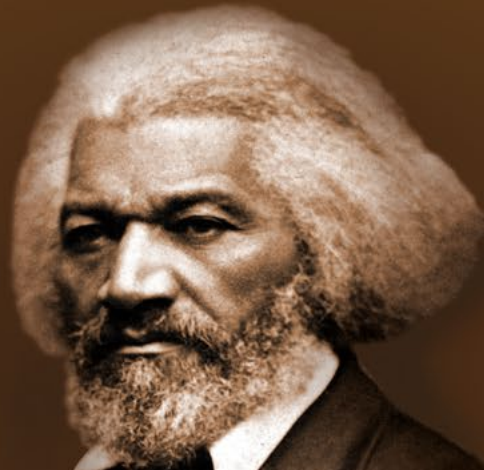


The Frederick Douglass Honor Society,
The Talbot County Free Library
and the Town of Easton present



*Frederick
Douglass
Day 2015*

Saturday, September 26, 2015

Frederick Douglass Day

On behalf of the Town of Easton, the Talbot County Free Library and the Frederick Douglass Honor Society, we welcome you to our annual Frederick Douglass Day. This is a proud day for the citizens of Easton, Talbot County and the Frederick Douglass Day Committee as they have long-labored to deliver this grand event filled with history, education, adventure, and entertainment.

Today, we honor Frederick Douglass, a man born into slavery in Talbot County. He had no formal education but taught himself to read and write. Indeed, 'once you learn to read,' he says, 'you will forever be free.' After his escape, Douglass soon became a powerful voice for freedom and equality, and a valued friend and advisor to President Abraham Lincoln. A U.S. Marshal, an Ambassador, and during the Republican National Convention in 1888, he was the first African-American to have his name placed into nomination for President of the United States.

Although he was born a slave, he died a statesman. His compassion for humanity, unyielding advocacy for justice, and intellectual prose writings continue to shape our nation today. "We have to do with the past as we can make it useful to the present and future" - Frederick Douglass.

We hope you enjoy today's celebration of the life and legacy of our native son Frederick Douglass,

Robert Willey

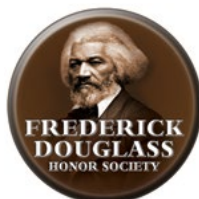
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Robert Horvath

Director, Talbot County Free Library

Eric Lowery

President, Frederick Douglass Honor Society



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

10am ~ Parade from Glenwood Ave. to Talbot County Courthouse.
Grand Marshall Frederick Douglass (portrayed by Fred Morsell)

10:40am ~ Welcome Ceremony at the Talbot County Courthouse.
Master of Ceremonies Cameron McCoy, Invocation by Rev. Nancy M. Dennis,
Speakers include Eric Lowery, President, Frederick Douglass Honor Society;
Robert C. Willey, Mayor, Town of Easton, MD;
Corey Pack, President, Talbot County Council;

11:00am ~ Children's Village, Knowledge Village,
and Food and Retail Vendors open until 4:00pm

11:00am to 3:00pm ~ Scavenger Hunt

11:20am ~ Frederick Douglass (Fred Morsell) presents his speech
"A Psalm To Our Martyred President Abraham Lincoln" (Stage)

12:20pm ~ Debra Mims Presents "My Grandmother Told Me:
A Tribute to African American Women" (Stage)

1:20pm ~ Keynote address by John Stauffer, Professor of English,
American Studies and African American Studies at Harvard University (Library)

1:20pm ~ Sombarkin' led by Karen Somerville (Stage)

2:20pm ~ Union Baptist Church Choir (Stage)

2:20pm ~ Mary Elliott, Museum Specialist at the Smithsonian's National
Museum of African American History and Culture has helped research
and design the "Slavery and Freedom" inaugural exhibition. (Library)

3:00pm ~ Kentavius Jones (KJ) and Band (Stage)

4:00pm ~ Tour of "The Hill" led by Professor Dale Green.
Attendees Gather by the Frederick Douglass Monument,
Talbot County Courthouse.

