



Behind the Big House

Interpreting Arkansas's extant slave dwellings and remembering the enslaved people who inhabited them.

March 29-30, 2019
Historic Arkansas Museum
Little Rock, AR



In partnership with



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Professional Development

Educators may receive three professional development credit/hours for participating in this event. This workshop will aid in the teaching of the new African American History 11-12 grade curriculum by highlighting the important contributions of African Americans in U.S. and Arkansas history. It will deepen teachers' content knowledge of African American history in Arkansas and provide instructional strategies for incorporating the history of African American enslavement and sites around Arkansas in 11-12 grade African American History or general history classes.

To receive credit, be sure to sign in at the registration table.

Behind the Big House Program

Behind the Big House moves beyond the "Big Houses," or stately historic homes, to explore extant slave dwellings and interpret the experiences of the enslaved people who inhabited them. This workshop, held at Historic Arkansas Museum, will focus on foodways, researching the lives of enslaved Arkansans, and best practices for interpreting slavery at historic sites and museums.

Friday, March 29, 2019

HISTORIC ARKANSAS MUSEUM GROUNDS

5:30 PM **Behind the Big House and Preservation Libations**
Participants will enjoy libations provided by Preserve Arkansas and rotate through three stations on the museum's grounds, sampling and learning about the cuisine of Arkansans enslaved during the antebellum period.

Station 1. **Gathering and Gardening during Slavery**
Pulaski County Master Gardeners and James Rowe

Station 2. **Meet the Residents by Sampling
Antebellum Scottish and Creole Food**
Chef Joseph Brajcki and Felicia Richardson

Station 3. **Archeology of Foodways Behind the Big House**
Dr. Jodi A. Barnes, Leon Tidwell, and Arkansas Archeological Society volunteers

6:30 PM **Otttenheimer Theater | Welcome**
Stacy Hurst, Director, Department of Arkansas Heritage

6:40 PM **The 'Big House' as Home: African Americans,
Slavery, and Roots Tourism in the United States**
Dr. Jodi Skipper, University of Mississippi

7:45 PM

Fireside Chat: Slavery and Race in Arkansas

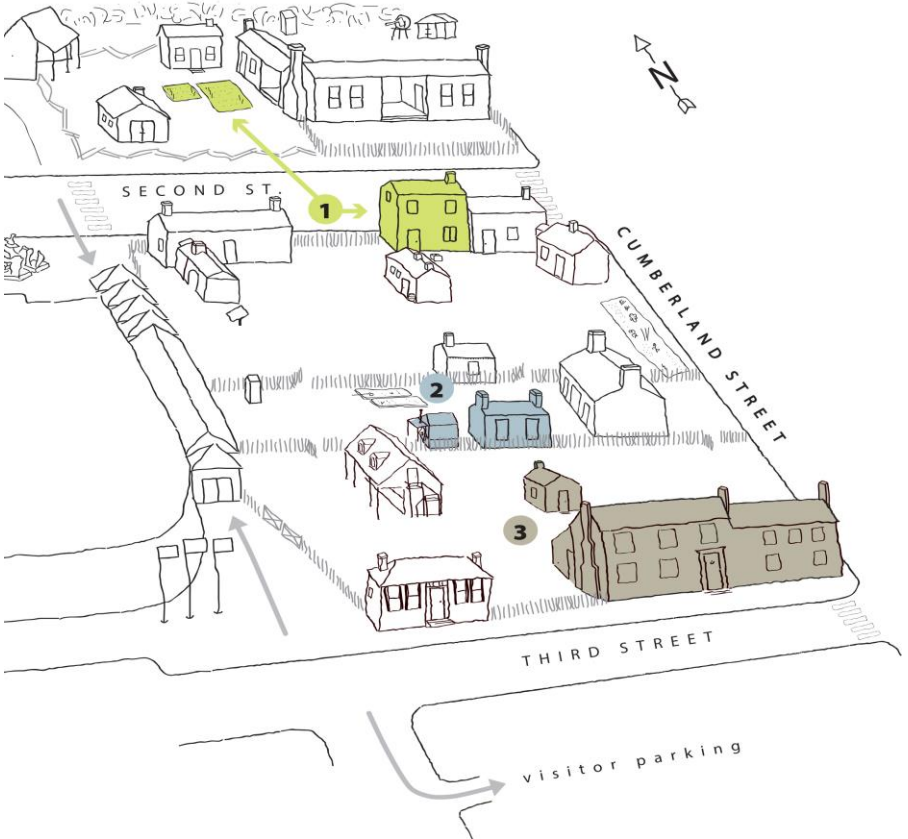
Joseph McGill, The Slave Dwelling Project, moderated by Dr. Kelly Houston Jones, Arkansas Tech University

8:45 PM

Sleep Tight, Historic Site

Joseph McGill and interested participants sleep in the Brownlee Kitchen and tents on the Museum Grounds.

**Activity Stations on
Historic Arkansas Museum Grounds**



Saturday, March 30, 2019

HISTORIC ARKANSAS MUSEUM & BUTLER CENTER FOR ARKANSAS STUDIES

- 8:30 AM** **Registration, Coffee, and Pastries**
Historic Arkansas Museum

- 9:00 AM** **Welcome & Introductions**
Swanee Bennett, Historic Arkansas Museum; Carla Coleman, Black History Commission of Arkansas; Rachel Patton, Preserve Arkansas

- 9:15 AM** **Saving Slave Houses: Ensuring a Place in the Historical Record for Historic Slave Houses and Their Inhabitants**
Jobie Hill, Saving Slave Houses

- 10:15 AM** **The Giving Voice Program: Researching Slavery at Historic Arkansas Museum**
Felicia Richardson and Maggie Speck-Kern

- 11:15 AM** **Walk to the Butler Center for Arkansas Studies at the Bobby L. Roberts Library of Arkansas History & Art**

- 11:30 AM** **Genealogy Workshop: Your Arkansas Connection and the Fruits of Your Tree**
Rhonda Stewart, Butler Center for Arkansas Studies

- 12:30 PM** **Dismissal**





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Preserve Arkansas works to build stronger communities by reconnecting Arkansans to our heritage and empowering people to save and rehabilitate historic places.

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Upcoming Events

May 1 - 2019 Most Endangered Places Announcement, 10 a.m.
Mosaic Templars Cultural Center, 501 W. 9th St., Little Rock

May 23 - Preservation Crustaceans Crawfish Boil, 6 p.m.
Clements & Associates Architecture, 507 Main St.,
North Little Rock