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

April 28-29, 2017
Lakeport Plantation
Lake Village
In partnership with:

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Professional Development

Educators may receive four 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 extant slave dwellings and interpret the experiences of the enslaved people who inhabited them. This workshop, held at Lakeport Plantation, will include live historical interpretations and lectures to highlight the important contributions African Americans made to Arkansas’s history and provide a broad understanding of the importance of slave dwellings and their role in heritage tourism.

Friday, April 28 | 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Lakeport Plantation Service Area

- Libations provided by Preserve Arkansas
- Joseph McGill will prepare to sleep in the Lakeport service area
- Jerome Bias will prepare a sampling of foods based on enslaved diets
- Living history by Voices in the Past

Saturday, April 29
Lakeport Plantation Dining Room

9:00 a.m.    Introduction
Rachel Patton, Preserve Arkansas
Carla Coleman, Black History Commission of Arkansas
Dr. Blake Wintory, Lakeport Plantation

9:30 a.m.    Uncovering the History of Slavery at the Lakeport Plantation
Dr. Blake Wintory, Lakeport Plantation
Behind the Big House Program, Continued

10:30 a.m. Using Pension Records of USCT to Learn about Slavery in Southeast Arkansas
Angela Walton-Raji, Historian and Genealogist, Maryland

12:10 p.m. Lunch

12:30 p.m. Living History Program
“Interview with a Slave” by Voices in the Past

1:30 p.m. African American Heritage Tourism and the Development of Old Salem’s Foodways Program
Jerome Bias, Stagville State Historic Site, North Carolina

2:30 p.m. The Slave Dwelling Project, Historic Preservation, and What Arkansas Can Learn from this Project
Joseph McGill, The Slave Dwelling Project

3:15 p.m. Break

3:30 p.m. The Challenges and Benefits of African American Heritage Tourism
Dr. Jodi Skipper, University of Mississippi
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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 18 – Most Endangered Places Bicycle Ride, 6 p.m.
Tickets available at PreserveArkansas.org.

May 19 – 2017 Most Endangered Places Announcement, 10 a.m.
Historic Fulk Building, 300 Main Street, Little Rock