The Early Years of Frederick Douglass

The man we know as Frederick Douglass was born Frederick Augustus Washington Bailey in Talbot County, MD, February 1818. His mother, a slave named Harriet Bailey, gave birth to him in the cabin of her mother Betsey Bailey, also a slave but whose husband Isaac was free. The cabin was in a small ravine on Tuckahoe

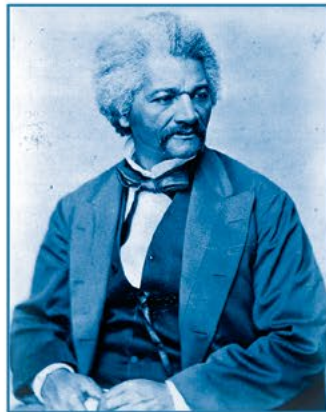


Creek near what is now called the village of Cordova. Frederick's mother soon returned to the farm where she worked, and he only saw her a few times thereafter. She died when he was eight years old. His earliest years were spent with his grandparents Isaac and Betsey Bailey.

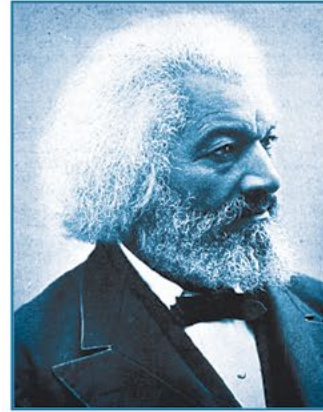
In 1824, at the age of six, Frederick and his grandmother walked twelve miles to Wye House plantation where his owner Aaron Anthony was employed as an overseer. Anthony died within two years and Frederick was transferred to the possession of Thomas Auld, Anthony's son-in-law. He was sent by Auld's wife to her sister-in-law Sophia Auld in Fells Point, Baltimore, to be a companion to the son of Hugh and Sophia. Frederick was recognized as a gifted child, and Sophia began to teach him to read, although doing so was illegal. Her husband stopped the lessons, saying that if a slave was taught to read he would no longer be satisfied to remain a slave, words that Frederick overheard and took to heart. He continued to read in secret. He bought "The Columbian Orator," memorizing the speeches and practicing oratory.

"I had as well be killed running as die standing."

Frederick was returned to the Eastern Shore when his services were no longer needed in Baltimore. By then, Colonel Lloyd, owner of the Wye House plantation, owned Frederick. The young man organized a weekly Sunday school, teaching other slaves to read the New Testament. Within a short time, several slave owners discovered this forbidden activity and broke up the meetings. Frederick tried to escape his master several times and was severely punished. After one such attempt, the escape plot



"Once you learn to read, you will forever be free."



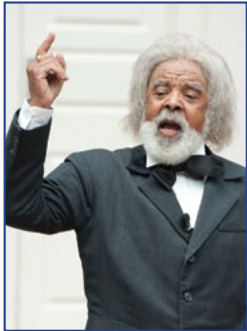
was discovered and Frederick was tied and led behind a team of horses to the county jail in Easton. Ultimately, his master returned him to Baltimore to learn the trade of ship caulking. In 1838, he managed his successful escape with help from friends. To avoid being discovered and returned to slavery, Frederick stopped using the last name Bailey and called himself Frederick Johnson. He later changed his last name again to Douglass, choosing to spell Douglass with a slight difference – a double "s".

Frederick and his wife Anna had five children; three sons and two daughters. He became a licensed preacher in the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, and he began to attend abolitionist meetings. Thus began the career of a great orator, editor, author, suffragist, reformer, statesman and advisor to Presidents. In 1878, in sharp contrast to his beginning in Talbot County, Douglass returned to Easton and spoke at the Courthouse, Asbury U. M. Church and Bethel A.M.E. Church as an accomplished and respected leader.

He died February 20, 1895, both nationally and internationally acclaimed as one of the most influential men of his century.

