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National Museum of African American History and Culture Features Special Programming for Women's History Month

In celebration of Women's History Month, the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC) is offering virtual programs for all ages centered on women's history and influence. The museum will feature a book discussion with author Tomiko Brown-Nagin focused on Civil Rights Queen, the first major biography of Constance Baker Motley, an activist lawyer who became the first Black woman appointed to the federal judiciary and one of the nation's most influential judges. The museum will also host a film discussion featuring Unapologetic, a POV documentary directed by Ashley O'Shay that follows abolitionists Janaé Bonsu and Bella BAHHS into the world of queer feminist activism, beginning with efforts to seek justice for the murder of Rekia Boyd in 2012.

This month marks the bicentennial birth of Harriet Tubman, abolitionist and Underground Railroad conductor. Tubman's story, impact and influence in American life can be seen across several exhibitions in the museum. Beginning in the "Slavery and Freedom" exhibition, the public can view her handkerchief and hymnal and see her apron in the museum's "Make Good the Promises: Reconstruction and Its Legacies" exhibition. They can conclude their journey with a contemporary piece in



the museum's latest exhibition "Reckoning: Protest. Defiance. Resilience.,' which displays Bisa Butler's quilted portrait of a young Harriet Tubman titled "I Go to Prepare a Place for You." From home, the public can view several newly digitized objects and stories the museum's website and learn more about Tubman's legacy through its Searchable Museum website. Other programming during March includes a

book conversation with Michelle Coles on her debut book, Black Was the Ink, which follows a present-day teen who is transported back in time and learns firsthand through the eyes of his ancestor about African American political leaders who fought for change during the Reconstruction period. Women's History Month, NMAAHC's social media channels will begin their award-winning social campaign #Hid-

denHerstory, which highlights the lesser-known stories and impact of African American women. This year, the campaign spotlights women in the arts, particularly those from the past and across different disciplines of art juxtaposed with their contemporaries, connecting the past to the present. The public can follow NMAAHC Instagram, Twitter and Facebook to view this year's #HiddenHerstory campaign.

NMAAHC's March 3-10 Virtual Programming Schedule

NMAAHC's **Award-winning** #HiddenHerstory Campaign: Women in the Arts

During Women's History Month, the public can follow the museum on social media with the hashtag #Hidden-Herstory. The museum will focus on women in the arts, highlighting women

from the past across different disciplines of art juxtaposed with their contemporaries, connecting the past to the present. The public can view this year's #HiddenHerstory social media campaign by following @NMAAHC on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook.

Other events include:

Black Was the Ink with author Michelle Coles: Using Fiction to Investigate Reconstruction and Its Legacies. - Tuesday, March 1; 6

During

STEM Workshop: Inside the Mind of Margaret Collins, 'The Termite Lady' - Tuesday, March 8; 4 p.m.-6 p.m. ET NMAAHC Kids: Classroom Connec-

tions - March 8, 10, 22 and 24; 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and 1:30 to 2:15 p.m. ET

Visit chattnewschronicle.com for the full schedule with more information on the event details and how to attend the events.

Girls Inc. of Chattanooga is proud to announce member, Lovelei Pulliam is awarded Lucile Miller Wright Scholarship.

CHATTANOOGA, TUESDAY, MARCH 1ST- Lovelei Pulliam, a member of Girls Inc. of Chattanooga and Senior at Chattanooga High School-Center for Creative Arts, has been chosen as a 2022 Girls Inc. National Scholar and awarded a \$5,000.00 Girls Inc. Lucile Miller Wright scholarship. She was selected for her outstanding academic achievements, community service work, and dedication to the Girls Inc. mission of inspiring all girls to be strong, smart, and bold. Pulliam is one of 27 Girls Inc. National High School Scholars selected in 2021 from across the United States and Canada.

Lovelei has been an active Girls Inc. participant since she was in Kindergarten and as a High School student, she has participated in programs such as IMPACT and SHE: She Can and She Will. Lovelei's accomplishments are many; National Junior Honor Society, National Honor Society, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Delta Academy/G.E.M.S. Participant. Lovelei has volunteered at the McKamey Animal Shelter and Chattanooga Zoo as she wants to become a veterinarian.

"Lovelei and I started this Girls Inc. journey together. It's been an honor to watch her grow up and attend Girls Inc. programming over the last twelve years. She is the epitome of a strong, smart and bold girl and I couldn't think of anyone more deserving to represent Girls Inc. of Chattanooga as a national scholar. " said Girls Inc. CEO, Toccora Johnson-Petersen

The Girls Inc. Lucile Miller Wright Scholarship program was created in 1992, when the female pilot and longtime supporter gave a bequest for scholarships for young women. Over \$7 million in Girls Inc. scholarships have made post-secondary education more accessible to high school women and has inspired them to succeed in school and consider a broad range of career possibilities.



