

Black Belt African American Genealogical & Historical Society

2nd Annual Genealogy Conference and Family History Fair

~ Preserving Our History and Creating Family Legacies ~

February 14-17, 2008

Historic Selma, Alabama . . . the heart of Alabama's Black Belt

Venues: Striplin Performing Arts Center (PAC), 1000 Selma Ave. and Selma-Dallas County Library (SDCPL), 1103 Selma Ave.

Costs: Conference & Fair \$75.00 (2 day), \$45.00 (Saturday) per person; Banquet \$60.00 per person

Info: www.bbaaghs.org or 334-877-4846

SCHEDULE

Thursday, February 14, 2008

- 9:30 am — 3:30 pm StoryCorps Griot Interviews — advance reservations required (SDCPL)
4:30 pm — 6:00 pm Early Registration / Exhibitor Setup (PAC)

Friday, February 15, 2008

- 8:30 am — 12:00 noon Registration / Exhibitor Setup (PAC)
8:30 am — 5:00 pm Vendors / Exhibitors Hall Open (PAC)
Workshops / Lectures
9:00 am Opening Session: B.J. Smothers, President (PAC)
9:30 am — 10:30 am I. *The McArthur Family History in Black and White*: Gwen M. Holland (PAC)
10:30 am — 11:00 am Visit the Exhibitors (PAC)
11:00 am — 12:00 noon II. *Cemetery Preservation*: Alabama Cemetery Preservation Alliance (PAC)
12:00 noon — 2:00 pm Lecture and Book Signing with Lunch (SDCPL)
Donald P. Stone, author of *Fallen Prince: William James Edwards, Black Education and the Quest for Afro American Nationality*
Visit the Exhibitors (PAC)
2:00 pm — 3:00 pm III. *Researching School Records*: Lovie Warren (PAC)
3:00 pm — 3:30 pm Visit the Exhibitors (PAC)
3:30 pm — 4:30 pm IV: *Genealogy and DNA*: B.J. Smothers (SDCPL)
4:30 pm — 5:00 pm Visit the Exhibitors (PAC)
5:00 pm Closing Session: B.J. Smothers, President (PAC)
7:00 pm Awards Banquet
Concordia College, Jenkins Center, 1804 Green Street
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr., the Alphonse Fletcher University Professor and Director of the W.E.B. Du Bois Institute for African and African American Research at Harvard University.

SCHEDULE—cont.

Saturday, February 16, 2008

- 8:30 am — 12:00 noon Registration / Exhibitor Setup (PAC)
- 8:30 am — 5:00 pm Vendors / Exhibitors Hall Open (PAC)
- Workshops / Lectures
- 9:00 am Opening Session: B.J. Smothers, President (PAC)
- 9:30 am — 10:30 am I. *Getting Started in Genealogical Research*: Donald Debrow (PAC)
II. *African American Resources at ADAH*: Frazine Taylor (SDCPL)
- 10:30 am — 11:00 am Visit the Exhibitors (PAC)
- 11:00 am — 12:00 noon III. *Finding Your Ancestors Online*: B.J. Smothers (SDCPL)
IV: *Family Reunion Planning*: Melvin Collier (PAC)
- 12:00 noon — 2:00 pm Alabama African American Heritage Book (SDCPL)
Project launch and information session
David Bice, Heritage Publishing Consultants
Lunch
Visit the Exhibitors (PAC)
- 2:00 pm — 3:00 pm V. *Searching for Your Slave Ancestors*: Frazine Taylor (SDCPL)
- 3:15 pm — 4:15 pm VI: *Black Physicians of the Alabama Black Belt*: A.J. Wright (SDCPL)
- 4:15 pm — 5:00 pm Visit the Exhibitors (PAC)
- 5:00 pm Closing Session: B.J. Smothers, President (PAC)

Sunday, February 17, 2008

- 11:00 am Church Service
Tabernacle Baptist Church, 1431 Broad Street
Rev. Rodney T. Morton, Pastor
- 2:00 pm Annual Meeting of Members (TBA)
Luncheon