

A CENTENNIAL TRIBUTE TO NORTHWEST BLACK PIONEERS

On the evening of February 17, 1988, a Black Tie Affair at the Bon Marche in downtown Seattle will "kick-off" A Centennial Tribute To Northwest Black Pioneers, a four day historical and cultural event, the first ever of its kind. The celebration, in honor of Black History month, will donate its profits to the creation of trust funds to be held for future Black scholars.

This celebration will be open to the public beginning on February 18, 1988 through February 21, 1988, at the Bon Marche, downtown Seattle. A variety of programs will be offered throughout seven floors, including historical video presentations, singing, jazz, rhythm and blues, gospel, dance, photography exhibits, modeling of pioneer clothing, sculpture, creative designs, poetry reading, storytelling, black american foods and displayed academic and art work by K-12 grade students.

This centennial celebration will offer visual, listening, reading and browsing opportunities for the young and old to become acquainted with the role of the Black American in the history of this region, The Pacific Northwest, and will trace this unique history from the year 1770 to the present predating the birth of the state of Washington.

"A Centennial Tribute to Northwest Black Pioneers" welcomes all Washingtonians to join in this unique opportunity of learning and fun!!!!

The Bon Marche is the official sponsor of this four-day event.

Ethel F. Craven of Roslyn Wash was a featured speaker: she cut the Ribbon for opening these Events, along with Governor Booth Gardner, received a standing ovation after her speech, & later was interviewed for TV channels 4 & 5. She also received a 12 flower Bouquet of Roses. Mrs Craven at 82 yrs of age is the oldest Living Black in the Kittitas County ¹¹ of Washington