"I know of no soil better adapted to the growth of reform than American soil. I know of no country where the conditions for affecting great changes in the settled order of things, for the development of right ideas of liberty and humanity, are more favorable than here in these United States."

SPEAKERS



Fred Morsell is a professional actor and educator nationally known for his portrayal of 19th-century hero Frederick Douglass. Morsell, a native New Yorker now living in Montana, has researched and performed as Frederick Douglass since 1984. His dramatizations and related workshops are based on Douglass' autobiographies, writings, and speeches. In June 1997, Morsell delivered remarks as Douglass during a Washington, DC ceremony marking the move of the statue of suffragists Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, and Lucretia Mott to the U.S. Capitol Rotunda. He has also appeared as Douglass in historical presentations at Ford's Theatre, Seneca Falls, The Chautauqua Institute, New York and the Harper's Ferry and Gettysburg National Historical Parks. Mr. Morsell gives "Presenting Mr. Frederick Douglass" performances and conducts the Frederick Douglass Seminars on Race Relations and Gender Equity at K-12 schools as well as institutions of higher education. In these seminars, Frederick Douglass' principles of success: believe in yourself; take full advantage of every opportunity; and exercise the power of written and spoken language to affect positive change are dramatized by Fred Morsell to relate to today's challenges, and to reinforce to the present generation Douglass' message, "What is possible for me is possible for you."

John Stauffer is Professor of English and African American Studies at Harvard University, and the editor of 21st Editions, which publishes limited edition photography books. He is the author or editor of 15 books and over 100 articles, including two books that were briefly national bestsellers: the award-winning *GIANTS: The Parallel Lives of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln*; and *State of Jones*, co-authored with Washington Post columnist Sally Jenkins, soon to be a feature film starring Matthew McConaughey.



Two other books received awards: *The Black Hearts of Men* was the co-winner of the Frederick Douglass Book Prize and the Lincoln Prize runner-up. And *The Battle Hymn of the Republic*, co-authored with Benjamin Soskis, was a Lincoln Prize finalist.

His new book, *Picturing Frederick Douglass: An Illustrated Biography of the 19th-Century's Most Photographed American*, will be published by W.W. Norton in October 2015.

His essays and reviews have appeared in *Time*, *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, and *Huffington Post*. He has appeared on national radio and television shows, including *The Diane Rehm Show* and *Book TV* with Susan Swain, and he has lectured throughout the United States and Europe. In 2009 the U.S. State Department's International Information Programs hired him as one of its speakers.

His interest in visual culture extends to exhibitions and film. He was a consultant for the traveling exhibition *WAR/PHOTOGRAPHY*. He advised and appeared in three award-winning documentaries (*God in America*, *The Abolitionists*, and *The African Americans: Many Rivers to Cross*). And he has been a consultant for feature films including *Django* and the forthcoming *Free State of Jones*.

In 2009 Harvard named Professor Stauffer the Walter Channing Cabot Fellow for "achievements and scholarly eminence in the fields of literature, history or art." He has also received two teaching awards from Harvard: the Everett Mendelsohn Excellence in Mentoring Award; and the Jan Thaddeus Teaching Prize. He lives in Cambridge, MA with his wife, Deborah Cunningham, and their two sons, Erik and Nicholas.



Mary Elliott is a Museum Specialist at the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture. In her current position she has helped research, conceptualize and design the "Slavery and Freedom" inaugural exhibition. She has also contributed to the exhibition script, consulted with expert scholars, and identified and secured collection donations including the antebellum slave cabin that will be featured in the museum.

