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
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**  
**Ottenheimer 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
Swannene 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
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

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