



Paul Robeson House Newsletter

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Spring Programs

Paul Robeson Exhibit: Up Close and Personal. Visit newly curated exhibit, including a dedicated photo display of Eslanda Goode Robeson. **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. (See page 2 Calendar for dates.)

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

Eslanda Goode Robeson Research & Study Group
3rd Saturdays, 4 pm - 6 pm.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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

CALENDAR

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**“Nurturing a Queer Self Love.”**  
Abdul-Aliy Muhammad and Rhone Fraser present a public reading of their two newly self-published books: “A Flower Left to Wilt” and “Pauline Hopkins and Advocacy Journalism,” **Saturday, Mar. 16, 3 pm.** \$5 suggested donation.

**“Here's My Story”** Book Talk with Bryan Washington, author of "Lot." **Thursday, March 28, 4 pm-6 pm** 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.

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DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Dear Friends and Supporters: The West Philadelphia Cultural Alliance/Paul Robeson House thrives because of people like you who believe in our efforts to continue his legacy. As the full-time volunteer and executive consultant for the house, I have joined with a friend to kick off our fund-raising campaign. We are seeking funds to pay off the mortgage and make repairs to the adjoining administrative building. We are doing this in honor of Frances Aulston, who was the heart and soul of the WPCA and the house. Please support us with a contribution of \$10 to \$10,000 to our Plumfund account. Thank you.
<https://www.plumfund.com/charity-fundraising/paulrobesonhouse>

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Robeson Readers Book Group discussion: “Looking for Lorraine” by Imani Perry, Sunday, Apr. 3, 2 pm- 4 pm at the Lucien E. Blackwell Library, 125 S. 52 Street. For further info, contact Aura Townsend at townsend.aura@gmail.com.

Join the Friends of Lucien E. Blackwell Library. Help support our local community library. For information, contact Denise Campbell at dvcam137@gmail.com.

Looking Ahead

Arts in the Parlor

We are seeking talented residents of West Philadelphia and other parts of the city to participate in our “Arts in the Parlor” series this spring. The series was inspired by Paul Robeson’s singalongs in the parlor at 4951 Walnut Street when he lived here in the 1960s. We want to replicate the joy that Robeson spread through the house by presenting not only singing and musical performances, but all kinds of arts – from sewing to jewelry-making to collecting to cake-decorating to dancing to poetry and other talents. If you are interested in participating, please contact us at 215-747-4675 or email wphlca@gmail.com.



Artist-In-Residence Nile Livingston at work on GRACE, a tribute to the legendary Grace Jones, which is now on exhibit at Mission Tanqueria restaurant. In a recent article on StreetDept.com, Livingston is declared as, “one of the most talented muralists we currently have in Philadelphia.”

CALENDAR (cont'd)



The Paul Robeson Chess Club has been traveling to several National Chess Championships and brought home a number of trophies. They will be playing at the Paul Robeson House on **April 10, May 15, and May 22, 2019 from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm**. If you have a child interested in chess, join us on these dates. Come see some of the trophies and pictures of the Club at their best.

What's New?

As many of you know, Vernoca was the Co-Owner of The Legendary Blue Horizon for 24 years and was the First African American Female Boxing Promoter. The building was sold to Mosaic Development Partners. It is now going to become a Boutique Hotel. Vernoca has been asked to be a consultant on this new and innovative project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WPCA will offer **Docent Training** for those wanting to share the wonderful stories of Paul Robeson with our many visitors. Interested? Contact WPCA at 215-747-4675.

Upcoming visitors:

March 26, Pearl S. Buck House (Bucks County).

April 6, Paul Robeson Cultural Center, Rutgers University.

April 13, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture (NY).

Upcoming events:

March 30, 10 am – 3 pm WPCA will be at the 2019 Northeast Philadelphia History Fair at Cannstatter Volksfest Verein.

April 9, Paul Robeson's 121st birthday.

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

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

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

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Hours: Thurs-Sat., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tours: Guided tours by appointment. Call for fees.

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