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GROWING IN POWER AND PROMISE

African American Genealogy in DeKalb and Atlanta

Thirteenth Annual Black History Month Celebration

Growing in Power and Promise:

African American Genealogy in DeKalb and Atlanta

February 11, 2021

Virtual Event via Zoom

11:00 a.m. Welcome

Melissa Forgey, Executive Director, DeKalb History Center

Tiffany Parks, Board Member, DeKalb History Center

11:10 a.m. **Lisa Chauntel**, Program Singer

11:15 a.m. **Tamika Strong**, Reference archivist of the Georgia Archives

11:35 a.m. **Winifred Hemphill**, President of South-View Cemetery Association

11:55 a.m. **Break**

12:00 p.m. Breakout Sessions (You will choose which session to tune into.)

Johnny Waits, director and curator of Flat Rock Archives

Laurel Wilson, historian of Decatur's African American heritage

12:20 p.m. Wrap-up

12:30 p.m. Conclusion

Special thanks to Tiffany Parks for creating, coordinating, and organizing the event!

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Lisa Chauntel, extraordinary singer, believes that music is a tool that invokes conversation about the realities of life and how God fits into it all. She has had the privilege of singing for Branford Marsalis, and has shared the stage with Tia Fuller, Avery Sunshine, Randy Brecker, and Kenny Werner. Lisa Chauntel's style and sound are without compromise and her music speaks candidly to the heart of all those who are open to hear. Her website is www.lisachauntel.com/



Tamika Strong has many titles: daughter, sister, wife, friend, Christian, librarian, indexer, reader, writer, researcher, historian, crocheter, and genealogist, among other things.

She began a journey many years ago to learn more about the history of her people in the city once labeled “A City Too Busy to Hate,” and from this grew a curiosity about her personal history. Her goal is to give voice to those who may have had to live their lives in silence because of various circumstances. She is eager to tell stories that have been hidden and misrepresented. Tamika is an archivist at the Georgia Archives. Her genealogy website is at gagenealogy.wordpress.com/author/tmstrong78/

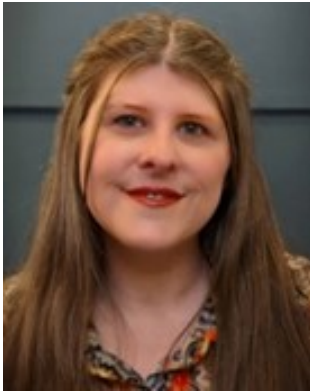


Winifred Hemphill serves as president of South-View Cemetery Association. She believes that if you know your history, you understand your roots. She received a bachelor’s degree in economics and a law degree from Howard University Law School.

Her great grandfather cofounded South-View Cemetery in 1886. South-View Cemetery is the oldest African-American cemetery in Atlanta. The website is www.southviewcemetery.com/our-history/



Johnny Waits was born in Lithonia, GA. He served four years in the military. He received an associate's degree from Balin Institute of Technology. In 1981, the idea came to him to recognize the history of the Flat Rock community. Rev. T.A. Bryant, Chris Rock's grandfather, wanted to donate his old house to create the Flat Rock Archives. The museum opened in 2006. Mr. Waits is the CEO of Flat Rock Archives Museum. The website is www.flatrockarchives.com/



Laurel Wilson is a historian and genealogist with a focus on African American heritage in Decatur and DeKalb County. She holds a master's degree in Public History from Georgia State University and has practiced genealogy for over 20 years. You can learn more about her work and contact her at her website www.decaurhistory.com/



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The DeKalb History Center (DHC) was established in 1947 and is the only organization dedicated to collecting, preserving, and sharing the history of the entire county.

We are located in the Historic DeKalb Courthouse in the heart of downtown Decatur. DHC is a membership-based nonprofit; we rely on contributions from individuals, corporations, and foundations that support our mission. We have a museum and archives on the main floor and welcome visitors and researchers by appointment.

For more information, visit us at dekalbhistory.org.