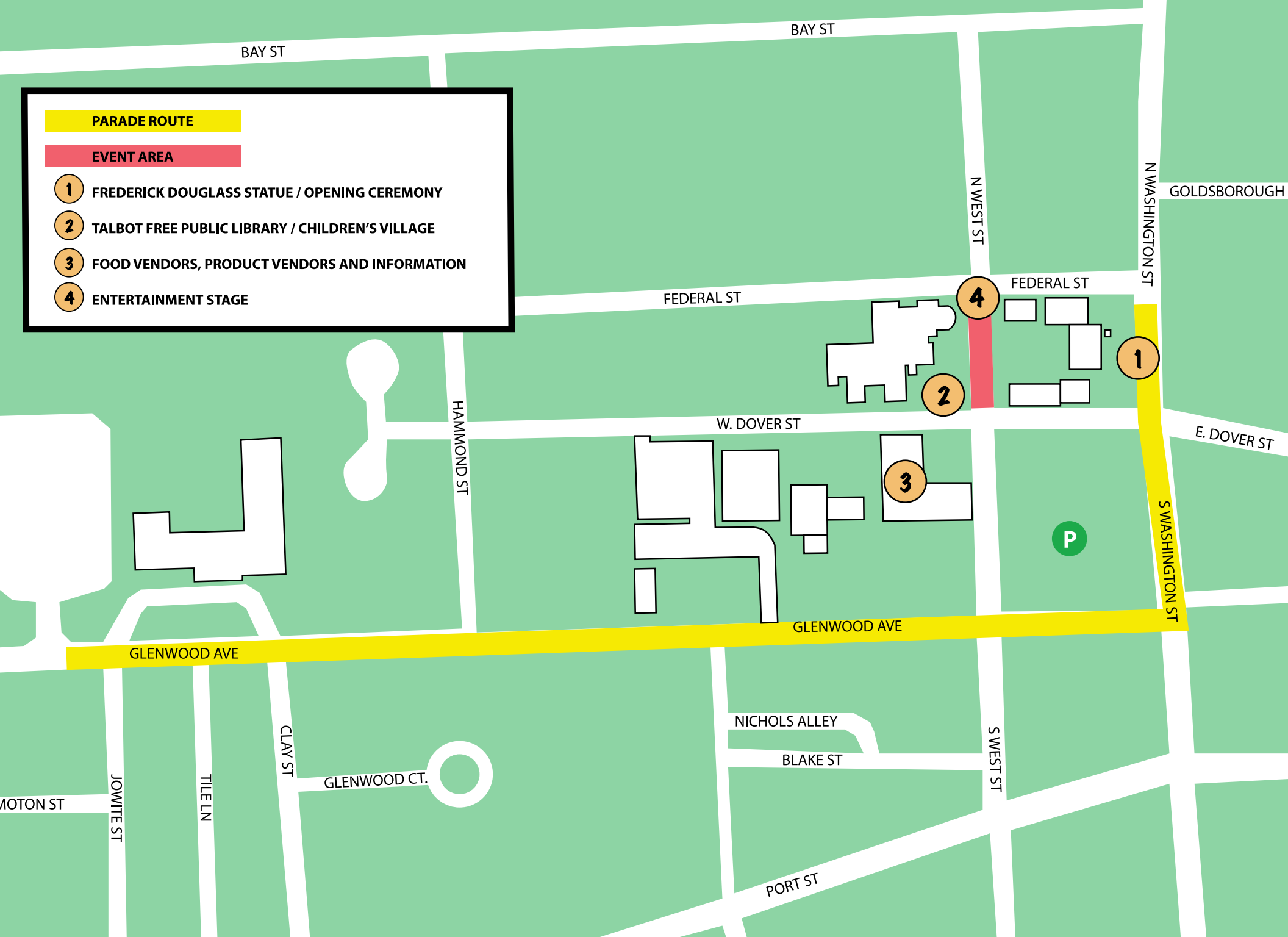
A graduate of Howard University and the Catholic University of America's Columbus School of Law, Mary helped produce local history exhibits in the Washington, D.C. area and produced several public history programs. She served as a contractor and consultant to various organizations including the National Visionary Leadership Project, Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Reginald Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and the Humanities Council of Washington, D.C.

