

BIRMINGHAM

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

PROGRAMS IN 2021

Birmingham Museum of Art

The Birmingham Museum of Art will host "ArtBreak: Confronting an Ugly Past, Building a Beautiful Future: The Legacy of Jim Crow" on Thursday, Feb. 11, from 12 - 12:30 p.m. In this virtual talk, Museum Director Graham C. Boettcher will discuss the museum's history in the era of segregation and trace the integration of its collections and exhibition program. Boettcher will also present new information about Corietta Mitchell, who in 1963, became the first African-American artist to exhibit at the BMA.

The museum is also showcasing the in-person exhibition, "All Things Bright and Beautiful," which brings together works primarily from the museum's permanent collection that look at themes of power and agency. This exhibition takes its name from a painting by African-American artist Amy Sherald. Some artists in the exhibition look towards power in other creative endeavors, like music. Others contemplate the hidden potential of everyday objects by transforming them into works of art. Several artists engage the representation of space and architecture—including museum spaces—to discover the dynamics of power. Considered together, these works illustrate the importance of being seen, choosing how to be depicted, and telling one's own history.

Negro Southern League Museum

African-American baseball players will tell their story and share black baseball league history during an online event on Tuesday, February 16 from 6 to 7 p.m. The main speaker will be Earnest Fann. Check out the event via the venue's Facebook page. For more info, call (205) 581-3040 or visit BirminghamNSLM.org

NSLM will host a virtual salute to 100 years of Negro League history, in partnership with the Birmingham Public Library, on Sunday, February 21 from 6 to 7 p.m. This event may be found on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UClyT1NyAQzos4F2muxywDaA>.

To register, visit <http://bit.ly/NLBaseball> Questions? Call (205) 581-3040 or visit www.BirminghamNSLM.org

Birmingham Public Library

For a listing of programs/activities, dates, and locations from the Birmingham Public Library, please visit this link: <https://bplolinews.blogspot.com/2021/01/2021-black-history-month-programs-kick.html>

Sloss Furnaces

During the month of February and beyond, Sloss Furnaces will offer a video on its website and social media outlets to highlight the significance of African-American workers in the development of the Birmingham Industrial District. The video explains the various aspects of African-American industrial labor in the late 19th and 20th centuries, including working conditions, limitations put on African-American industrial workers, etc.

Questions? Send them to tyler.malugani@birminghamal.gov; call 205-254-2254; or visit the Sloss website at www.slossfurnaces.com.

Southern Museum of Flight

The Southern Museum of Flight is proud to offer "Black Aviation Pioneers," self-guided tours and programs that explore early African-American aviation pioneers such as Eugene Bullard, Bessie Coleman, the Tuskegee Airmen and more. The Tuskegee Airmen B-25 Bomber will also be on temporary display, as this one-of-a-kind artifact continues to undergo long-term restoration efforts under the supervision of curatorial and restoration teams at the museum.

In partnership with Lucasfilm, the museum is offering educational resources freely available to teachers, students, and the public so that these stories may help foster new discoveries for young and old alike.

This month, the museum's website will feature the film "Double Vision: The Tuskegee Airmen at War" and the "Double Victory Education Guide." These educational resources will be complemented by a free curriculum-based virtual tour of Southern Museum of Flight's Tuskegee Airmen Exhibition. For more information or to "reserve your seat," please contact Melissa Morgan at 205-833-8226 or send emails to Melissa.Morgan@birminghamal.gov. The Southern Museum of Flight is located at 4343 73rd St. North. The website is www.SouthernMuseumofFlight.org.

Traditional Southern recipes from Arlington House's Chef Matthew Murphree

Chef Murphree offers recipes for two Southern traditions: collard greens and cornbread

Collard Greens

1 onion, sliced
1 hamhock
¼ cup sugar
2 tsp apple cider vinegar
1 pound of chopped collard greens (You can get them pre-chopped or shredded in bags or buy a fresh bundle of collards. If you buy a fresh bundle, strip the leaves off the stem and give a good washing before you cook them.)
1 quart water
1 tbl salt
2 tsp pepper

1. Combine everything in a pot, minus the greens.
2. Bring to a simmer, and let simmer for 30 minutes.
3. Add the greens, and simmer until tender.
4. Taste for seasoning.
5. Enjoy.

Southern Cornbread

1 Tbl butter, bacon grease, or shortening
1.25 cups cornmeal
1.25 cups flour
1 tsp baking soda
1 tsp salt
1 tsp sugar
1 large egg
1 ¼ cup buttermilk
6 Tbl melted butter
Cast iron skillet

1. Combine the dry ingredients.
2. Add egg and melted butter and stir together.
3. Stir in the buttermilk.
4. Preheat oven to 425 F with skillet in oven.
5. When oven is preheated and batter is made, pull the hot skillet out of the oven and melt the 1 Tbl butter, bacon grease, or shortening in the skillet. Be sure to swirl around the pan to coat the inside surface of the pan.
6. Add the cornbread batter and bake for 20-25 minutes. It should be golden on top and crispy around the edges. A toothpick inserted in the center should come out clean.
7. Enjoy.



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