

**Gwinnett Historical Restoration & Preservation Board****Monday, May 16, 2022 – 6:00pm**

Simpsonwood Chapel, 4511 Jones Bridge Circle NW, Peachtree Corners, GA 30092

**Present:** Ann Bender, Demetrios Lambros, Marlene Taylor-Crawford, Sara Howe-Silvers**Absent:** Justin Walsh, Marvin Nash Worthy

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome/Opening Remarks
3. Approval of Agenda:
  - a. The Board made a motion to add Update on County Historian under Old Business  
{Action: Approved; Motion: Taylor-Crawford; Second: Howe-Silvers; Vote: (4-0) Bender-Yes; Howe-Silvers-Yes; Lambros-Yes; Taylor-Crawford-Yes}
  - b. Approval of Agenda with addition of Update on County Historian  
{Action: Approved; Motion: Bender; Second: Taylor-Crawford; Vote: (4-0) Bender-Yes; Howe-Silvers-Yes; Lambros-Yes; Taylor-Crawford-Yes}
4. Approval of Minutes: March 21, 2022  
{Action: Approved; Motion: Lambros; Second: Howe-Silvers; Vote: (4-0) Bender-Yes; Howe-Silvers-Yes; Lambros-Yes; Taylor-Crawford-Yes}
5. Announcements (Board Members)
  - a. Board Member Taylor-Crawford shared a statement regarding two upcoming Juneteenth events in the county (Document Attached)
6. Old Business
  - a. Update on County Historian
    - i. At the last meeting the Board made a motion to proceed with reaching out to Commissioner Ku to facilitate a discussion with the chief judge of the Superior Court of Gwinnett County about the position of County Historian.
    - ii. Board Member Howe-Silvers reported on her discussion with Commissioner Ku regarding this matter, stating that Commissioner Ku is currently in the process of contacting the chief judge of the Superior Court of Gwinnett County for further guidance regarding the appointment of County Historian.
  - b. For All the World to See exhibit at the Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center
    - i. Board Member Taylor-Crawford presented on the Exhibit Opening event on April 15, 2022 that took place in celebration of the For All the World To See temporary exhibit (Document Attached)
  - c. Preservation Award
    - i. Chairwoman Bender asked if any board members had identified potential nominations for the Preservation Award.

- ii. Board Member Taylor-Crawford and Vice Chair Lambros both stated they had identified some potential nominees but have not finalized the details.

7. New Business

- a. Promised Land - Chad Livsey, Guest Speaker
  - i. Gwinnett citizen Chad Livsey presented on the following
    - 1. History of the Promised Land Community
    - 2. Historic black families of Gwinnett County
    - 3. Current happenings
    - 4. Future of the community
- b. Proposed Verbiage Regarding Notice to change "Section 1. Regular Meetings" of HRPB by-laws
  - i. Vice Chair Lambros presented proposed verbiage, with suggested changes highlighted in red, to the Board for review and discussion (Document Attached)
  - ii. The Board made a motion for staff to proceed with sending proposed verbiage to legal for review.  
{Action: Approved; Motion: Taylor-Crawford; Second: Howe-Silvers; Vote: (4-0) Bender-Yes; Howe-Silvers-Yes; Lambros-Yes; Taylor-Crawford-Yes}
  - iii. Once reviewed, the updated verbiage will be brought back to the Board for a vote on the final revision.
- c. Historical Fact
  - i. Board Member Howe-Silvers stated she would bring her historical fact presentation to the next meeting.

