

**Board
Planning
Retreat**

Our Annual Board Planning Retreat was held on January 18, 2003 at the 2605 Thomas Avenue house from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Our agenda included working on our vision, goals and objectives, mission and historical sketch, and our 2003 calendar of events. The Board members decided that we would create a Civil Rights quilt. Each member needs to chose one person who was or is currently involved in our struggle for civil rights.



That person' picture will be computer printed on each of the 36 quilt squares, upon which each member will then embroider their own name onto the square. Members and volunteers who are interested in participating in this project may do so by giving us a call.

Get Well Wishes and Condolences

We extend get well wishes to L.A. Bedford and Merle Matthews and condolences to Virginia Douglass who lost her son, Edward Douglass on January 3, 2003. He was also the nephew of Mamie McKnight. Sympathy also goes to the family of Board President Velma Patch who lost a cousin from her family the latter part of December.

The Craft House is open for tours Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. By prior arrangement, house tours are conducted on weekends and after 3:00 p.m.

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ROOTS AND WINGS
BDR QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

CELEBRATING TWENTY YEARS OF SERVICE
1983- 2003

Black Dallas Remembered, Inc.

"As Precious As Fine China"

<http://www.blackdallasremembered.org>

THE EXHIBIT

During the 1980's and the 1990's, Black Dallas Remembered, Incorporated, worked with the Dallas Landmark Commission and other preservationists to identify and preserve African American historic sites in Dallas. Again this year, this display is housed at the Dallas City Hall - Lobby, 1500 Marilla Street from January 7 to February 14, 2003. The purpose of this twentieth century anniversary BDR exhibit is to give each viewer a glimpse of significant BDR heritage activities since 1983, the Founding Year. Our hope is that it will encourage each person to help us assess what we have done in the past, and what we can do together in the future to preserve "Dallas' rich African American heritage.

- Case A: Historic Districts and their Cultural Resources
- Case B: Designated Historic Landmarks:
Business and Special Use Structures and Sites
- Case C: Designated Historic Landmarks:
Churches and Schools
- Case D: Black Dallas Remembered, Inc.: Documenting and
Preserving the Built Environment

The 2003 anniversary year theme is "Black Dallas Remembered: *As Precious As Fine China.*" Fine china is symbolic of twenty-year celebrations and is most appropriate as a metaphor for the mission and values of Black Dallas Remembered.

If you have questions or want to become a volunteer or member, please call us now at 214.670.8637.

Juanita J. Craft "Circle of Friends' Reception"

You are cordially invited to the Second Annual Juanita J. Craft Birthday (February 9, 1902) party on Saturday, February 8, 2003 from 2 to 4 o'clock in the afternoon at the Juanita J. Craft Civil Rights House, located at 2618 Warren Avenue, Dallas. See the schedule below for details.

- 2:00 p.m. Craft House Tour
- 2:30 p.m. "Precious memories" Testimonials
- 3:00 p.m. "Keep the Juanita Craft Spirit Alive" Candle Lighting



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BDR Quarterly Newsletter

BLACK IMAGES BOOK SIGNING

At the invitation of Black Images Book Bazaar, BDR continues to host readings and book signings at the store by recently published authors. On Monday, January 13, Tananarive Due and Patricia Stephens Due, authors of *Freedom In The Family, A Mother Daughter Memoir of the Fights for Civil Rights*, presented a powerful talk on their experiences with CORE during the 1960's civil rights movement in Florida.



Encouraged by her daughter to record some of her stories of courage and danger as a civil rights activist, Mrs. Patricia Stephens Due's talk focused on several incidents in which she was incarcerated along with others during the Florida protests. Her daughter, who was very young at that time, accompanied her other on many occasions when the groups met to organize and protest unjust laws and practices in the South.

The book is a compelling addition to the storehouse of information about the civil rights movement. As the authors pointed out, it is about many of the unsung heroes who made the entire crusade a success.

BDR also hosted several other book signings recently at Black Images bookstore.

African American Historic Events of Note!

Norma Adams Wade, for many years a writer for the Dallas Morning News, is retiring. However, she will continue writing a column for the newspaper. BDR is especially grateful to Mrs. Wade for her valuable contributions to the preservation of African American history in Dallas. Her insightful chronicling of events and historical research about African American presence in Dallas have provided a valuable storehouse of information for future generations. She and her mentor, Julia Scott Reed, the first African American Dallas Morning News columnist, brought African American life and culture into the mainstream of Dallas life.

Thanks and congratulations Norma for a job well done and for the exceptional support you have given BDR through the years. We love you!

Thurgood Marshall, the first African American Supreme Court Justice, was selected the 26th Honoree of the Black Heritage Postage Series by the U.S. Postal Service. A tribute to the late Justice Marshall and unveiling of the stamp by the Postal Service and Alliance Data Systems was held Sunday, February 2, 2003, at the Black Academy of Arts and Letters. The keynote speaker was Andrew Young and a special guest was John Marshall, Justice Marshall's son.

