

CALABOOSE

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MUSEUM

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Join the Calaboose Museum for the 2022 Eddie Durham Jazz Festival!

The 2022 Eddie Durham Festival is around the corner, complete with a FREE CONCERT Oct. 15, at [Eddie Durham Park, 205 Martin Luther King Drive in San Marcos](#). This event celebrates gifted jazz guitarist, trombonist and San Marcos native, Eddie Durham. The 2022 Eddie Durham Jazz Fest will feature a concert from 11-5 with special guest and MC, "Topsy" M. Durham, Eddie Durham's daughter and biographer. Food trucks, arts and crafts booths and JAZZ ALL DAY promise to make this a wonderful way to spend an October Saturday. If you are interested in sponsorship or vendor space, please contact the [Calaboose Museum](#). YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS EVENT! Thanks to our community supporters!



Born Aug. 19, 1906, in San Marcos, Texas, to Joseph Durham, Sr., and Luella Rabb, Eddie Durham performed as a youngster with his family in the Durham Brothers Band. By the time he was 18, Durham had begun writing and striking out on his own with other regional bands. Durham's talents as a jazz guitarist, trombonist, arranger and composer made him one of San Marcos' and America's most well known swing-era sons.

CAAHM Board Names Library for Dynamic Board President

On Sunday, July 17, 2022, during a special meeting, the Calaboose African American History Museum (CAAHM) Board of Directors unveiled a surprise naming of the non-lending library to the **Dr. Skyller Walkes Library of African American Studies**! The naming of the library, located within the Cephus House, was made in honor of Dr. Walkes' contributions and legacy as the dynamic CAAHM President, Director of Educational Programs, and Founder of the Junior Docents Program. She the organizing of numerous events and activities hosted by the Calaboose Museum, where she served a dedicated member of the CAAHM Board of Directors throughout her board tenure. You are invited to peruse the library's resources for research, historical insight, or just for reading enjoyment.



L to R: Brent Salone, Linda Kelsey-Jones, Dr. Skyller Walkes, Ginger Salone, Diana Garcia and Margo Handwerker stand at the entrance to the recently named "Dr. Skyller Walkes Library of African American Studies."



Dr. Elvin Holt describes a litany of initiatives, services, and successes attained by Board President Dr. Skyller Walkes to board members and guests during the special meeting for the library naming.

Ask San Marcos City Council to Keep Its Commitment to Allow Calaboose Annexation of Cephus House



Earlier this year and with the submission of historical of documentation, the City of San Marcos made an informal commitment of providing the Calaboose African American History Museum with "annexation" of the historic Cephus House. The original request of annexation was made by Calaboose Founder Mrs. Johnnie Armstead. Yet, the informal commitment has not been followed with a written agreement, contract or memorandum. The City of San Marcos provides financial support to the Calaboose Museum, which is run by a volunteer Board of Directors. Without a written agreement between the City and the Calaboose, rules regarding reservations, rental, rental fee schedule and other issues related to use of the Cephus House remain ambiguous. The Calaboose Board President has corresponded multiple times with San Marcos staff regarding the status of the annexation, but no agreement has been produced. Therefore, YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

The issue of the Calaboose annexing the Cephus House has been scheduled to come before the San Marcos City Council at the Council's Tuesday, Sept. 20 meeting. Please join Calaboose board members and other supporters in asking the San Marcos City Council to honor its years-long commitment to provide the Calaboose with annexation of the historic Cephus House. If you are not able to attend the council meeting in person or virtually, please send a "[Citizen Comment](#)" email to council members expressing your support of a formalized annexation of the Cephus House by the Calaboose Museum. Details about submitting citizen comments (not to exceed 3 minutes) can be found on the [City of San Marcos website](#). Thank you in advance for your participation!



Citizens Tap Calaboose Museum for "First Place Winner and Best of Hays"



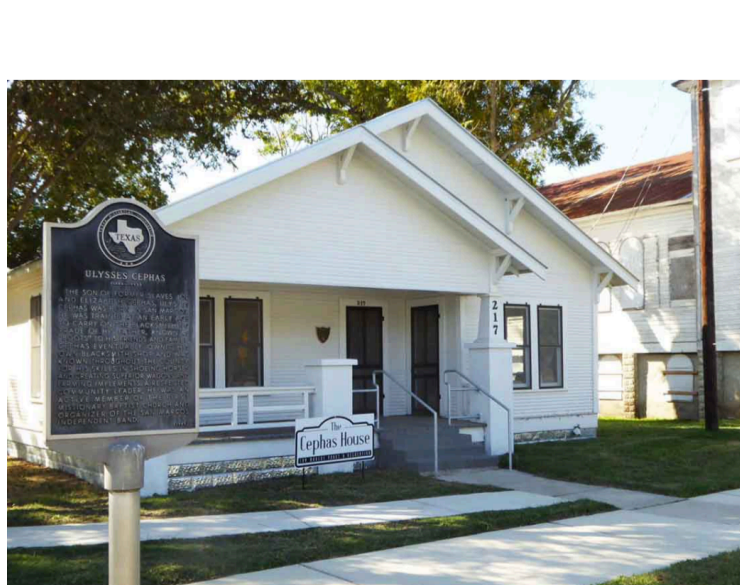
The Calaboose African Arts Hub Museum is the cultural arts hub of Hays County and it depends on support from dedicated patrons like you to bring the community the programming it deserves. Already in 2022, the Calaboose has hosted an array of art, including the incomparable art of Bill Hutson, book signings and readings from first-class authors and historians, engaging children's activities, an outstanding Juneteenth Celebration, and the upcoming Eddie Durham Jazz Festival.

Perhaps those are some of the reasons why the Calaboose Museum was voted "First Place Winner and Best of Hays" for the "Best Museum" category in the *San Marcos Daily Record* by Hays County, Texas, residents two years in a row! More than 63,000 votes are counted in the "Best Of" categories. The CAAHM Board of Directors thanks all of you for making it #1. To help us continue to deliver exceptional cultural arts and programs, please consider making a donation today.

[Donate to the Calaboose](#)

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 calaboosmuseum.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 Salone, vice president; Ginger Salone, secretary; Dr. Elvin Holt, archivist; Linda Kelsey-Jones, curator; Diana Garcia, children's activities coordinator; Mrs. Rose Brooks, community liaison; LaMarriol Smith, newsletter editor; and Dr. Margo Handwerker.



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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.

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