



Paul Robeson House Newsletter

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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.

The PRH Chess Club welcomes new members. Please join us for an exciting experience of strategy and fun. Contact us at 215-747-4675 or wphlca@gmail.com.

Black Women Writing Now@ Bi-Monthly Meetups. To join our mailing list and for further info, contact dvcam137@gmail.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

Let us know what's happening in the community. Share your events and activities. Contact us at dvcam137@gmail.com.

CALENDAR

If Beale Street Could Talk was screened in August at the Paul Robeson House and Museum to a packed house. The enthusiastic support led to the forming of **First Friday Film Series** by program director Christopher Rogers. The second film screening shown in September, *Hale County This Morning This Evening*, met with similar enthusiasm. All film showings are first-come first-serve with donations going to Paul Robeson House & Museum. For October, look out for a special double screening (**Friday & Saturday, Oct. 4 and 5**) of *The Pieces I Am: Toni Morrison* documentary.

“Arts in the Parlor” Series

We are excited to kickoff our “Arts in the Parlor” fundraising series and bringing a group of talented performers and presenters to you. It will be held on Sundays 4 pm to 6 pm starting **September 22** in the parlor of the Paul Robeson House, 4951 Walnut Street, Philadelphia. (See lineup on p.2)

Tickets are \$10 and seating is limited. Purchase tickets at eventbrite.com by searching for “Arts in the Parlor.” Check the “Arts in the Parlor” page on our website, paulrobesonhouse.org, for other ways to buy tickets.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Walnut Hill Community Association’s Community Meeting will be held on **Thursday, Sept. 26, 6 pm** at the Enterprise Center, 4548 Market Street. For further info, email lornap@theenterprisecenter.com.

The Friends of Blackwell Library will meet *Tuesday., Oct. 6, 6 pm*, at the Lucien E. Blackwell Library, 125 S. 52 Street. For further info, contact manionn@freelibrary.org.

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

WPCA is celebrating 35 years since its founding by Frances P. Aulston and 25 years since it purchased the Paul Robeson House. All thanks to the wonderful volunteers who have worked to keep Paul Robeson's legacy alive.

WPCA has developed programs with "The Dreamers" students at Paul Robeson High School, and hosted project finals for our high-school partners at Sayre, West Philly, West Catholic and The Workshop School. In our partnership with the UPenn, look forward to our upcoming August Wilson Class and Community Events.

Many of you have contributed to our ongoing fundraiser through Plumfund to pay off our mortgage and make some needed repairs to our buildings. For the second year, we have received the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Edythe Ingraham Award and been the beneficiary of a gift from the Holy Apostles and the Mediator Episcopal Church's Annual Jazz Show.

We are excited about the fall programs and events we have planned and look forward to your continued support.

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Calendar (cont'd)



Musician Glenn Bryan will kickoff Arts in the Parlor series.

Lineup Includes:

Sept. 22 – Musician **Glenn Bryan** in Concert

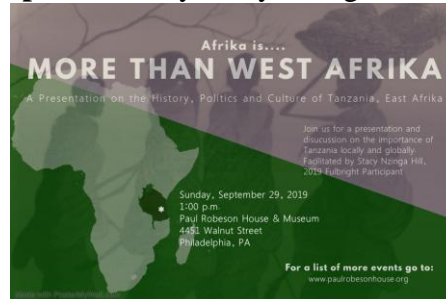
Oct. 13 - **Barbara Whiteman** Black Doll Exhibit & Talk

Oct. 27 - Spoken-word Artist **Tieshay Cheryl**

Nov. 10 – Vocalist **Charlene Holloway** in Concert

Nov. 24 - **Ken McFarlane** Photography Exhibit & Talk

Presentation and discussion on importance of Tanzania locally and globally. **Sunday, Sept. 29, 1pm.** Lead by Stacy Nzinga Hill.



Updates

August Wilson and Beyond Class and Community Discussion on August Wilson's play *Radio Golf*. Conversation will center on gentrification in West Philly, its impact on neighborhoods and residents, and what can be done about it. **Sunday, Oct. 6, 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm.** Location TBA. For further info and copy of play, call 215-747-4675

Dr. Molly McGlone and her Urban Studies students at UPenn completed a documentary on the Paul Robeson House. Check out their production on our new youtube channel.

<https://bit.ly/2IMHboA>

WPCA will be holding **Docent Training Sessions**. We invite you to participate in telling the story of Paul Robeson to our many local, national and international visitors. The first of four sessions will take place **Saturday, Sept. 7, 10am – 12 pm**, at PRH 4951 Walnut Street, Philadelphia. For information call (215) 747-4675.

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

New Website
Paulrobesonhouse.org

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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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