of them were in the same room together.

In August 1995, "The Times of our Lives: The Lifestyles of African Americans in Washington State 1860 - 1960," opened in Silverdale at the Kitsap Mall. This exhibit contains many unique photographs and artifacts from this era, and includes the diaries and artifacts of Nathaniel Sargent, the first African American Justice of the Peace of Seabeck, WA (1897).

As you can see, the African American Museum Board has always had traveling exhibits, and they have been shown not only in the Tacoma area but also in Olympia, Bremerton, Seattle and other cities. They have been shown in schools, colleges, libraries, government buildings and Veterans Hospitals, etc.

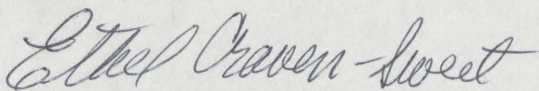
Actually, we have had what someone said was, "a museum without walls." But no more; the museum now has walls. That dream in 1994 is no longer a dream; it is a reality. The African American Museum was officially opened to the public on October 5, 1996. We are proud to say that it is the first, and only, African American Museum in the Pacific Northwest!

The Museum presently has the four exhibits stated above, plus an exhibit of African American Inventors, which includes George Washington Carver. We also have national traveling exhibits. One such exhibit, "Jackson Street After Hours," was just taken down, and a new traveling exhibit will take its place.

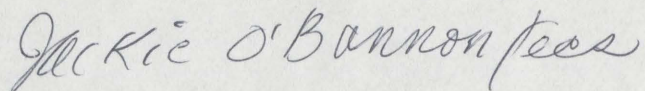
The African American Museum is located at 955 Market Street, Tacoma, Washington. It is open Tuesday thru Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Admission is \$3.25 per person. Tour, school and group rates are also available.

We invite all who can to drop by the Museum. Call (206) 274-1278 for further information. We look forward to seeing you soon.

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Ethel Craven-Sweet, PR



Jackie O'Bannon, Executive Director

African American Museum

955 Market Street Tacoma. WA 98402 (206) 274 - 1278

CELEBRATE AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH
WITH THE AFRICAN AMERICAN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, TACOMA AND THE AFRICAN AMERICAN
MUSEUM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

“WASHINGTON’S FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN PIONEERS”



George Riley, Tacoma's First Permanent Citizen, 1869

Photo provided by Esther Mumford, Art Work provided by Dionne Bonner

When: February 3, 1996 at Noon until 6:00 p.m.
Where: Jas Le Rob Gallery, 1015 South 12th Street - Tacoma
Admissions: Free

Come out and bring the entire family to enjoy a day of music, speeches, food, comedians, photo shots, and lotsa fun. An entire afternoon of FUN, FUN, FUN!

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM BOARD

May 4, 1996

The meeting was called to order by President Jackie O'Bannon at 10:40 a.m. at the Colored Women's Club, 2316 S. Yakima, Tacoma, WA.

Roll call was taken by Secretary Ethel Craven-Sweet. In attendance were: Jackie O'Bannon, Ethel Craven-Sweet, Donella Penton and Keith Eubanks. Excused absences: Charles Waddell, Dianne Robinson, Clarence Slaughter and Reuben Amamilo. Dianne had requested and received a leave of absence until September 1996, and Reuben to July 1996. Others not in attendance: Sid Breckenridge, Lynda Edwards, James Bell III.

President Jackie said she would get the minutes of the April meeting out to Board members soon.

The problem of unexcused absences and not attending meetings was discussed. A letter will be sent to members who have missed several meetings asking if they are still interested in being on the Board. A response is due by May 25, 1996.

It was discussed and the consensus of opinion that we should return the date of our meeting back to the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m., as more Board members showed up on Thursdays than Saturdays.

Clarence Slaughter, Lynda Edwards, Charles Waddell and President Jackie are working on the 1996 budget.

President Jackie submitted a grant request to the City of Tacoma for \$5000 for the Generals Exhibit in November. The City will be holding an Application Review Process and Meeting on May 21, 1996, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., First Floor Conference Room, Tacoma Municipal Building. All Board members who can, please attend. Jackie also submitted a grant for \$10,000 to McDonald's Children's Charities for the Judicial Review Exhibit.

