



## ABOUT US

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

**Tuesdays in May – Hops and Hope**

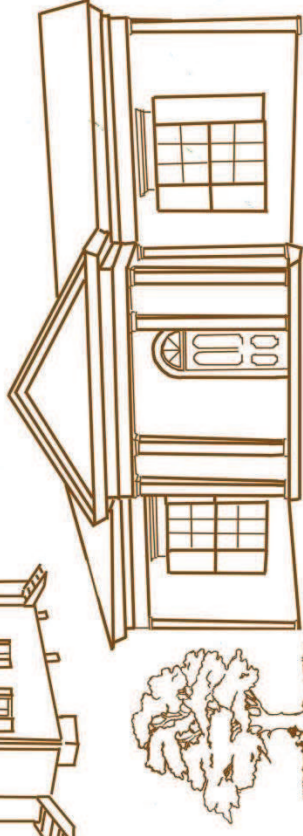
Open 4:00 – 9:00 pm  
\$1 of each beer goes to Preserve Arkansas  
Stone’s Throw Brewing  
4012 E 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Little Rock

**July 22 – Preservation Libations Master Mix-off**

Albert Pike Masonic Center  
712 Scott Street, Little Rock



# BEHIND THE BIG HOUSE



Interpreting Arkansas’s extant slave dwellings & remembering the enslaved people who inhabited them.

## MAY 13-14, 2016 HISTORIC WASHINGTON STATE PARK



## NOTES

## IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:



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## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Educators can receive 3 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 African American History or general history classes.

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

## BEHIND THE BIG HOUSE PROGRAM

The Behind the Big House program moves beyond the “Big Houses,” or stately historic homes, to explore the extant slave dwellings and interpret the experiences of the enslaved people who inhabited them. This workshop, held at Historic Washington State Park, includes live historical interpretations, tours and lectures to highlight the important contributions African Americans made to Arkansas’s history. Presenters include Joseph McGill, South Carolina-based Slave Dwelling Project, Jerome Bias, Stagville State Historic Site in North Carolina, Jodi Skipper, University of Mississippi, archeologists, and historians. The program offers a broad understanding of the importance of slave dwellings in the interpretation of Arkansas’s historic landscape and a discussion of their role in education and heritage tourism.

**Friday, May 13**  
**5:30 – 7:30 pm**

**Sanders House Kitchen**  
**Historic Washington State Park**

- Libations provided by Preserve Arkansas
- Joseph McGill will prepare to sleep in the Sanders Kitchen
- Jerome Bias will prepare a sampling of okra gumbo and sweet potato pone in the Sanders kitchen

**Saturday, May 14**

**1874 Hempstead County Courthouse**  
**Historic Washington State Park**

**9:00 am Introduction**

Vanessa McKuin, Preserve Arkansas  
 Carla Coleman, Arkansas Black History Commission

**9:30 am The Archeology of Slavery**

Jodi Barnes, Arkansas Archeological Survey

## BEHIND THE BIG HOUSE PROGRAM, CONT.

**10:30 am**

***Historic Washington, Slavery and Memory on the Historic Landscape***

Jamie Brandon, Arkansas Archeological Survey  
 Josh Williams, Historic Washington State Park

**11:30 am**

***Tour of Historic Washington***

Jamie Brandon, Arkansas Archeological Survey  
 Carl Drexler, Arkansas Archeological Survey  
 Josh Williams, Historic Washington State Park  
 Billy Nation, Historic Washington State Park

**12:30 pm**

***Lunch in William’s Tavern Garden***

Pre-ordered box lunches will be available in the area behind William’s Tavern. Participants who bring their own lunch are also welcome to eat in this area.

**1:30 pm**

***The Slave Dwelling Project: Remembering Their Enslaved Inhabitants***

Joseph McGill, The Slave Dwelling Project

**2:30 pm**

***African American Heritage Tourism and Stagville State Historic Site’s Foodways Program***

Jerome Bias, Stagville State Historic Site

**3:15 pm Break**

**3:30 pm**

***The Challenges and Benefits of African American Heritage Tourism***

Jodi Skipper, University of Mississippi