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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 9th 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
This project is supported in part by a grant from the Arkansas Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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.
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 Archaeology of Slavery
  Jodi Barnes, Arkansas Archeological Survey

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