8. Project Updates

- a. Staff member Glenn Boorman presented on the following
  - i. Hudson-Nash House renovation
  - ii. Gwinnett Historic Courthouse slate roof replacement
  - iii. Staff continue working on putting out an RFP for the Promised Land house restoration

9. Program Updates

- a. Staff member Wendy Seigler presented on the following
  - i. Community Services Historical and Cultural Programming: May-June 2022 Calendar (Document Attached)

10. Exhibit/Artifact Updates

- a. Staff member Brian Boggs presented on the following
  - i. Exhibit and Artifact Updates: March – May 2022 (Document Attached)

11. Comments from Audience

12. Adjournment at 6:58pm

{Action: Approved; Motion: Howe-Silvers; Second: Lambros; Vote: (4-0) Bender-Yes; Howe-Silvers-Yes; Lambros-Yes; Taylor-Crawford-Yes}

# Juneteenth

CELEBRATION & MUSIC FESTIVAL



Join us as we celebrate  
**Juneteenth.**  
A family fun-filled day.

PRESENTATIONS


SPEAKERS

MUSIC FESTIVAL

VENDORS

GAMES & FOOD

**JUNE 18TH 2022 / 9AM-9PM**

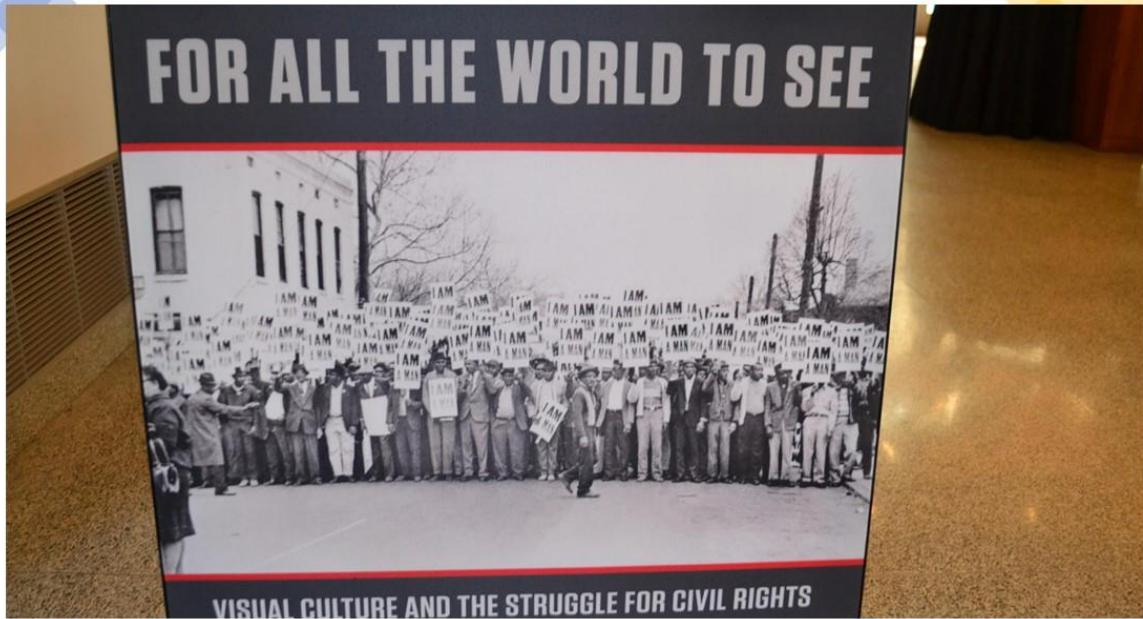
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100 E CROGAN STREET LAWRENCEVILLE GA



CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Commissioner Marlene Fosque, District 4 welcomes visitors to the For All The World To See Exhibit at the Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center on April 15, 2022



Jacob Bell, freshman from Archer High School, reads his essay from the Gwinnett Remembrance Coalition and the Equal Justice Initiatives essay contest. He was tied for first prize.

