

African American Museum of Bucks County

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AAMBC Newsletter Summer Edition

Greetings members and Friends of the African American Museum of Bucks County (AAMBC).

The African American Museum of Bucks County would like to thank you all, for your generous contributions and support. We are committed to the goal of informing, educating, and inspiring our community with programs that share the many contributions by African Americans to this country's rich history.



Unfortunately, it was necessary to cancel our scheduled exhibits and programs for the health and safety of everyone. But, as we navigate the significant challenges and pressures caused by a global pandemic and the pains of racism and oppression, we will continue to find new and innovative ways to share the stories of the many courageous African-Americans throughout history.

In order to grow the museum, we have been working virtually to plan both online events and future exhibits. We encourage you to visit our website and Facebook page to stay informed so you can join us in these programs.

We need your support to help us reach our goals. If you haven't joined us, you can become a member for \$30 or donate toward our Pandemic Relief Fund Food Distribution Program, Building Fund, or Scholarship Program by visiting our website at www.infoaambcmuseum.org. Thank you for your continuous support.

Regards,

Linda Salley
President

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The African American Museum of Bucks County (AAMBC) understands the impact the pandemic continues to have on our local communities and families. The job loss, medical, mental, and economic effects has made it difficult for many families to put food on the table. Food banks are at an all-time low, and although a great resource for food, families are often met with long lines and scarce supplies. AAMBC is partnering with local grocery stores and church organizations to identify families in their community and congregation that could benefit from this program. AAMBC will continue to provide the program monthly through the generosity of monetary donations of museum members, sponsors, and friends. AAMBC is a non-profit 501c3 organization tax. Questions or comments can be directed to info@aambcmuseum.org

AAMBC - PANDEMIC RELIEF PROGRAM

We have created the AAMBC Pandemic Assistance Program to support families in our community in need. We are partnering with grocery stores, and local churches as they often know the families in their congregation and community that have an unmet need.

Our program will provide bags of groceries to families in need. AAMBC will purchase the food, and contact the families provided by the local churches in our communities to arrange for a safe and touchless pickup or delivery of the food to their front door. Each bag will have non-perishable items. In some cases, a gift card, by participating grocery chains to supplement the cost of perishable items, like bread, milk, etc. Each bag will provide enough food to cover 3 meals for each family. Visit our website for periodic updates on the program and thank you in advance for your generosity in giving.

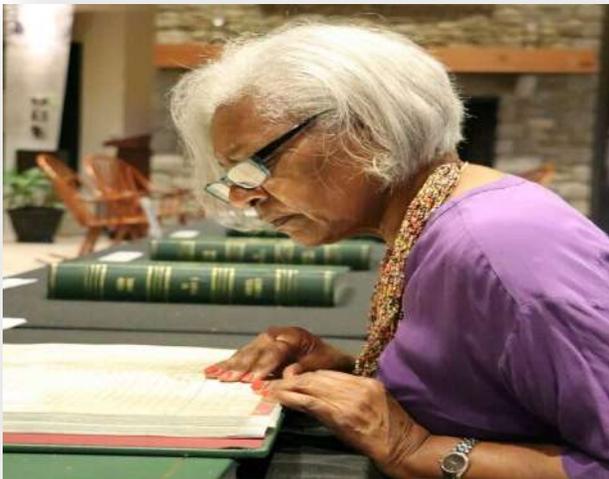


Robin Robinson Recorder of Deeds



Robin Robinson, Doreen Stranton, Katy Meyerson, and Linda Salley are pleased to announce the books are back. Robin Robinsons started over a little year ago working on this project. Robin received a grant called Save America's Treasures. These deed books contain historic land records, slave records, both bill of sales and manumissions. What makes these slave records so unique is that the manumissions, which is the emanci-

pation of slavery, were done prior to the Civil War. These books are here to receive the same treatment all deed books have been given. Doreen Stratton, Doylestown native and Underground Railroad researcher, and I, Linda Salley President of the African American Museum of Bucks County had the privilege of joining Robin at the warehouse to see these books. Doreen said, "she knew about these books, but had no idea the extent of history that was recorded in them". When Robin asked me what these books mean to African American Museum of Bucks County, I said" This is exciting, we have been searching for the true history of Bucks County. And now it will be revealed. I'm grateful to be a part of this, to share this history with all of Bucks County and the world." With the preservation of these books, The Recorder of Deeds Office hopes to bring more history to light. Thank you, Robin for restoring this rich history in Bucks County.



African American Museum of Bucks County awarded Van and grant by County Commissioners.

The generous grant will assist the AAMBC mission: To honor and educate the legacy of African American experience from African roots to the present day.

THE AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM OF BUCKS COUNTY PRESENTS

Building on the Dream:
From Africa to Bucks County

VISIT BUCKS COUNTY
Pennsylvania
Promoting travel to Bucks County

Due to the pandemic, Visit Bucks County had to close, the opening will be soon. Once open, the AAMBC exhibit will be on display until September 9th, after Labor Day. For more information follow us on our Facebook page and Website.

www.infoaambc.org

**AAMBC Receive Van
Donation from Bucks County Commissioners
June 12, 2020.**

Thank you to Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia, Robert J. Harvie Jr., and Gene DiGirolamo, Bucks County Commissioners, for this generous donation.