President Jackie presented receipts for the following expenses: \$10.68 copying photos; \$7.80 for material to make a wood panel to cover electrical box at our exhibit in Bremerton; and \$22.30 for photographs for our exhibits. Ethel paid \$25 partial dues Friday, May 3rd; out of this amount came the \$10.68 and \$7.80, leaving a balance of \$6. Jackie is owed \$22.30.

She reported that we owe \$40 for post office box rental, and \$91 to Cheney Cowle Museum in Spokane for photocopies for the Military Exhibit. We have \$9.90 in the bank. Keith Eubanks paid \$25 on his dues today so Jackie will deposit \$31 in the bank. This will go on the post office box rental.

President Jackie stated that two new Board members, Marilyn Quincy and Dianne (Thompson) Robinson, were unable to attend due to prior commitments, but said they would be at our December meeting.

President Jackie stated that we have volunteers for chairing several committees. They are as follows:

Membership/Volunteer Committee: Chair - Marilyn Quincy

Exhibits Committee: Chair - Dianne (Thompson) Robinson;

Co-Chair - Reuben Amamilo

Site Committee: Tentative Chair - James Bell

Events Committee: Sidney Breckenridge will serve on this committee
but cannot chair because of other obligations.

Public Relations Committee: Open

The Executive Committee is composed of the officers of the Board:

Jackie O'Bannon, President; Linda Edwards, Vice President;

Ethel Craven-Sweet, Secretary; and Anne Ragin, Treasurer.

Sidney Breckenridge agreed to keep all our official records, i.e., incorporation papers, etc.

Because of time constraints, it was agreed we needed another meeting before our regular December meeting.

A SPECIAL MEETING WILL BE HELD Saturday, November 18th at 10 a.m. at Grounds for Coffee, 765 Broadway, Tacoma, to further discuss the committees, finances and Black History Month exhibits.

Ethel Craven-Sweet

Ethel Craven-Sweet
Acting Secretary

Jackie O'Bannon

Minutes of the Meeting of the
AFRICAN-AMERICAN MUSEUM BOARD

November 4, 1995

The November meeting of the African-American Museum Board was held Saturday, November 4th, at Grounds for Coffee, 765 Broadway, Tacoma, WA.

The meeting was called to order by President Jackle O'Bannon at 10:30 a.m. Other Board members in attendance were:

Sid Breckenridge, Sr., Ethel Craven-Sweet and Anne Ragin. The Board welcomed a new member, James Bell III from Mt. Vernon. We are glad to have him aboard.

Ethel Craven-Sweet, our Acting Secretary, apologized for not getting the letters mailed to Board members advising them of this meeting and the new day and time, plus the agenda. Telephone calls were made two days before the meeting, but due to the lateness of the notification, several members were unable to attend.

President Jackle stated that the artist of the mural for the Mayor's Exhibit in March 1995 had been paid the final \$1760 owed him.

The Tacoma News Tribune TGIF section printed a notice of the upcoming November 11th Veterans Day program and will print an article on it next week.

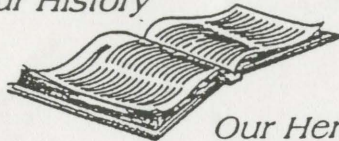
Approximately \$7,000 is owed to President Jackle O'Bannon by the Board for loans, etc. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

President Jackle went to Olympia this week to check on our incorporation status and filled out the necessary paperwork and paid the necessary fees to reinstate us. So we are again an official nonprofit organization/corporation in Washington.

President Jackle also stated that we had received our 501(c)(3), charitable/educational status from the Internal Revenue Service. This means that any donation made to the African-American Museum Board is tax deductible. It also means that we are eligible to apply for various grant monies.

President Jackle gave an overview on our upcoming exhibits: Mayors, Military/Veterans and Black History Month. The Military exhibit will be at Evergreen State College, Tacoma on Veterans Day, Saturday, November 11th, 2 p.m. The theme is "SERVICE WITH HONOR: The Role of the African American in the Military." There will be an unveiling of two murals, "1873 Buffalo Soldier" and "99th Tuskegee Airman" painted by artist Edward Claxton.

The Board asked for more time to discuss the Black History month exhibits.