• Exhibits from Hooper-Renwick School



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• Dr. John Maxey, Hooper-Renwick School Class of 1965

# MALCOLM X & THE MEDIA

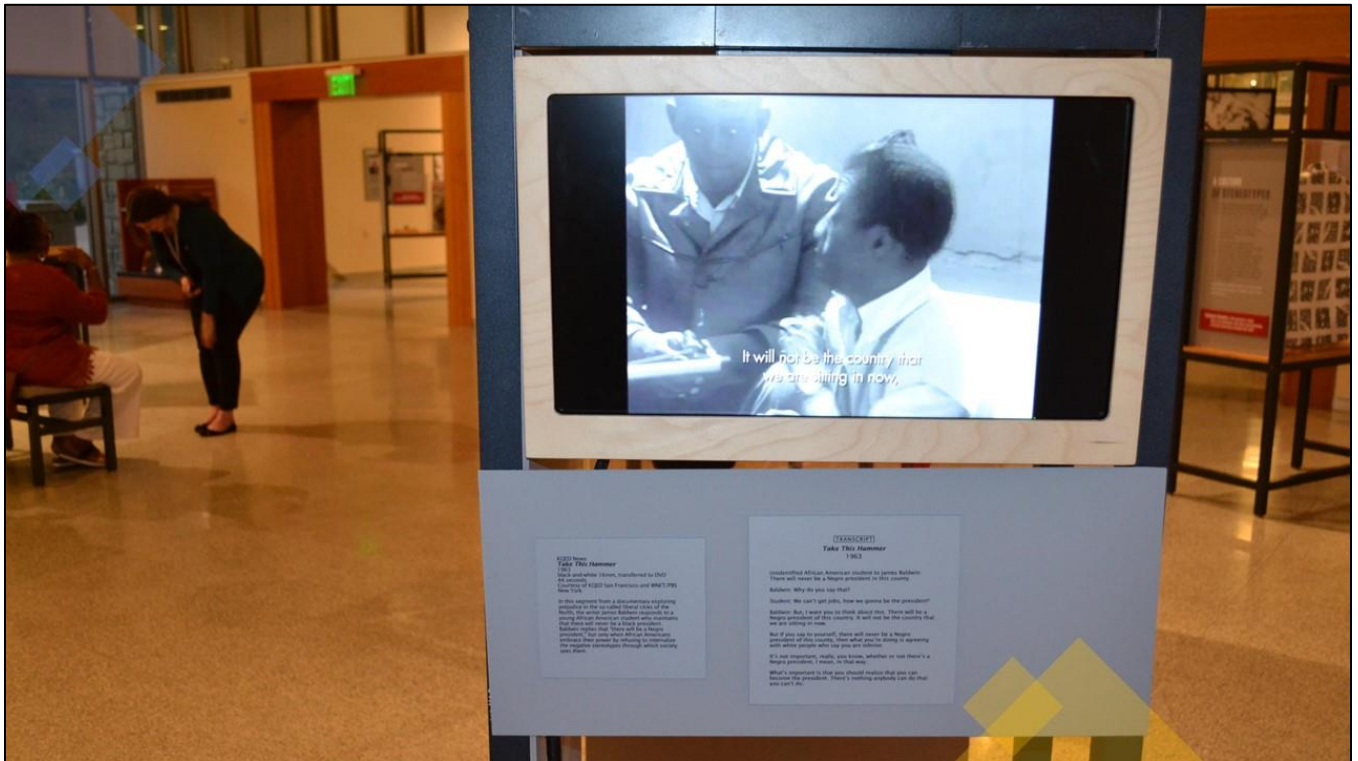
Media outreach constituted a crucial part of Malcolm's direct communication with the African American community. He publicized and contributed to the illustrated weekly *Muhammad Speaks*, founded by the Nation of Islam's leader, Elijah Muhammad, and helped build a national syndicate of Muslim-owned radio stations. Malcolm's aggressive media outreach helped build membership in the Nation of Islam from five hundred in 1952 to 30,000 in 1963. This growth allowed its leaders to influence African American public opinion for decades to come.

*Muhammad Speaks*, Nation of Islam newspaper  
October 20, 1967  
newspaper  
15 1/2 x 11 1/2 inches  
Courtesy of private collection





Standing- Marlene Taylor  
Crawford, Joyce Moore, and  
Sara Howe-Silvers  
Seated- Theresa Bailey and  
Ann Bender



## THE DOLL AS BATTLEGROUND

In the historic *Brown v. Board of Education* case, African American psychologist Dr. Kenneth Clark offered testimony on a pioneering study he conducted in the late 1940s. After being shown separate drawings of black and white dolls, African American grade-schoolers were asked which doll they preferred.

