

CALABOOSE

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MUSEUM

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The Calaboose Museum Wishes Happy Holidays to All!

The Calaboose African American History Museum Board of Directors wishes all of its patrons, supporters and friends Happy Holidays and a prosperous New Year!



Board President to Rotate Off, Thanks Community, Highlights Servant Leadership

Dearest Friends, Community Members, and Fellow Culture, History, and Art Lovers:

I am writing to share some final reflections on all that we have shared and accomplished together during my servant leadership at the Calaboose African American History Museum. I will not view this as a goodbye but rather a denouement in a beautiful story woven across events of time and space. It was both a pleasure and an honor to pursue the advancement of our beloved museum's mission alongside my fellow Board members. Without their and our community's support, the following celebrations wouldn't have manifested. I remain grateful for the fruitful partnerships with committed community organizations and thought leaders, our heartfelt collaborative efforts as a dedicated volunteer board of directors, and for their trust in my leadership to grow our founder Johnnie Armstead's vision.



Like all meaningful stories with beautiful beginnings and meaningful middles, even the most enthralling chapters must come to an end. And that time has now come for my chapter as servant leader President for the last two years, Coordinator of Educational Programs for the past six years, external Grant Writer (having successfully written six grants that were funded at the regional, state, and national levels), content developer for our Calaboose Museum Instagram page, and Founder and Director of the Junior Docent Program at the Calaboose African American History Museum. This chapter has been an exceptionally busy and equally rewarding one.

During my tenure, the Calaboose co-sponsored renowned author and poet Niki Giovanni's visit to Texas State University in 2018, hosted lectures and book-signings/ giveaways with authors Dr. Daina Ramey Berry and Dr. Leonard Moore to name a few, was named 1st Place Winner and Best of Hays for the Best Museum category by Hays County Texas citizens two consecutive years, earned six grants, expanded the number of scholarships offered to high school students, created the Dr. Elvin Holt Scholarship for Texas State University students, acquired stewardship of the Cephas House from the city of San Marcos, developed and stocked a richly diverse non-lending library in the Cephas House, oversaw the creation and subsequent installation of a digitized informational content kiosk housed in the museum, developed an entirely online educational program with a focus on PK-12 learners and mental health resources for universal access to families and virtual learners during the pandemic, and led our response to community wellness needs when the Calaboose co-facilitated several FREE COVID-19 and flu vaccination clinics and health consultations. The Calaboose COVID-19 efforts also included home visits to elderly and disabled community members as well as those who were without transportation. It is impossible to name everything the Calaboose Board accomplished together, but I wanted to highlight some of our more significant feats.

I was both enthusiastically inspired to lead the charge and doggedly determined to make critical strides that would advance educational and cultural access to our space and resources for everyone in our San Marcos community and beyond. I feel humbled and thankful by the belief that the legacy I'm leaving behind is demonstrative of that genuine aspiration. May the work continue.

Humbled by and thankful for a most truly beautiful season together...

In service and community,
Skyller Walkes, Ph.D., M.S.J.J., M.A., B.A.
 President, Calaboose African American History Museum

In this Season of Giving, Consider the Calaboose as Your Community Recipient

Managed by a volunteer Board of Directors, the mission of the Calaboose African American History Museum is to collect, preserve, exhibit, and interpret the history of African Americans in the city of San Marcos, Texas, and Hays County. Your donations help us fulfill this mission as well as to produce appropriate programming for the community, adults, and children; host events; maintain the physical facilities of the Museum and annexed Cephas House; and acquire and curate artifacts, collections, and exhibitions.

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#RESISTANCE

2023 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MARCH & CELEBRATION

San Marcos, TX



MLK Kid's Event
 January 14, 2023 @ 10:30 am
 San Marcos Public Library
 Follow the link or QR Code to Register

Kid's event registration
<https://forms.gle/hLFunRzhKrkaEaNP9>

MLK March & Celebration
 January 16, 2023 starting @ 9:30 am
 @ the Crossroads Memorial on the corner of LBJ & MLK, San Marcos, TX

- Wreath-laying Ceremony
- March thru Historic Dunbar & Downtown
- Program & Keynote address on the Historic Courthouse Square





Register to March
<https://forms.gle/33880500000000000000000000000000>



To donate a wreath
<https://forms.gle/60723176903000000000000000000000>



To Place an Ad in the Souvenir Booklet
<https://forms.gle/9KJL2883723M0000>

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May 2023 Bring Peace, Love and Prosperity



Calaboose African American History Museum

The CAAHM is located at 200 W. Martin Luther King Drive, San Marcos, TX 78666. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturdays. Admission is free. Individual or group tours outside of regular operating hours, may be arranged by completing the "Request a Tour Form" on the website, or email calaboosemuseum.smtx@gmail.com. The historic Cephus House across from the CAAHM and adjacent to Eddie Durham Park also is operated by the CAAHM.



CAAHM BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Dr. Skyller Walkes, president; Brent Salome, vice president; Ginger Salome, secretary; Dr. Elvin Holt, archivist; Linda Kelsey-Jones, curator; Diana Garcia, children's activities coordinator; Mrs. Rose Brooks, community liaison; LaMarriol Smith, newsletter editor; Dr. Margo Handwerker; and Kamika Adams.



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MISSION: The Calaboose Museum serves as a home for African American history and culture in San Marcos and Hays County. Through preservation, events, and education, the museum strives to serve as not only an African American History Museum, but a center of support for the San Marcos Community.