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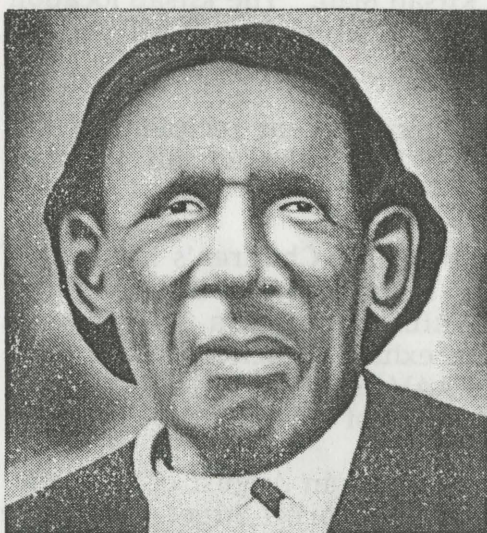
***HISTORY:** The African American Museum (AAM) was formed in June, 1993. The mission of the AAM is to: collect, preserve, interpret and exhibit objects and information illustrative of the story of African Americans, for the education and betterment of the community and its visitors. Until now, the Pacific Northwest has remained the only section of United States of America without such an educational and cultural institution.

***LEADERSHIP:** The AAM has always been led by its Board of Directors. Currently, that Board is made up of 15 professionals from throughout the Puget Sound community. The Board is broken into 5 committees. The leadership of the AAM rests entirely with the Board. The Board President is also the AAM Administrator who reports and answers directly to the Board. However, as with many non-profit boards, the President has no vote except in the event of a tie.

***MANAGEMENT:** The day to day operations of the AAM is managed by the Administrator who also serves as Board President. The Board President is required to forward all major issues to the Board of Directors for decision making. The AAM Administrator, Jackie O'Bannon, holds a Masters Degree in Public Administration. In addition to this, she also has over four years of administrative experience in a local children's museum. The African American Museum has never charged for any of its past exhibit showings. None of the many volunteers and Board members receive any financial compensation.

Volunteer Opportunities: docents, clerical, research, children workshops, reception, cataloging, special events, membership drive, publication.

***EXHIBITS:** The AAM has developed the following four major exhibits:



George Washington, founder of
Centralia, Washington - 1872

"Washington State First African American Pioneers" This is a collection of 12 - 4 by 3 feet colored portraits. This collection also includes artifacts from this era such as an 1886 college diploma. The histories of these pioneers and their cities are also included.

"SERVICE WITH HONOR": The Role Of African Americans In The Military. This exhibit includes over 300 pictures of Washington's veterans. It also includes metals, uniforms and military gear from as early as W.W.I. This collection also contains portraits of the Buffalo Soldier and the Tuskegee Airmen.

"EXTRAORDINARY LEADERS": The African American Mayors Of Washington State: This exhibit contains the pictures, personal items and histories of the six African American Mayors of Washington State. It also contains a 5' by 8 ft. mural featuring the six mayors in front of the Cascade Mountains.

"THE TIMES OF OUR LIVES": The Lifestyles of African Americans In Washington State 1860 - 1960". This exhibit contains many unique working, socializing, entertaining and religious photographs from this era. It also contains many artifacts that help illustrate the struggles and enjoyments incurred by this state's early pioneers. For example, this collection contains the diaries and artifacts of Nathaniel Sargent, the first African American Justice of the Peace of Seabeck, Washington (1897).



The African American Mayors

* EXHIBIT SHOWINGS: Beginning in June, 1994, the AAM started to display its exhibits at the Washington State Historical Museum. Before the opening of each of the exhibits, an elaborate ribbon-cutting program was sponsored by the AAM. Another two exhibit openings preceded the first one. The last of the exhibits closed at the State Museum in October of 1995. In addition to displaying exhibits at the Washington State Historical Museum, the AAM has also displayed exhibits at schools, colleges, government buildings, military installations, conferences and area malls. In addition to these displays, the AAM has also successfully sponsored ten Children's Days and Children's Workshops at the State Museum and Kitsap Mall. The Kitsap location will close the last of September. It will reopen in January of 1997.

* NATIONAL EXHIBITS: The Museum is proud to be the most recent recipient of the George Washington Carver Traveling Exhibit which is in the Kitsap location through September 30, 1996.