She has over twenty years of experience in researching and presenting African American history and culture. The focus of her personal research is African Americans from antebellum slavery through the Jim Crow Era, with a specific concentration on migration and community development. Her research has taken her to Virginia, South Carolina, Louisiana, Mississippi and Oklahoma, covering subject matter including slavery and freedom in America, Reconstruction, the all-Black towns of Oklahoma and the National Negro Business League.

PARADE ROUTE

EVENT AREA

- 1 FREDERICK DOUGLASS STATUE / OPENING CEREMONY
- 2 TALBOT FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY / CHILDREN'S VILLAGE
- 3 FOOD VENDORS, PRODUCT VENDORS AND INFORMATION
- 4 ENTERTAINMENT STAGE



PERFORMERS



Cameron McCoy is the youngest son of Mr. Leroy and Dr. Lois McCoy of Easton. Cameron loves his family and has a very unique and strong bond with his older brothers. Currently, Cameron is a high school senior and has been elected as the SGA President during both his junior and senior year. He is also a member of the National Honor Society and continues to challenge himself by taking Advance Placement Courses. Cameron has plans to attend college during the fall of 2016. His essay and poetry writing style has been greatly influenced by Frederick Douglass' life and literary works. Cameron has read

several of his essays and poems about Frederick Douglass during the Annual Frederick Douglass Day Celebration for the past three years, and looks forward to continuing this tradition. Cameron has participated in a variety of leadership experiences.

Dr. Lorenzo Hughes, the youngest of six children, was the first person in his immediate family to attend college. After graduation he launched a career as a classroom teacher, but quickly moved into school administration. He became the first African American to serve as principal of Wicomico High School in nearby Salisbury, in 2005. Lorenzo returned to his hometown of Cambridge, in 2010 as the first African American to hold the position of assistant superintendent for instruction for Dorchester County Public Schools. In May of 2012, he earned a doctoral degree in organizational leadership from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

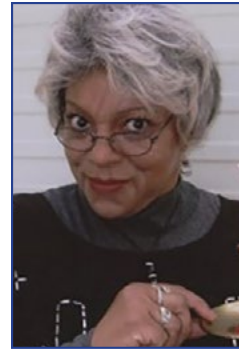


Dale Glenwood Green is a chair of the Historic Preservation Program and an Assistant Professor in the School of Architecture and Planning at Morgan State University. He is recognized for his engaged scholarships and applied research in the areas of African



American Heritage Preservation and the making of a Scholar Activist. He has been interviewed on Fox 45 News National, can be heard on NPR and was seen on the front page of the Washington Post. He will make his debut in the soon to be released PBS documentary featuring his scholarly research on "The Hill" community in Easton, Maryland. Professor Green has lectured nationally from elementary schools to colleges and universities; from private corporations to public organizations and forums. A two-time recipient of Maryland Preservation Award, he earned his B.Sc in Architecture and Environmental

Design from Morgan State University and M.A. in Architecture and Historic Preservation from the University of Illinois at Urbana- Champaign.



Debra Mims has been an actress for over thirty years and was an arts producer at PBS for fourteen years. With additional training in dance, she received a BFA in Theatre Performance from Marygrove College in Detroit, Michigan. She has performed at the Georgetown Theatre Company, the Children's Theatre in Madison, Wisconsin, and the Detroit-Windsor Dance Company. Debra is the 2010 Individual Artist Award winner for solo performance from Maryland State Arts Council. She also won this award previously in 2004 and 2008.

Sombarkin, a powerful a cappella gospel trio, features Karen Somerville, Lester Barrett Jr. and Jerome McKinney. Based in Worton, Maryland, Sombarkin' is known for dynamic vocal instrumentation and beautiful harmonies. They deliver an explosive performance, with uplifting and haunting melodies that tell powerful stories of sorrow, hope, freedom and joy.