The majority, viewing the black doll as "bad," preferred the white doll and considered it "nice."

THE DAWN OF CIVIL RIGHTS:  
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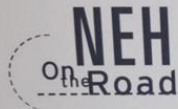




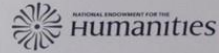
Students from Lanier High School



# FOR ALL THE WORLD TO SEE



This exhibition was made possible by NEH on the Road, a special initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities.



*For All The World To See* was organized by the Center for Art, Design and Visual Culture, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, Baltimore, Maryland in partnership with the National Museum of African American History and Culture, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC. It was curated by Dr. Maurice Berger of the Center for Art, Design, and Visual Culture. It was adapted, designed, and is being toured by Mid-America Arts Alliance. Special thanks to SOFA Entertainment for their contribution of the Ed Sullivan footage and for additional support from CBS News Archives.



## VISUAL CULTURE AND THE STRUGGLE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

# The Promised Land

Then, Now, and the Future

HISTORIC PRESERVATION



PRESENTED BY CHAD LIVSEY



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agenda

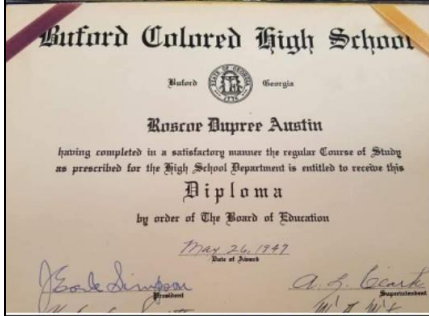


- A historic look from pre-civil war times to today
- Highlighting historic black families in Gwinnett County
- What's happening now
- The future of the community



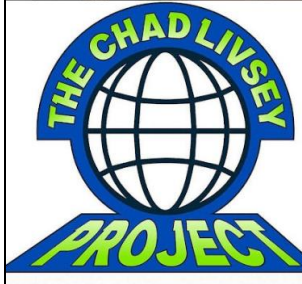
# Perserving History

- Dr. Ben Anderson - Dentist, Lithonia, GA
- Jurell Lattimore - Entrepreneur, Buford, GA
- Robert & Morena Livsey - Trailblazers, Southern Gwinnett County, GA



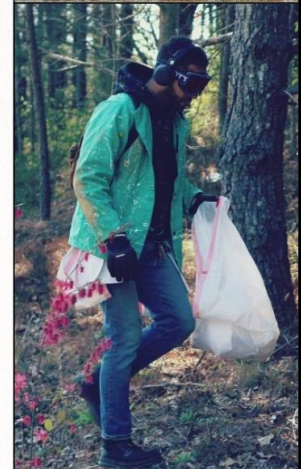
# Highlighting the Present

- Historic preservation of the Big House and family inclusion
- Donation of memorabilia to The Atlanta History Center
- Political Hub for Gwinnett Politics



# Building the Future

- The Chad Livsey Project, a 501(c)3 non-profit dedicated to litter
- Community Development & Outreach
- Business Development & Training
- Driving economic development through local tourism



## our network

Business and non-profit combined accomplishments

**5**

PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS

**9K**

BAGS OF LITTER

**70K**

PROFESSIONAL NETWORK

**\$20M**

INVESTMENTS AND PROJECTS



HISTORIC PRESENTATION



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# Recommended Changes to Gwinnett Historical Restoration and Preservation Board By-Laws

## ARTICLE VI

### MEETINGS

#### Section 1. Regular Meetings

Regular meetings **shall be held at least quarterly, and no more than monthly**. A meeting occurs when a quorum of the Board gathers to either discuss business or any other public matter, to take official action, or to discuss recommendations. All meetings are open to the public and subject to the Georgia Open Meetings and Open Records Laws.