Lovelei Pulliam recipient of the Lucile Miller Wright Scholarship

Flowflex Distribution will be at our Tennessee Riverpark Vaccination site located at 4301 Amnicola Highway Chattanooga, TN 37402. Visit testing.hamiltontn.gov or call 423-209-8383 to locate additional testing

The Health Department has restocked Flowflex COVID-

19 rapid test kits.

The Health Department will be distributing Flowflex rapid-antigen COVID test kits Wed, March 2nd through Fri, March 4th at our Tennessee Riverpark site. 1000 kits available each day. Distribution will be from 1pm to 3pm each day. These kits are available by drive-thru only. The Riverpark is now open to the public, so please drive carefully through the area and follow the signs accordingly. For questions, please call 423-209-8383 and follow our social media pages fol testing availability and location updates.

Flood Ready Tennessee Welcomes AIA Tennessee, ACEC Tennessee, and Tennessee Society of Professional Engineers

NASHVILLE - Flood Ready Tennessee today announced that the American Institute of Architects - Tennessee, the American Council of Engineering Companies of Tennessee, and the Tennessee Society of Professional Engineers have joined the coalition to help promote proactive flood resilience policies in Tennessee.

"Preparing our communities to be resilient against the increasing dangers that flooding poses to the health, safety and welfare of Tennessee's residents aligns with our organization's mission," said Ashley Cates, Executive Vice-President of AIA Tennessee. "Architects are uniquely equipped and prepared to join with Flood Ready Tennessee to take on the critical issue of flooding and work toward a comprehensive plan with civic leaders and partner industries to deliver solutions to our most vulnerable communities."

"Engineers are vital to the design of both public and private infrastructure in Tennessee. Making our structures more resilient to flooding will benefit our economy by reducing the damages from flooding and in turn protecting the lives of Tennesseans. We look forward to lending our industry's expertise in this endeavor" said Kasey Anderson, Executive Director of ACEC Tennessee & Tennessee Society of Profession-

al Engineers. Floods cost Tennessee on average \$243 million every year, according to a 2020 TACIR report. It is far less expensive to prevent damage than it is to recover from it. Every dollar invested in resilience results in up to \$12 savings. From 2000-2020, there have been 2.825 flood events in Tennessee. according to the Tennessee Emergency

Management Agency's website. "Flood Ready Tennessee welcomes AIA Tennessee, ACEC Tennessee, and the Tennessee Society of Professional Engineers," said Dwain Land, Tennessee Renewable Energy & Economic Development Council President, and former Dunlap Mayor. "The devastating floods we've seen in just the last year demonstrate the pressing need to not only help communities recover and rebuild, but also prepare for flooding before it happens. Architects and engineers are integral to the designing of our communities and will play a huge role in executing flood mitigation solutions in the future."

Following the lead of other southern states like Florida, Texas, and South Carolina, Gov. Lee and the General Assembly can work together to develop and implement a comprehensive, statewide flood resilience plan which will recommend thoughtful infrastructure investments and demonstrate smart stewardship of taxpayer dollars to sup-

port regional solutions to flooding.

LEGAL NOTICE

A Chattanooga-Hamilton County/North Georgia Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. (Eastern) at the Development Resource Center, 1250 Market Street, First Floor Conference Room 1A, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402. The TCC will take action on the following items:

- Approval of the November 9, 2021 TPO Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes
- Open for Public Comment and Recommend to Approve by Resolution an Amendment to the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
 - SRTS-Safe Routes to School Grouping
 - SMADA-Signal Mountain ADA Grouping
 - RBBIKEBLVD Red Bank Bicycle Boulevard
 - GA-M006023 I-59 Pavement Rehabilitation
 - Chattanooga Citywide Traffic Signal Synchronization Plan Project
 - Fort Oglethorpe Local Resurfacing Grouping Lookout Mountain, GA Local Resurfacing

The public review and comment period for draft plans and programs will be used to satisfy the public participation requirements of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC Section 5307/5310/5339). Public notice of public involvement activities and time established for public review of and comments will satisfy

the Program of Projects requirements.

Meeting materials will be available for viewing on the web after February 25, 2022 at www.chcrpa.org under the Transportation Planning Organization meetings section, or at the Regional Planning Agency (RPA), 1250 Market Street, Suite 2000, Development Resource Center, Chattanooga, TN 37402. For a reasonable accommodation request or if you require language assistance, please notify the RPA three business days in advance of the meeting and staff will be glad to work with you in obliging any reasonable request. For a complete agenda or additional information, please call the RPA at 423-643-5900 or email TPO@ chattanooga.gov.