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THE CITY OF PETERSBURG SECOND ANNUAL

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

2015 SPECIAL EVENTS CELEBRATING "A CENTURY OF BLACK LIFE, HISTORY, AND CULTURE"

From film, tours, food, fashion, folklore, art, acrobatics, dance, music and MORE; the City of Petersburg invites you to join us as we commemorate the rich African American experience within our city. History, culture, and heritage will take center stage throughout the entire month of February.

Many exciting programs and activities have been planned for your enjoyment and enrichment. We encourage you to participate in these mostly FREE events. As an added bonus for attending the Union Train Station event and some others in the series, you will receive a discount coupon to dine at one of our wonderful restaurants.

So much to see and do. So many activities to choose from in the City of Petersburg. Why not plan on doing it all? We hope to see you there!

NOTE: All activities take place in the City of Petersburg.

Unless otherwise noted all events are free and open to the public on a first come first served basis. Please visit www.petersburgva.gov for the Honorable Mayor W. Howard Myers and City Council's Black History Month official proclamation and other details on all other events. Join us for our Artisans Sale in the Old Towne Visitor Center and Gift Shoppe, 19 Bollingbrook Street, Farmers Bank Building.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Celebrating Our Musical Roots

3:30 p.m. - Gillfield Baptist Church, 209 Perry Street
Greg Amos, Petersburg's own First Baptist Male Chorus, Anointed Voices of Praise, The Voices of Harmony, Faithful Connections, Tamika Patterson and other wonderful gospel sounds.

Cavell Phillips, MC

For more information call (804)733-2430

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

BHM Youth Program

6 p.m. - Petersburg High School Auditorium
 3101 Johnson Road

An evening of music, dance, spoken word, and visual arts – for youth and by youth

Performances: Petersburg High School Choir, Vernon Johns Junior High School, VSU Sankofa Dance Group, and Petersburg Ballet

For more information call (804)733-2430

"Friday for the Arts" BHM Happenings
fridayforthearts.net

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Opening Exhibition and Discussion with Legacy Media Institute's Tim Reid

6:30 p.m. Discussion and Questions - Petersburg Area Art League (PAAL), 7 East Old Street
 LMI presents **"Race Movies: The Legacy of Black Films - from 1919 through the 1950's"**

This is a "one-of-a-kind exhibit," with art posters and video presentations including the continuous screening of two classic "Race Movies," one of which is the first full-length black film, "Within Our Gates."

Free and open to the public through February
 Contact Information (804) 861-4611

Jazz Musician, Neil Bowens

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. - Petersburg Public Library
 201 West Washington Street
"Love Is In the Air"

Enjoy the sounds of jazz musician Mr. Neil Bowens in the beautiful Rotunda/Lobby.

Light refreshments provided.

For more information contact (804)733-2387 ext. 104

Visual Art Show Opening

"Out of the Dust" with Priya Bhagat

Petersburg Public Library Lobby
 201 West Washington Street

An exhibition of mixed media figurines

James "Saxmo" Gates Jazz Combo with Desiree Roots

8 p.m. to 10 p.m. - Union Train Station, 103 River Street
 Enjoy an evening of jazz vocals and instrumentals with several of the region's most spectacular performers.

Light refreshments. Space is limited.

Quilting Exhibition, 'Show and Tell', and Discussion

5 p.m. -19 Bollingbrook Street
 Farmers Bank Building

Opening of Quilt Exhibit

Sisters of the Yam will lead a presentation and discussion on quilt making, social interaction of participating in quilting and will share the benefits of having a network of sisters to provide support and assistance through life's challenges and joys.

Light refreshments.



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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Storyteller Sheila Arnold

4:30 p.m. - Petersburg Public Library
201 West Washington Street

An after school *story time performance with storyteller Shelia Arnold* from Hampton, VA.

Large groups are invited but must RSVP by Feb. 15th with Leslie Johnson, Children's Programs Director (804)733-2387 ext. 401

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

26th National African American Read-In
10 a.m. to 4p.m. - Petersburg Public Library
Rotunda Area

201 West Washington Street

Make literacy a significant part of Black History Month. Join us as readers across the city share their favorite passage or books.

