



Paul Robeson House Newsletter

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Winter Programs

Paul Robeson Exhibit: Up Close and Personal. Tours Thurs-Sat. 10-4. Call for an appointment 215-747-4675.

Mission Statement Poetry Group meets last Sunday of each month, 5 pm – 7 pm.

PRH Chess Club Openings Available. Day/Time TBA.

Black Women Writing Now© “Telling Our Stories” Intergenerational Writing Group 1st/3rd Mondays 4pm – 6pm. (Restarting in Spring)

View our video “Where Art Lives.” It was created with the support of Scribe Video Center, and tells the story of Paul Robeson and the founding of the house. <https://vimeo.com/307362357>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Financial interest and skills, membership coordinator, proposal writing, administrative experience, fundraising and sponsor development.

CALENDAR

Eslanda Goode Robeson Research & Study Group, Saturday Jan. 19 and Feb. 16. 4 pm-6 pm. We are working on programming in her name for Women’s History Month in March. We welcome your input!

Paul Robeson Benefit Concert featuring Justin Hopkins at Springside Chestnut Hill Academy, 500 W. Willow Grove Ave., Sunday, Feb. 17, 6 pm-7 pm. Proceeds to benefit a local high school student interested in the arts. \$10 for tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/paul-roberson-benefit-concert-featuring-justin-hopkins-tickets-54447443770?aff=erelexpmlt>

DIRECTOR’S CORNER

Thank you for your generous donations. Please continue to support our plumfunding page to help pay off our mortgage and make needed repairs. You can donate at

<https://www.plumfund.com/charity-fundraising/paulrobersonhouse>

It is with great pleasure that West Philadelphia Cultural Alliance/Paul Robeson House and Museum announces the selection of Nile Livingston as our new Artist-in-Residence. Ms. Livingston is a native of Philadelphia and member of one of West Philadelphia’s (Walnut Hill) outstanding families. She is the granddaughter of the nationally known architect Walter Livingston.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Cultural Institution Resource & Information Fair, Saturday, Feb. 2, 1 pm-4pm at the Lucien E. Blackwell Library, 125 S. 52nd Street. For further info, call 215-685-7433.

One Book One Philadelphia Book Discussion, “Sing, Unburied, Sing” by Jesmyn Ward, Sunday, Feb. 3, 2 pm- 4 pm at the Lucien E. Blackwell Library, 125 S. 52nd Street. For further info, contact Aura Townsend at townsend.aura@gmail.com

Looking Ahead!

Paul Robeson House is working with the Future Project at Paul Robeson High School on special programs. For updates check our website, paulrobesonhouse.org,



Dream Team students in the Future Project at Paul Robeson High School.

Dr. Molly McGlone of the University of Pennsylvania's Urban Studies program and her students will be working with us on our website and other digital projects.

SAVE THE DATE

"Here's My Story" book discussion with Bryan Washington, author of "Lot." March 28, 4pm-6pm at Paul Robeson House & Museum. "Here's My Story" was the title of Paul Robeson's monthly column for his Harlem newspaper *Freedom*. Seating is limited.

CALENDAR (cont'd)

Join The West Philadelphia Cultural Alliance/Paul Robeson House
For
TWISTED MELODIES: The Donny Hathaway Story AT THE APOLLO IN HARLEM, N.Y.
Saturday, June 1, 2019
3:00 pm Matinee
For Information
Call Barbara at 215-479-9517

2nd Annual Black History Month Essay Contest Awards & Celebration at Lucien E. Blackwell Library, Saturday, Feb. 9, 1 pm - 3 pm.
Contest open to students in grades 5-8. Due date for submissions extended to Feb. 2.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH ESSAY CONTEST

For students in grades 5 to 8

Winners in 5th/6th & 7th/8th grade categories will receive:

FIRST PLACE: \$100
SECOND PLACE: \$75
THIRD PLACE: \$50

Essays should be 2-4 pages double spaced. Please include a cover page with your name, school, grade, and a parent or guardian phone number. Essays will be judged on originality, research, organization, and writing. Librarians are available to assist students with research. Essays should be submitted at the Children's Department of the Lucien E. Blackwell West Philadelphia Regional Library. First place winners will read their essays at the Black History Month celebration on February 9, 2019 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at Lucien E. Blackwell Library. For more information, email education@walnutlca.org.

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Walnut Hill Community Association
Paul Robeson House and Museum
Lucien E. Blackwell West Philadelphia Regional Library

Submission Deadline:
Saturday, January 26, 2019

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nile Livingston 2019 Artist-In-Residence



Nile Livingston (second from the right) and team at work on first of four projects.

Please welcome Nile Livingston to the WPCA/Paul Robeson House and Museum family. She has been working on two projects at our offices. Livingston produces interactive public artworks on such subjects as youth homelessness, blight, voting and health. "My mission is to produce life affirming expressions that come from being present and awake to the world," she says.

WPCA/PRH Membership Renewals Now Open.

New Website
Paulrobesonhouse.org Thanks to Sherry Howard and Nate Carter.

WPCA Publicist is Sherry Howard and **Program Director** is Christopher Rogers.

New T-shirt, buttons, cups on sale. Designed by Pat Gunter. Call 215-747-4675.

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Tours: Guided tours by appointment. Call for fees.

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