



# THE BUCKET NEWSLETTER

2018 SPRING-SUMMER EDITION

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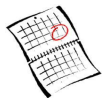
In partnership with the National Park Service, The Friends support Booker T. Washington National Monument and its mission to preserve and protect the birth site and childhood home of Booker T. Washington and promote public awareness and appreciation for his legacy.



to BTWNM Brittany Webb as new park ranger. She has been working at Tuskegee University and it's good to have her back with us.



## **UPCOMING EVENT**



**Mark your calendar!! FUN FOR ALL!**

**JUNETEENTH--Saturday, June 16, 2018. CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM** featuring JARELL SMALL & CO., The Faithful Travelers, Shockoe Boyz, EnVue, Victoriouz Praize and Larnell Starkey and the Spiritual Seven and performances by the Monument's Living History Guild. There will also be a children's village, petting zoo and food vendors.

**Time: 11 AM to 4 PM**

For information call (540) 721-2094 or check out website: [www.nps.gov/bowa](http://www.nps.gov/bowa)

See the Park flyer on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/BookerTWashingtonNPS](https://www.facebook.com/BookerTWashingtonNPS)

## **LEGACY DINNER 2018**

Our Legacy Dinner had the biggest attendance yet with 200+ tickets sold. Our speaker was Beth Macy, author of Truevine. We thank her for honoring us as our speaker this year. She emphasized the struggles of a mother in search of her missing boys encompassing this year's theme "A Mother's Quest" in honor of Booker T.

Washington's mother Jane and all mothers. We received several beautiful tributes to local mothers for our program journal. Penny Blue of the Living History Guild was our MC and presided as Booker's mother, Jane.

The Friends chose to honor several people who have made meaningful service contributions in the community. We recognized these "Angels Among Us": Carla Whitfield, our Park Superintendent; John Whitfield, Historian; Beth Macy, Author of *Truevine...A Mother's Quest*, and Nancy Saunders, niece and caretaker of the Muse brothers in their final years of life.

Music was performed by Kyana Waters, granddaughter of Dr. Gloria Freeman-Martin and hostess of the event, in her rendition of "His Eye Is On The Sparrow". Kyana is a 2017 graduate of Spelman College. She ended the program leading us in our Negro National Anthem.

Two Five Hundred Dollar Scholarships were awarded to very deserving students from Franklin County High School. Rowan Abshire Sims, daughter of Ranger Timothy Sims and Ella Green.

The Friends appreciate the support of all those in attendance, businesses that bought ads, new memberships and renewals and our special guests and participants. We want to give a special shout out to Judy Starkey and her crew as our caterer for the past seven years since our inception of the Legacy Dinner. She has done an exceptional job. Last but not least, thanks to Gloria Freeman-Martin and her committee for all their work in planning all aspects of this very special event. It is a daunting job and they really pulled it off.

## WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THE FRIENDS?

### MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our membership initiative is from the Legacy Dinner through Juneteenth which is June 16th. Please make sure you have renewed. You are important to us and we don't want to lose you. Our membership is headed by Ruby Penn and Richard Millar. You can go to our website and use PayPal or send checks payable to FBTWNM, P O Box 755, Hardy, VA 24101.

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PayPal--Make donations, or join or renew your Friends Membership.

We have eleven new memberships as of May 11, 2018.

GO FUND ME--The Friends have a page on Facebook. It's a Summer Enrichment fundraiser. Our goal is \$10,000. CHECK IT OUT and DONATE!! [www.gofundme.com/summer-enrichment](http://www.gofundme.com/summer-enrichment)

Help us prevent and reduce the Summer Learning Lapse along with help children develop additional and new skills in a fun environment.

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### GRANTS



We received \$2000 in grant funds for the Friends Alliance Meeting in Washington, DC for two members to attend.

**101 Challenge**--The FBTWNM have in honor of the 101st anniversary of the National Park Service created a new fundraising campaign for the park called the 101st Booker T. Washington Bucket Challenge. 101 members of the community, local leaders and businesses are invited to support the park through the Friends group. Richard Millar is the fundraiser chairperson. He says the challenge can help offset some of the budget cuts the park has faced recently. The name of the fundraiser came from a speech Washington gave in Atlanta in 1895 that described his growing up on the Burroughs plantation where the park now stands. In a recent article in the Laker Weekly, it was stated that "If the friends group is able to meet its goal of 101 donations of \$100, it would bring in \$10,100, which could enhance existing park programs, as well as add new ones."

## **Rites of Passage Program**

**ROPP Summer Camp Press Release: The Booker T. Washington Rites of Passage Program (ROPP) for youth will kick-off its Summer Program this year during Summer Camp. The FBTWNM will partner with the Good Neighbors Program of Smith Mountain Lake, three churches--Holy Trinity Missionary Baptist Church of Rocky Mount, Sweet Union Baptist Church of Roanoke and First Baptist Church of Martinsville and the National Park Service and others.**

**Free hot breakfasts and lunches will be served daily. The youth will participate in a Mega Skills activity to enhance and enrich their public school education. They will share in the reading, critical thinking and analysis of Black History to aid in their cultural growth and development. They will participate in Service Projects at BTWNM and other organizations to start and build their accumulation of service hours for scholarship application and internships.**

**Also, community and business leaders will be invited to share their career experiences with the youth to aid in their transition to college and leadership roles. Tutoring, counseling, college prep and service in the community will broaden their knowledge of historical and cultural events and strengthen their desires and aspirations to learn.**

**The Summer Enrichment Camp in Franklin County will take place for Franklin County students ages 4-18 at Holy Trinity Baptist Church Monday through Friday, June 4 -29 from 8:30AM to 12:30PM.**

**Yes, some recreation, sports, games and tours will be included! A staff of leaders will be trained, who will come to us from the local colleges and universities. For questions or applications, please contact: Dr. Gloria Freeman-Martin, 540 420-4641 or Email:**

**[glofremar3@gmail.com](mailto:glofremar3@gmail.com)**

**Also support this program on our GoFundMe page [www.gofundme.com/summer-enrichment](http://www.gofundme.com/summer-enrichment).**

## **New Board Member Added**

**The Friends have partnered with The SML Good Neighbors organization and have added and welcomed representative Lisa Leitz to our Board.**

**NOTICE: The Friends of Booker T. Washington National Monument will have several retiring members of our Board of Directors. Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 27, 2018. The offices of President, Vice President, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary are open for nomination and also six Members at Large positions. Please consider Interest in becoming a member of the Board and let us know.**







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