Union Baptist Church Mass Choir was founded in the early 1950's, and although many of the original members are no longer with them, the Easton, MD choir continues their legacy of singing the Gospel. They have traveled extensively over the years, bringing their message of faith to New York, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Washington, D.C. and throughout the Delmarva Peninsula. Choir members' commitment and determination express their strong belief in Christian teachings and their faith that they have been given a mandate to sing. The Union

Baptist Church Mass Choir was honored to be featured as one of the participants at the unveiling of the Frederick Douglass statue.

Kentavius Jones, a native of Easton and a 2004 graduate of Washington College, will bring his unique brand of soulful rock to the Frederick Douglass Day stage. He currently resides in Los Angeles, where he is writing, recording and playing shows – and continues to perform on the East Coast and play locally in Easton, Annapolis, and Baltimore.



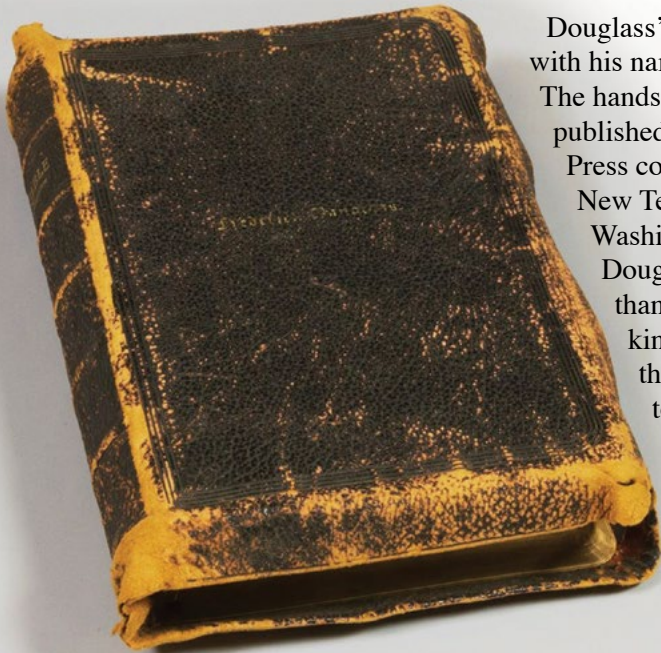
FREDERICK DOUGLASS' BIBLE

The Holy Bible that once belonged to African American abolitionist Frederick Douglass who died in 1895 will be on display at the Talbot County Free Library on Saturday, September 16, 2015 from 11 AM until 4 PM.

“We are honored that the National Park Service has allowed us to showcase Frederick Douglass’ Holy Bible during our Frederick Douglass Day celebration. When Debbi Dodson, our event coordinator, saw Attorney General Loretta Lynch’s televised swearing in ceremony in Washington, DC, she quickly noted that she placed her hand on Frederick Douglass’ Bible. During our next meeting, Debbi suggested investigating the possibility of highlighting the Bible during Frederick Douglass Day. Robert Horvath, Director of the Talbot County Free Library, immediately made a few phone calls and fortunately we just learned that the Bible is coming to Easton”, said Eric Lowery, President of the Frederick Douglass Honor Society. The Academy Arts Museum is providing the display case for this extraordinary exhibit.

The Bible is a part of the National Park Service’s collection at the Frederick Douglass National Historic Site. Douglass received it from members of the Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church in Washington on September 1, 1889, according to the Park Services. Douglass was leaving for a trip to Haiti, having been appointed by President Benjamin Harrison to serve there as a minister and consul general.

Douglass’ Holy Bible is embossed with his name on the front cover. The handsome leather bound edition published by Oxford University Press contains both the Old and New Testaments. According to the Washington Evening Star, “Mr. Douglass warmly and eloquently thanked the donors for their kindness”. The inscription in the Bible reads, “Presented to the Hon. Frederick Douglass by members of the Metropolitan A.M.E. Church, Washington, D.C.



CHILDREN'S VILLAGE

Fun and interactive activities in the Children’s Village include free coloring books, face painting, dress up, bubbles, and even decorating the village itself. The activity Performing Frederick Douglass’s Escape offers children an opportunity to reenact his escape and earn their own historically accurate Seaman’s Protection Paper.