The AAM is also proud to announce the recent collaboration with the Children's Museum of Tacoma in the purchase of *Omonukle: A Nigerian Village*. Translated Omonukle means the house is full of children. This 6000 square foot exhibit features a schoolhouse, marketplace, woman's quarters, and the king's house. The exhibit is scheduled to open February 1, 1997 at the Children's Museum of Tacoma. The AAM is proud to work with the Children's Museum of Tacoma in bringing this exhibit to the State of Washington.

* CURRENTLY: The AAM opened its very own location in Tacoma in August of this year. The grand opening is scheduled for October 5th of this year at 955 Market Street. There are daily scheduled tours at 9:30, 11:00, 12:30, and 2:00. Quality programming, storytelling and workshops are also available. Please call the above number for more information.

Admission is \$3.25 per person. School and group rates are available.
Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday: Sunday noon to 5 p.m.

THE AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM

proudly presents
The Third Annual Celebration

of

"SERVICE WITH HONOR"

*The Role of the African
American Generals of
Washington State*

When: November 9, 1996

Where : 951 Market Street
Tacoma, Washington

Time: 7:00 P.M.- 10:00 P.M.

Donations Requested

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AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM BOARD PROUDLY PRESENTS:

EXTRAORDINARY LEADERS:
AFRICAN AMERICAN MAYORS OF WASHINGTON

MARCH 25, 1995, 6:00 P.M.
WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL MUSEUM
315 NORTH STADIUM WAY
TACOMA, WASHINGTON

FEATURING; MAYOR NORM RICE (SEATTLE)
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TOM BRADLEY

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August 20, 1996

African American Museum Board
ATTN: Ms. Ethel Craven-Sweet
PO BOX 1040
Tacoma, WA 98401

Ms. Craven-Sweet,

Thank you for considering Joyce Taylor of KIRO-TV to be your Mistress of Ceremonies for the opening of the African American Generals Exhibit.

Joyce and I would like to get additional information about your event so we can try to work it into Joyce's schedule. Also, you did not include your phone number in your letter and I need to get that from you.

Please give me a call at (206) 728-2618. I would love to speak with you more about your exciting event. If I am unavailable, please leave your number on my voice mail and I will return your call as soon as I can.

Thank you again for inviting Joyce to be part of your event.

Sincerely,

Georgie Nickell
KIRO, Executive Coordinator

2807 Third Avenue
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File



Joyce Taylor, KIRO-TV Channel 7

Joyce Taylor hosts KIRO Television's "7 Live" program, from 7 to 9 a.m. weekdays and also co-anchors KIRO News at Noon with David Kerley.

Taylor joined KIRO News in 1993 and soon became the co-anchor of the KIRO News at noon with Gary Justice and the 6:30 p.m. news with Steve Raible.

Before joining KIRO-TV, Taylor was an anchor and reporter for Seattle's KING-TV. From 1986 to 1988, she was weekend news anchor and weathercaster at WFMY-TV in Greensboro, North Carolina. Prior to that, she spent two years in Spokane at KREM-TV as a weekend weathercaster and reporter.

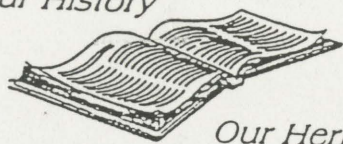
Among the awards Joyce has received are First Place in the RTNDA "Best Documentary" category for the states of North and South Carolina, and Sigma Delta Chi Award for the Inland Empire Region for Best Daily Feature.

A Northwest native, Joyce grew up in Tacoma where she graduated from Wilson High School. She is a 1984 graduate of Western Washington University in Bellingham with a B.A. degree in Broadcast Communications. Joyce and her husband, Dr. Calvin Wallace, live in Bellevue.

February 1995

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African American Museum

October 29, 1996

JOYCE TAYLOR, KIRO Television's "7 Live," will be the Mistress of Ceremony at the Third Annual Celebration of "SERVICE WITH HONOR: The Role of the African American in the Military."

This year's celebration will focus in on the five African American Generals of Washington State. They are: Calvin Waller, deceased; Frank Miller, Jr; Guthrie Turner; Julius Johnson and John Stanford, Seattle Superintendent of Schools. Generals Miller, Turner and Johnson will be in attendance.