Each reader will have a 15 minute time slot. For more information on how you can participate call (804) 733-2387 ext. 104.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Petersburg TRIAD Meeting

1 p.m. - Good Shepherd Baptist Church
2223 South Crater Road

Fashion Show and Guest Speaker
Dr. Lucious Edwards, Archivist and Historian Emeritus, VSU

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Petersburg's African American History Bus Tour

11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Leaving from Walmart Parking Lot, 3500 South Crater Rd.

Guided tour by Dr. Lucious Edwards, Archivist and Historian Emeritus, VSU. Highlighting the sites, rich history, and contributions of African Americans to Petersburg and the world..

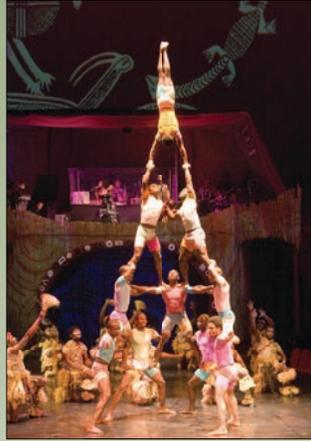
To reserve seats by February 19th call the Petersburg Sheriff's Office at (804) 733-2369 ext. 4129

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Cirque Zuma Zuma Performance

6 p.m. - Petersburg High School
3101 Johnson Road

Audiences and critics in Europe and Australia agree – "Cirque Zuma Zuma is unlike anything they have ever seen before. Many describe it as an African-style Cirque du Soleil; such is the standard of the



performers and the quality of the show's live musical score." Shows include club juggling, dance, drumming, contortionists, pole acts, pyramid, hat and foot juggling and much more unbelievable entertainment. See more at www.cirquezumazuma.com
Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 youth & seniors
Tickets are available at the Petersburg Area Transit Purchasing Office & the Old Towne Visitors Center. For more information please call (804)733-2430

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Healthy Soul Food Cooking

6 p.m. - Petersburg Public Library
201 West Washington Street
Virginia State Cooperative
Extension Services

A light food tasting will be available. For more information call (804)733-2387 ext. 104

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Bus Tours Petersburg's African American History

10 a.m. & 2 p.m. - Leaving from Walmart Parking Lot, 3500 South Crater Rd.

Reserve seats by Feb. 23, call the Petersburg Sheriff's Office at (804)733-2369 x4129
Department of Cultural Affairs, Arts, and Tourism

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

"Once Upon a Time When We Were Colored"

6 p.m. - Petersburg Public Library
(Multipurpose room)

201 West Washington Street
Discussion and viewing of the film

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Petersburg Symphony

Black History Month Concert featuring selections by African American Composers

7 p.m. - Tabernacle Family Life Center
444 Halifax Street

Ulysses Kirksey, Conductor

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

The Genius of Gabriel's Rebellion and Civil Rights Leadership

1-2 p.m.- Petersburg Public Library
(Multipurpose room)
Children's Activity

Coordinator: Pamela R. Bingham, Pathways,
804-862-1104 ext. 322
pbingham@pathways-va.org

African American Genealogy-Family histories and health

2-4 p.m. - Petersburg Public Library
(Multipurpose room)
Family activities

Coordinator: Pamela R. Bingham, Pathways,
804-862-1104 ext. 322
pbingham@pathways-va.org

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28 AND SUNDAY, MARCH 1

Theatrical production of "Driving Miss Daisy"

February 28, 6 p.m. and March 1, 4 p.m.
Petersburg High School Auditorium,
3101 Johnson Road

Presented by the Huguenot Community Players

Sponsors: Petersburg Boosters Club & Ordinary Women Doing Extraordinary Things

Tickets are \$12 (Cash or Money Order)
Tickets Available: Sheriff's Office
(804)733-2369 x4129

Petersburg Parks and Leisure Services
(804)733- 2394

Also available at the door

This information was compiled by the City of Petersburg Department of Cultural Affairs. For more information regarding these events, please call (804)733-2430 or visit the website at www.petersburgva.gov

SPECIAL THANKS: The leadership of the City of Petersburg and the Black History Month Planning Committee, Petersburg Public Schools, Virginia State University, Gillfield Baptist Church, Tabernacle Baptist Church, area restaurants participating in the discounted dining promotion, all performers and participants and the citizens who supported these programs and events.