11:30 am- 12:30 pm - Performing Frederick Douglass’s Escape. Children will read passages about Douglass’s escape, dress in period clothing, and learn to speak like an “old salt”. Cameras are encouraged to snap a life-long memory of children portraying a seaman/seawoman.

11:30 am - 4 pm - Learn by Doing! Free Coloring Books in the Courtyard; crayons available

11:30 am - 4 pm - Face Painting in the Courtyard

Children learn best when they are having fun.



SCAVENGER HUNT

Sleuths are invited to journey through downtown Easton while solving clues based on Frederick Douglass and Historic Easton trivia. Registration opens at 11am at the Talbot County Free Library, 100 West Dover Street.

Rules and requirements for this photographic scavenger hunt are simple:

- (1) Entire Team must take a group photo and list all members at registration. No more than five people per team. At least 1/2 of the team members must appear in the photograph taken.
- (2) Participants must be at least 12 years old to participate.
- (3) Scavenger Hunt begins at 11am and entries must be completed by 3:00 pm.
- (4) Participants must use a Smart Phone or any phone with a camera to take pictures of places visited.
- (5) Landmark photos must be visible and all judges’ decisions are FINAL.
- (6) Winners will be announced at the close of the Frederick Douglass Day Festival. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded to the team(s) with the most correct photos taken. To collect a prize, a team member must be present when winners are announced.

VENDORS

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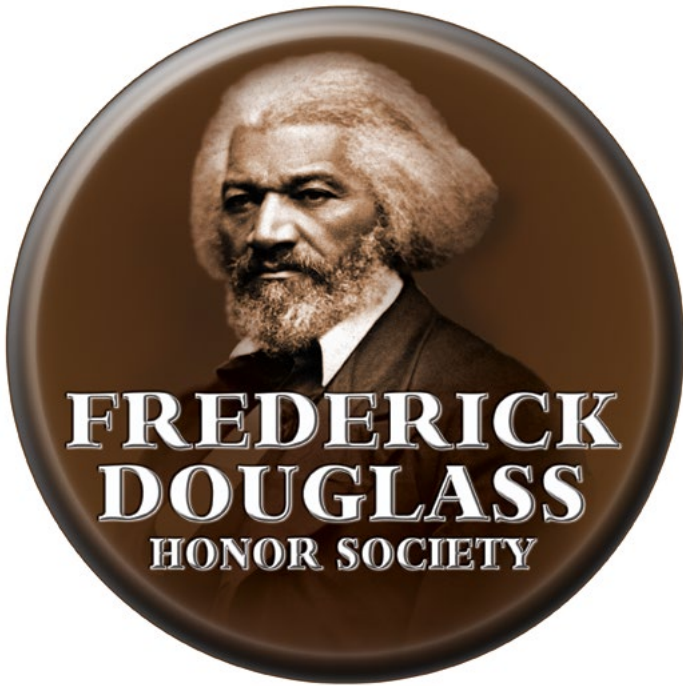
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**The Frederick Douglass Honor Society
Mission Statement:**

“The Frederick Douglass Honor Society is dedicated to developing programs that continue the Douglass legacy of human rights, education, personal growth, and involvement of citizens.”

Our goal is to honor Frederick Douglass here in his birthplace, Talbot County, Maryland, where his experiences in his youth – both positive and negative – helped form his character, intellect and determination. It became Frederick Douglass’s life goal to bring black people, and America, away from the ancient institution of slavery.

It is our hope that Frederick Douglass will be seen as a true leader by all Americans. His brilliant oratory and his influence both here and abroad helped black people and our country through one of the most difficult and painful struggles in our history. He is known, honored and respected around the world; we believe he should be considered among the foremost of our many American heroes. A statue of him in his birthplace is a beginning...

For more info: <http://www.frederickdouglasshonorsociety.org>