This year's celebration will also focus on the newly acquired Buffalo Soldier Collection. This rare exhibit includes uniforms, canteens, belts, rare photographs and many other rarely seen artifacts from the 1800's. This collection is on loan from Brad Dahlquist.

The African American Museum is located at 951 Market Street, Tacoma, WA.

The date is Saturday, November 9, 1996. Time: 7:00 p.m.

There is no admission fee, but donations are encouraged. Space is limited, so please call the Museum at 274-1278 if you plan to attend.

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Jackie O'Bannon
Executive Director

AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM BOARD
P. O. BOX 1040
TACOMA, WA 98401

May 29, 1996

Ms. Joyce Taylor
KIRO TV
2807 - 3rd Avenue
Seattle, WA 98121

Dear Ms. Taylor:

The African American Museum Board located in Tacoma would like to invite you to be the **Mistress of Ceremonies** at the opening of the **African American Generals Exhibit** on Saturday, November 9, 1996, tentatively beginning at 5 p.m.

This exhibit was to have featured all the African American Generals who had served in Washington State, and General Waller (now deceased) had accepted our invitation to be the featured speaker. After a suitable time allowed for mourning, we plan to ask Mrs. Waller if she could come in her husband's place.

Seattle Schools Superintendent John Stanford will be one of the honored guests as he was one of the generals who previously served in Washington.

I don't know if you remember me or not, but I attended the Bon Marche Northwest Black Pioneers banquet in Tacoma in 1989. You were the MC. I am President of the Roslyn - Northwest Black Pioneers and was there with my sisters. I wore a pretty **pink pioneer costume**. I am the one who took a photo with you in your **Black "fishtail" dress**; the one who kept raving about you looking so beautiful in it, and my having worn a similar one in the 1960's. I also took a photo of you and your father. I have never forgotten you nor that dress! It still makes me smile whenever I think about it. Such a wonderful time.

Since I had met you, I was delegated the pleasure of requesting your company. I do hope you can make it as you will be a great asset to our program. More detailed information will be sent upon your acceptance.

Sincerely,

Ethel Craven-Sweet, Secretary

for Jackie O'Bannon, President
African American Museum Board



African American Museum

November 15, 1996

Ms. Joyce Taylor
"7 Live", KIRO
2807 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98121-1260

Dear Joyce:

Thank you for being our Mistress of Ceremonies November 9th at our third annual celebration of "SERVICE WITH HONOR: The Role of the African American in the Military." Our focus this year was on the five African American Generals of Washington State: Calvin Waller, deceased; Frank Miller, Jr., Guthrie Turner, Julius Johnson and John Standford, Seattle Superintendent of Schools.

We were honored to have you and heard many compliments from the audience on the manner in which you so ably and graciously handled your duties as Mistress of Ceremonies. Members of the audience were thrilled at the way you greeted them after the program was over; professional, yet with a great deal of warmth and genuine caring and concern; the same way you were as Mistress of Ceremonies. It was a wonderful evening, and your being there truly helped make our program a big success.

If, in the future, you are available, we would like to have you return; either as a Mistress of Ceremonies or as a speaker. We feel that KIRO is lucky to have a person such as yourself on their staff, and especially on "7 Live."

Sincerely,

JACKIE O'BANNON
Executive Director

Colored Women's Club
2316 South Yakima
Tacoma, WA

AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM BOARD

AGENDA

Tuesday, July 2, 1996

1. Meeting Call to Order Lynda Edwards, Chair
2. Roll Call Ethel Craven-Sweet
3. Review Minutes Ethel Craven-Sweet
4. Exhibits Lynda Edwards
 - a. Bremerton Rev. Allen
 - b. Generals Donella Penton
5. Grants Jackie O'Bannon
6. African Village Jackie O'Bannon

Grounds for Coffee
765 Broadway
Tacoma, WA

AFRICAN-AMERICAN MUSEUM BOARD

SPECIAL MEETING

November 18, 1995 10 a.m.