**Regular meetings for the proceeding twelve months shall be scheduled at the beginning of each calendar year during the first scheduled regular meeting.**



## Historical and Cultural Programming Community Services May - July 2022

### Ongoing

#### [Chesser-Williams House Guided Tours](#)

*Monday - Saturday 10am – 4pm*

2020 Clean Water Drive, Buford

Step back in time as you explore one of Gwinnett's oldest remaining homes treasured for its beautiful examples of original folk art.

#### [Freeman's Mill Guided Tours](#)

*Third and Fourth Saturdays of each month 10am – 4pm*

1401 Alcovy Road, Lawrenceville

Gather at the mill to discover how this historic site impacted and provided for the local community. Our Educational interpreters will lead guided tours of the historic mill and property.

#### **Lawrenceville Female Seminary Guided Tours**

*Monday - Saturday 10am – 4pm – no registration needed*

455 South Perry Street, Lawrenceville

Tour Gwinnett County's History Museum that once served as the leading women's educational institution starting in 1850s.

#### **McDaniel Farm Guided Tours**

*Friday- Saturday 10am – 4pm – no registration needed*

3251 McDaniel Road, Duluth

Explore what farm life was like in Gwinnett in the 1930s as our educational interpreter shares with you the historical farmhouse, blacksmith shed, barn and more.

### Public Programs

#### **Garden Bus Tour**

*July 9<sup>th</sup> 10am – 2pm*

Lawrenceville Female Seminary - 455 South Perry Street, Lawrenceville

Explore some of the exquisite gardens located throughout Gwinnett County on this guided bus tour.



## **Early Learning Programs**

### **Toddler Trek Program – Racing River Otters**

*May 17<sup>th</sup> 10:30-11:30*

Freeman's Mill - 1401 Alcovy Road, Lawrenceville

Slip, slide and ride a wave with Georgia's river otters. Explore these fun water loving creatures with us at the Historic Freeman's Mill. Enjoy a day outside as we sing songs, listen to stories, and participate in fun hands-on activities.

### **Toddler Trek Program – Donkeys**

*May 31<sup>st</sup> 10:30-11:30*

McDaniel Farm Park - 3251 McDaniel Road, Duluth

Hee, Haw, Hee, Haw – enjoy a morning of farm songs and fun hands-on activities at the Historic McDaniel Farm as we learn about the fascinating life of donkeys.

### **Toddler Trek Program – Snails**

*June 14<sup>th</sup> 10:30-11:30*

Lawrenceville Female Seminary - 455 South Perry Street, Lawrenceville

Moving slowly through the garden snails are full of wonderful surprises. Spend an hour with us at the Lawrenceville Female Seminary as we explore the world of snails through stories, songs, and interactive nature-based play.

### **Toddler Trek Program – Busy Beavers**

*June 28<sup>th</sup> 10:30-11:30*

Freeman's Mill Historical Site - 1401 Alcovy Road, Lawrenceville

Chewing, swimming, diving, and building – beavers are always busy but where can they be found and why do they devote so much time to chewing trees? Spend some time at Freeman's Mill learning about these intriguing creatures through songs, stories, and nature-based play.

### **Toddler Trek Program – Cows**

*July 12<sup>th</sup> 10:30-11:30*

McDaniel Farm Park - 3251 McDaniel Road, Duluth

Moo, Baa, Fa La La – enjoy a morning of farm songs and fun hands-on activities at the Historic McDaniel Farm as we learn about some of the many animals that live on a farm.

### **Toddler Trek Program – Caterpillars**

*July 26<sup>th</sup> 10:30-11:30*

Lawrenceville Female Seminary - 455 South Perry Street, Lawrenceville

Munching their way through hundreds of leaves caterpillars are preparing for a major transformation. Join us as we explore the life of caterpillars through stories, songs, and fun interactive nature-based play.