Black Dallas Remembered at Old Red

The Old Red Court House Museum was chosen as the location for the Annual Black Dallas Remembered Holiday Celebration. On Wednesday, December 11, 2002 the annual holiday celebration at the "Old Red Court House Museum", It's A Family Affair, was hosted at 100 S. Houston Street



from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Project Director David Schulz and his staff gave an update on the Old Red Restoration project, and a mini tour of the facility. Mrs. Schulz provided home-baked cookies for the group. Approximately 15 members of BDR and their guests participated in the event. Raymond A. Basye, Jr. a member of the Board of the Old Red Foundation came by and gave special greetings to the group.

Heritage Tour Requests Are Up!

In addition to guided tours of the Juanita Craft Civil Rights House, requests for mobile heritage tours continually increase. An African American heritage tour was recently conducted for the north Texas Chapter of the National Forum for black Public Administrators. The tour was for the organization's convention planners who are in the process of selecting a site for their National Forum 2006. DFW Metroplex is a major contender for the convention. Mamie McKnight served as the tour guide.



On February 8, 2003, an abbreviated mobile tour will be conducted for the National Board of the Pan Hellenic Conference. The Board is holding one of its national meetings in Dallas at this time. Tentative plans are being developed for the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Regional meeting in Dallas and several family reunions. Persons interested in arranging tours, need to call 214.670.8637 at least three weeks before the tour date.

Black History Month Activities: 2003 Theme - "The Souls of Black Folk"

In addition to the major Black History Month Event, members of the BDR Speakers Bureau will present a number of presentations and tours for area schools. The first such event will be held Monday, February 3, 2003, at Hockaday School. Mamie McKnight will make a presentation on Juanita Craft for elementary students and staff. Also, McKnight will be the featured speaker at the Texarkana Museum on February 18, 2003.

Kathryn Moore Receives Award

Board member Kathryn Moore recently received a distinguished award for her outstanding and long-term service to the Discovery Center in Fair Park. Mrs. Moore has served as a volunteer at the Center for a number of years. Her interest in gardening has also extended to her participation for many years in a local garden club.

Bessie Moody Retirement Celebration Dinner

Mrs. Bessie Moody was honored for 40 years of dedicated service to the Dallas Independent School District on Saturday, January 25, 2003 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Renaissance Dallas Hotel.

Honors:

Excellence in Teaching (Award Nominee), 1976-77
Jack Lowe, Sr. Award (Award Nominee), 1980-81
National Teacher of the Year Award (Nominee), 1982
Counselor of the Week - Post Tribune 1987
Region X Director for the Association of Compensatory Educators of Texas, 1995-1997
National Association of Federal Education Program Administrators State Leadership Award, 1997



Treasures:

Bessie is married to Paul moody, Jr. They have one son - Paul Earl Moody and daughter-in-law Fern Cole Moody; two grandsons, Kalan and Joshua and one daughter, Gwendolyn Ann Moody. In addition to the Educational Services that Bessie has rendered and her many life accomplishments, she has been a proud and thankful co-owner of Weddings Unique, a local full service wedding coordination/services company since 1983.

Bessie's Testimony

"Let God and the Holy Word be your guide, your strength, and your energy for working. You make a living from what you get and you make a life from what you give."

Unchained Memories: Readings from the Slave Narratives, an HBO Documentary

Premiered January 23, 2003, at the Majestic Theatre. The sponsors Black Cinematique, AT&T, and the Dallas Video Association gave pre-screening comments and presented a panel of local persons to present several perspectives on slavery in Texas. Serving on the panel were Robert Edison, History instructor at the African American Museum, Dr. Mamie McKnight, Executive Director of Black Dallas Remembered, and Dr. Pamela Hill, Paul Quinn College. The documentary is scheduled for nationwide airing February 12, 2003 on HBO. Check here to see the schedule: <http://www.hbo.com/docs>

Save the Date "Civil Rights Symposium"



Black Dallas Remembered, Inc. through the Juanita J. Craft Civil Rights Home presents "The Second Annual W.J. Durham - C.B. Bunkley, Jr. - and L.A. Bedford, Jr. Civil Rights Symposium". The theme is "Children of the Dream: Connecting the Dots". The tentative location and date is the Paul Quinn College located at , Dallas, Texas on April 19. Watch for more details on our website at <http://www.dallasremembered.org>.

Craft House Tour Fees:

Children 5 years and younger: Free

Children 6 to 12 years: \$2.00

Students 13 through 18 and Seniors: \$3.00

All other Adults: \$4.00

Special school group tour rates are available. Group tours must be arranged at least two weeks in advance. All mobile and house tour fees are used for maintenance and upkeep at the Museum.

Wish List

A major item on the ongoing BDR Wish List is more volunteers, financial support, and tour guides to meet the growing demand for outreach programs and services.

A Call For Children and Youth

Youth volunteers are being recruited for several Spring and Summer events. Call now for information.

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