Celebrating

6,000 African American Houston Suffragists Who Voted 100 Years Ago

The Heritage Society’s exhibit unveils the trailblazing Suffrage story of African American Women in Houston, Harris County

Friday, May 28, 2021

WELCOME TO OUR CELEBRATION!

PROGRAM

CEREMONY
4:30 - 5:20 PM
Antioch Park at 1400 Smith Street (@ Clay St.)

 PROCESSIONAL TO HERITAGE SOCIETY
5:20 – 5:30 PM
1100 Bagby St.

SUFFRAGE EXHIBIT, REFRESHMENTS, POETRY
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

CO-HOSTS
Pastor Lou McElroy of
Antioch Missionary Baptist Church
Minnette Boesel
Volunteer Board President of The Heritage Society

OPENING PRAYER
Martha Whiting-Goddard

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS
Mayor Sylvester Turner
Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, 18th District
Harris County District Clerk Marilyn Burgess

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS
Council Member Edward Pollard, Dist. J
Council Member Robert Gallego, Dist. I
Harris County Clerk Teneshia Hudspeth
Commissioner Rodney Ellis, Harris County Precinct 1
Jennifer Russell

SPONSORS and HONOREES

The National Association of Colored Women (NACW)
Georgia Nolan, Past Texas State President, Chairperson NACWC and Past President of Houston Chapter

Houston Freedmen’s Town Conservancy
Eileen Lawal, President of the Board of Directors
Zion Escobar, Executive Director
Antioch Missionary Baptist Church
Pastor Lou McElroy & Jackie Bostic-McElroy
Patricia Howard, Pres. of Women’s Ministry
Camilla Jackson, Chair for Trustee Board
Houston Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Jona Sargent, Chapter President

DESCENDANTS OF SUFFRAGISTS
Olivia E. (Kilpatrick) Turner
Beverly Woods, Allyson Woods, Jordan Woods
Evelyn Kilpatrick
Beverly Woods, Allyson Woods, Jordan Woods
Pauline Garza Patten
Thelonious Kizsee Washington
Nobia Franklin
Ronald Jemison Jr. and daughter
Pinkie Yates
Martha Whiting-Goddard
Jacqueline Whiting Bostic
Jacqueline Bostic McElroy
Bernardo De George Store
Place where Freedmen’s Town voted
Michaelene “Miki” Lusk Norton

RESEARCHERS & ORGANIZERS
Houston Suffragists Project Members
Rae Bryant, Lead Member

IN ATTENDANCE
Houston League of Business and Professional Women
National President of National Women of Achievement April Jackson Banks
Jarmese Roberts Morris, President of the Missouri City Chapter of Links, Inc.
Deborah Moncrief Bell, Houston Women’s Group
Dr. Annie Johnson Benifield, Chair, Social Sciences Professor of Political Science; Arts, Behavioral and Social Sciences (ABSS) Lone Star College-Tomball
Phyllis Earles, University Archivist at Prairie View A&M University in Houston

ENTERTAINMENT
Singer Sheryl Brady with NACW
Meta-Four Poetry Slam Team
Katrina Machetta
Hannah Grunwald

DONORS & CONTRIBUTORS
Dessert Gallery Bakery and Cafe
Aztec Events and Tents (in The Heights)
99 Cents Only Stores
Antioch Missionary Baptist Church
Houston Suffragists Project
Texas Southern University Police Department in Partnership with the Community
SP Plus Corporation
HTV Houston
Author & Photographer Priscilla T. Graham
DJ Nicky Nice

The Heritage Society’s current exhibit “Houston Women Cast Their Ballots: Celebrating 100 Years of the Right to Vote!” is also available virtually.
https://www.heritagesociety.org/virtualtoursuffrage