## **Summer Camps**

### **June**

#### **Surviving the 1800s**

Ages 10-13

*May 31<sup>st</sup> - June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9am – 3pm*

Chesser- Williams House - 2020 Clean Water Drive, Buford

Can you survive the challenges of pioneer life? Experience the trials and triumphs of the 1800s through hands-on activities, games, and obstacles courses. Campers will experiment with cooking, candle making, and explore the technological changes of the nineteenth century. See if you have the strength and courage to survive the Oregon Trail.

#### **Native American Knowledge**

Ages 7-9

*June 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, 9am – 3pm*

Gwinnett Environmental & Heritage Center/Native American Rock Shelter - 2020 Clean Water Drive, Buford

Travel back in time and experience the daily life of Georgia's earliest inhabitants. Explore Native American cultures as you construct a traditional Cherokee home, learn to cook on an open fire, make stone arrowheads, weave baskets, go on scavenger hunts and MORE. Spend the week immersed in the culture and customs of Georgia's native people and discover the secrets used by the Cherokee and Creek to survive, thrive and live off the land.

### **July**

#### **Folk Art**

Ages 7-9

*July 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 9am – 3pm*

Chesser- Williams House - 2020 Clean Water Drive, Buford

Color outside of the lines and create your own art in this fun, folksy camp! Campers spend the week drawing, painting, sculpting, and crafting a wide variety of decorative folk art. Get inspired by well-known folk artists such as Howard Finster and local artist Cornbread!

#### **History Travelers**

Ages 10-13

*July 18-23, 9am – 3pm*

Locations include: Freeman's Mill – Lawrenceville, Gwinnett Environmental & Heritage Center – Buford, McDaniel Farm Park – Duluth, Yellow River Post Office – Lilburn, Lawrenceville Female Seminary – Lawrenceville, Isaac Adair House – Lawrenceville, Elisha Winn House – Dacula, Fort Daniel – Buford  
Step back in time as we explore some of the historical sites across Gwinnett County. Campers will be transported back in time as they visit a different location each day to investigate the significance of these important landmarks. Please note that campers will be traveling to selected locations after beginning their day at the EHC.

## Exhibit and Artifact Updates

### Community Services

March – May 2022

#### Exhibits:

#### **For All the World to See**

Theme: This exhibit focuses on how images and visual media influenced the civil rights movement in America. Through a compelling assortment of photographs, television clips, art posters and other historical artifacts, this exhibit traces how images transformed the modern civil rights movement and jolted Americans, both black and white, out of a state of denial or complacency. This exhibit was developed with multiple partners including the National Museum of African American History and Culture and was funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

On Display: Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center, April 6, 2022 - May 25, 2022



#### **Hooper-Renwick School Display**

Theme: This small display coincides with the *For All the World to See* exhibit and was installed to highlight what was occurring in Gwinnett during this period of history and also highlight the current Hooper-Renwick Themed Library project.

On Display: Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center, April 6, 2022 - May 25, 2022



### **Railroads in Gwinnett Display**

Theme: Items on loan from Mr. Jim Baughman tell us about the history of railways in Gwinnett County. Mr. Baughman worked out of the Lawrenceville Depot, and his items give some behind the scenes information on how railroads shaped Gwinnett County in the mid-1900s.

On Display: Bogan Community Recreation Center, April 2022 - Fall of 2022



### **Early Cooking Display**

Theme: This exhibit showcases items used in the kitchen ranging from the early to mid-1900s. From items used to can fresh fruit, to what was needed to bake a cake, this exhibit brings back memories of being in grandma kitchen!

On Display: Dacula Activity Building, April 2022 - Fall of 2022



## This Rocks! Mini-Exhibit

Theme: Utilizing an impressive collection of rocks, geology samples and fossils, this exhibit captivates with its array of colors and uncommon specimens.

On Display: Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center, permanent exhibit



## Recently Donated Artifacts:

Between March and May 2022, 29 artifacts related to the historic Hooper-Renwick School were donated. Many of these items are on display alongside the *For All the World to See* exhibit.