The AAMBC mobile museum will benefit tremendously from this addition as we transport our exhibits





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Celebrate Freedom

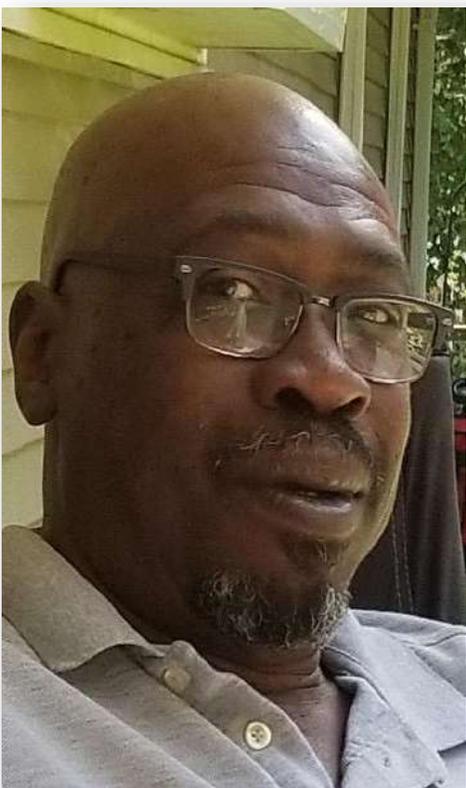
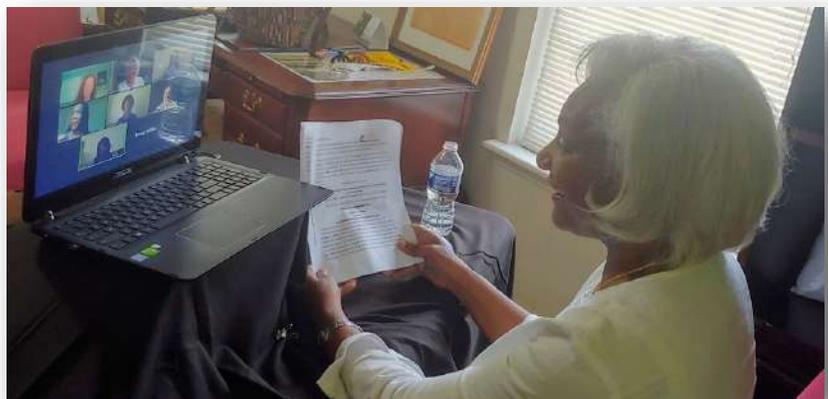
VIRTUAL EVENT
JUNE 19, 2020
4:00 PM

THE AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM OF BUCKS COUNTY AND PENNSBURY MANOR INVITE EVERYONE TO JOIN AS WE CELEBRATE THE END OF SLAVERY.

Link to join
Webinar <https://zoom.us/j/99864520368>
The program will be recorded and can be viewed after the live program ends.

AAMBC partnered with Pennsbury Manor & Bensalem AME church.

Thank you ever so much to everyone who attended and supported the virtual celebration of Juneteenth day. Let us all remember, although this holiday centers on the freedom of African Americans from slavery, the message of Juneteenth is a positive unifying one for all Americans. This day is the completion of the celebration of freedom in America. As we all have witnessed, the racial unfairness in our nation has come to the forefront in ways that have made our country think, and share, open and honest dialogue about these issues. It may be new and uncomfortable for some, but it is a needed step towards finding common ground and progress for our society. To this end, we encourage everyone to use June 19, as a day to learn, reflect and serve.



Kevin F. McKoy

Kervin F. McKoy
The African American Museum of Bucks County (AAMBC) is saddened to announce the sudden passing of Mr. McKoy.

Mr. McKoy served on the Advisory Board of AAMBC and was active in projects that AAMBC has partnered with the Quakertown Historical Society. He also served as the representative of the AAMBC to the Upper Bucks County Chamber of Commerce. His dedication to the work and objectives of the AAMBC will truly be missed.

Rest In Peace Our Friend.



African American Museum of Bucks County Vision

The **African-American Museum of Bucks County** honors the legacy of the African American experience, inspiring pride in our heritage, educating about diverse journey of our people, sharing stories that depict our shared ancestry, thus enriching the lives of Bucks County families.

Our Mission and Values

The mission of the AAMBC is to promote understanding and appreciation of the African American experience including:

- History: Honoring and illuminating the legacy of the African American experience from African roots to the present day.
- Education: Programming that demonstrates the importance of African American history and culture to everyone.
- Inspiration: Highlighting contributions that show the diverse journeys of African Americans in art, culture, politics, sports, and other areas.
- Community: Sharing stories that depict our shared ancestry
- We take pride in heritage and ancestry:
- "We stand on the shoulders of our forefathers"
- We gain strength earned through struggle and persistence: "We cannot be defeated"
- We believe in the power of change: "Ordinary people doing extraordinary things"
- We continue to have faith in the dream: "All men are created equal"

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