AGENDA

1. Meeting Call to Order Jackie O'Bannon
2. Roll Call Ethel Craven-Sweet
3. Review Minutes Ethel Craven-Sweet
4. Financial Statements Jackie O'Bannon
5. Approve Committee Chairs Members
6. Black History Month Exhibits Jackie O'Bannon
 - a. Showcase - Tacoma
 - b. Union Station, Tacoma
 - c. Evergreen State College, Tacoma
 - d. State Capitol, Olympia
7. Adjournment

Celebrate African American History Month at the Tacoma Public Library



Floyd Sandifer & the 493 Reunion Band

Floyd Sandifer (trumpet & flugelhorn), Elmer Gill (piano & vibraphone),
Jabo Ward (saxophone & flute), Buddy Catlett (bass), and Patty Padden (drums)

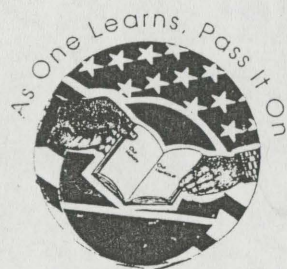
1:00 PM, February 3, 1996

Main Library - Tacoma Public Library
1102 Tacoma Avenue South

and, at 2:00 PM

Jackson Street After Hours a History of Jazz in Washington

*A lecture, slide presentation & book signing by Paul de Barros
author of Jackson Street After Hours*



Presented in cooperation with the
African American Museum Board
Tacoma City Association of Colored Women's Clubs, Inc.

Admission is Free to the Public

Tacoma Public Library

Message: 59

To: Multiple recipients of list <afrigeneas@msstate.edu>

From: mud4267@ix.netcom.com (FRED MCCLEARY JR)

Subject: Re: African American Museum, Tacoma, WA

Date: Tue, 5 Nov 1996 23:59:12 -0600 (CST)

You wrote:

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>Good news! The first African American Museum in the State of

>Washington and in the Pacific Northwest officially opened Oct. 5th, in

>Tacoma, WA. The Executive Director and driving force behind the
Museum is Ms. JACKIE O'BANNON.

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>The African American Museum Board has been in existence for four years

>but they didn't have a building. But they did have a traveling

exhibit of the First African American Pioneers in WA State. I met Jackie in

>January 1995 and joined the BD of Directors. We worked on the African

>American Mayors of WA State exhibit, which opened March 25, 1995 at

the WA State Historical Museum in Tacoma.

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>NOW WE HAVE OUR OWN BUILDING and on Saturday, November 9th, we are

>having an exhibit opening of the "African American Generals of

>Washington State." This is being added to our "SERVICE WITH HONOR: The

>Role of the African American in the Military" exhibit which starts with the

Revolutionary War up to the Viet Nam War.

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>This exhibit also includes the BUFFALO SOLDIERS and TUSKEGEE AIRMEN.

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>More later, I have an appt for 9 am and it's 8:30. Gotta go.

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>Ethel Craven Sweet at

>n2lpe@ix.netcom.com

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>Ethel,

I am in Spanaway. Where is this museum? Is it downtown on Pacific. I have not
heard about it! Has it been in the media?

I will definitely spread the word.

joan

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To: Multiple recipients of list <afrigeneas@msstate.edu>

From: n21pe@ix.netcom.com (Peter B. Mortensen)

Subject: Re: New - African American Museum, Tacoma, WA

Date: Wed, 6 Nov 1996 10:03:33 -0600 (CST)

>Joan & everybody,

THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM IN WASHINGTON STATE AND THE PACIFIC

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Yes, it has been in the media. The Tacoma News Tribune had a very good spread on it. The Bellevue Journal American had an article on it. A well-known Seattle television station is interested and plans to do a program on the Museum after the elections.

We do appreciate your spreading the word as we are just getting started and the more exposure we get, the better. Also, JOYCE TAYLOR of "7 Live" will be our MC at the opening of the "African American Generals of Washington State" exhibit Saturday, November 9th, 7:00 p.m. No admission charge, but donations requested.

The Museum is open Tuesday thru Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed Monday. Admission is \$3.25.

If anyone needs further information, please e-mail me privately.
Thanks.

Ethel Craven-Sweet at
n21pe@ix.netcom.com

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From: n2lpe@ix.netcom.com (Peter B. Mortensen)

Subject: Re: African American Museum, Tacoma, WA

Date: Wed, 6 Nov 1996 11:37:01 -0600 (CST)

Would the woman from California who called the African American Museum in Tacoma, WA yesterday after she read the article below, please e-mail me privately so I can talk with you. I am not sure exactly what you want, but since I am in charge of PR, I will be glad to assist you in any way I can. If you'd rather talk on the phone, please call the Museum after 1 p.m. today and ask for me personally.

Thanks for your interest in our Museum, and I do hope I can help you.

Ethel Craven-Sweet at
n2lpe@ix.netcom.com

I wrote:

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>>Ethel Craven Sweet at

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President Jackie said we had just received \$210 from American Lake Hospital for her speaking engagement there during February, Black History Month. We (Jackie and Ethel) deposited \$190 in our SEAFIRST checking account but we owed them \$180. Jackie received only \$20 instead of \$105, which is half of \$210. President Jackie said this is the last time she will use her money for Board expenses.

Donella Penton reported on the opening of the Generals' Exhibit in November.

It will be held Saturday, November 9, 1996, 5 pm - 10 pm. 5-6:15 pm there will be a reception for the Board and Generals. American Legion rental \$50 hr = \$250. The hall seats 250 people. There will be a dinner, display and silent auction. The cost is \$30.

The Board unanimously voted that we use the American Legion and not the Sheraton Hotel, which would cost \$2800. We also unanimously voted that the Board will not use match box covers for souvenirs.

Jackie is to check with the Generals to see if we can have a "Rapping with the Generals" like we had for the Mayors. Ethel is to check with Joyce Taylor, 7 Live (Channel 7 TV), to see if she can be M.C. for the dinner.

We have received a number of promised donations from local businesses. We are asking Board members to bring ideas for the Silent Auction to the meeting next month.

President Jackie talked about the 3 sites she had identified as possible sites of the African American Museum: Fawcett, Broadway and Albers. We discussed the writing of a grant in this regard to the Long Term Development Plan, Capital Projects for Washington Heritage, Olympia, WA for funding.

Tom Fortt, owner of a building at 13th & Fawcett, made a presentation.

We discussed the acquisition of the African Village from Portland Children's Museum.

We will have a special meeting to discuss our Long Term Development Plan for the African American Museum **Thursday, May 23, at 6 p.m. at the Colored Women's Club, 2316 S. Yakima, Tacoma, WA.**

The meeting was adjourned.

Ethel Craven-Sweet for

Jackie O'Bannon, President
African American Museum Board

Ethel Craven-Sweet, Secretary

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From: n21pe@ix.netcom.com (Peter B. Mortensen)

Subject: Re: **New - African American Museum, Tacoma, WA**

Date: Sun, 10 Nov 1996 19:28:36 -0600 (CST)

Well, maybe it's not too late. If they are interested, we can submit an article to them about the museum and upcoming exhibit openings, such as the Martin Luther King, Jr. exhibit. We'd love to have Portland, OR and southwest WA come to the Museum. Everyone everywhere else, too.

Do you know who to contact at the Oregonian? Their address? Phone No.? You are welcome to give them our address and phone No. Maybe something will come out of this. Thanks.

Ethel Craven-Sweet at
n21pe@ix.netcom.com

You wrote:

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>Hi Ethel,

>I wish the museum would have gotten The Oregonian to carry an article on the opening! I know that AA's here in Portland and southwest WA would be interested in some black culture. :o)

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>Aqiylah <ahaq@juno.com>

>GA GenWeb - Bibb County Coordinator

><http://www.rootsweb.com/~gabibb/bibb.htm>

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November 4, 1995 10 a.m
Safe Streets
935 Broadway, Tacoma

AGENDA

1. Meeting Call to Order Jackie O'Bannon
2. Roll Call Ethel Craven-Sweet
 Introduce New Members
3. Review Minutes Ethel Craven-Sweet
4. Financial Report Ann Regan
5. Exhibit Report & Upcoming Programs ... O'Bannon & Regan
 - a. Mayors
 - b. Military/Veterans
 - c. Black History
 - (1) Showcase
 - (2) Union Station
 - (3) Evergreen State College
 - (4) State Capitol, Olympia
6. Non-Profit Status - 501(c)3 Linda Edwards
7. Announcements Members
8. Adjournment



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FORWARD

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