

What is Juneteenth?

Juneteenth is an American Holiday that commemorates June 19, 1865, the date that enslaved Black people of Galveston, Texas, learned that President Abraham Lincoln had freed enslaved people in rebel states two and a half years earlier. 250,000 Black Americans learned of their freedom on that day!

Juneteenth is a celebration of freedom.

Juneteenth is a day to focus on the complexity of the Black American experience.

The Juneteenth flag is full of symbols. Here's what they mean

<https://www.cnn.com/2022/06/17/us/juneteenth-flag-meaning-explainer-cec/index.html>

Mystic Valley NAACP Freedom Fund Breakfast

Saturday June 10, 2023
Anthony's of Malden
9:00am-12:30pm

Keynote Speaker
Justice Shannon Frison
Massachusetts Superior Court



Purchase Your
Tickets Today!

WWW.MVA-NAACP.ORG/



Performance by,
Terry E. Carter
Inaugural Poet Laureate of
Medford, MA



All around the North Shore of Mass. -- [https://north-shore-juneteenth-
assoc.constantcontactsites.com/juneteenth-celebrations-](https://north-shore-juneteenth-
assoc.constantcontactsites.com/juneteenth-celebrations-)



Newburyport **City Hall Flag Raising Ceremony**– **Friday, June 16th at 5 PM** in front of city hall (60 Pleasant St. NBPT)- the city is partnering this year with the [North Shore Juneteenth Association](#). The program will include a speaker, a poet, the singing of the Black National Anthem, music and more!

JUNETEENTH

FREEDOM DAY

JUNE 19, 2023

Juneteenth, or Freedom Day is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. This holiday is considered the longest running African-American holiday and has been called America's second Independence Day.

NEWBURYPORT EVENTS

COREY HARRIS CONCERT

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 8:00 PM
Belleville Meeting House
300 High Street
Guitarist, vocalist, and songwriter Corey Harris brings his finger-style acoustic blues to the Belleville Stage!

**Tickets: \$35 online,
\$40 at the door
\$10 under 18**



WJOP, 96.3 FM
JUNE 17 - JUNE 18
6:00 AM - 6:00 AM
Joppa Radio celebrates Juneteenth beginning at 6:00AM on Saturday, June 17th and ending at 6:00AM on Sunday, June 18th. Tune in to hear a marathon of Black musical works, composers, songs, poems, and more!



YWCA Greater Newburyport

MONDAY, JUNE 19
13 Market Street



- 1 - 2 PM ICE CREAM SOCIAL
- 2 - 3 PM THE ROPE BURNERS
- 3 - 5 PM OPEN SWIM

Celebrate Juneteenth with the YWCA of Greater Newburyport. Come make your own sundae, watch a competitive Double Dutch Team from Roxbury and go for a swim!
All events are FREE and open to the public

WHEN HOUSTON HAD THE BLUES

MONDAY JUNE 19, 7:00 PM
82 State Street

Celebrate Juneteenth at the Screening Room with this lively documentary followed by an interview with director Alan Swyer.



Look downtown for businesses supporting Juneteenth with flags in their storefront windows

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CELEBRATE

NORTH SHORE EVENTS

- Embrace Ideas Festival
 - June 14-16 Boston
- Juneteenth Joy: Focus on Freedom in Hyde Park
 - June 17, 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM, Francis D. Martini Memorial Shell Park and Moynihan Recreation Area
- Juneteenth and Fathers Day
 - June 18, 12:00 - 5:00 PM, Muldoon Park, 5 Billerica St., Lowell
- Juneteenth Emancipation Observance
 - June 19, 12:00 - 7:00 PM, Dillaway Thomas House, 183 Roxbury Street, John Eliot Square

LEARN

- Visit the Newburyport Public Library and check out the dedicated Juneteenth book display celebrating Black authors
- Visit a museum or exhibit dedicated to Black culture
 - Concord Black Heritage Tour
 - Museum of African American History in Boston
- Read books about Black history or written by Black authors

ACT

- Shop at Black owned businesses
- Join Anti-Racist local activist groups
- Get on the mailing list of the Anti-Racism Affinity Group by contacting mentalchatter@yahoo.com
- Join the Boston Chapter Concord Black Heritage Tour
- Boston Knapsack Anti-Racism Group
- Join Facebook groups, such as Amesbury Stands Against Racism or Anti-Racists of Newburyport (see a full list on nbptdealliance.com)
- Place a BLM sign in your window

Visit nbptdealliance.com for more information and links to these resources and many more

TOWN OF MARBLEHEAD JUNETEENTH CEREMONY



AFRICAN DRUMMING AND STORYTELLING: GREG COLES DANCE & DRUM

WELCOME: JACKIE BELF-BECKER, SELECT BOARD

INTRODUCTION: NICOLE McCLAIN, PRESIDENT & FOUNDER,
NORTH SHORE JUNETEENTH ASSOCIATION, INC.

POEM: DAMILOLA GRACIELLA OLABISI

VETERANS MIDDLE SCHOOL

VISION: MARBLEHEAD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

REFLECTION: REVEREND ANDRE BENNETTE

"LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING": TANYA CROWELL

WEDNESDAY JUNE 14, 2023

Abbot Hall Lawn

4:30 PM





DIVERSE VOICES: BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH THE ARTS AND CONVERSATION

Hosted By: The Andover Choral Society

June 17th, 2023 1:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

**Greater Lawrence Technical School
57 River Road, Andover, MA 01810**

FREE EVENT

Diverse Voices will kick off the **Juneteenth 2023 weekend** in the Merrimack Valley and bring together families and friends within the valley representing its diversity of ethnicities, languages and cultures. The event will present multiple forms of artistic and interactive performances including:

- vocal and instrumental music,
- dance,
- painting,
- poetry and the spoken word, in conjunction with...
- in-depth break-out sessions for conversations on important community topics such as
 - health and wellness,
 - affordable housing,
 - food insecurity and
 - youth.

Come Join Us!! We'd Love To Meet You!!

This is a community opportunity inspired to support and strengthen all of OUR tomorrows!

Our Community Partners include:

Andover Community Trust, Chinmaya Mission Boston, Chinese American Association of the Andovers, Community InRoads, Courageous Conversations of the Merrimack Valley, DEI Commissions of Andover & North, Elevated Thought, Esperanza Academy of Lawrence, Greater Lawrence Technical School, Lawrence Public Library, Merrimack College, Merrimack Valley NAACP, Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra, Northern Essex Community College, Zograf String Quartet, and regional area church groups.

Corey Harris

Traditional & Contemporary Blues

Sat, June 17
8pm



BELLEVILLE ROOTS MUSIC SERIES

Belleville Meetinghouse, 300 High Street in Newburyport

TICKETS \$35 \$40 AT THE DOOR \$10 UNDER 18 bellevilleroots.org



The Rope Burners, Ice Cream and Swimming-

Monday, June 19th from 1- 5 PM, free and open to the public YWCA Greater Newburyport (13 Market St. NBPT)

1- 2 PM Make your own ice cream sundaes

2-3 PM The Rope Burners- a competitive Double Dutch team from Roxbury, led by coach and program founder Angela Francis will perform

3-5 PM Open Swim

When Houston Had The Blues



**Screening & Discussion with director Alan Swyer
Monday, June 19th at 7pm**

[CLICK HERE FOR ADVANCED TICKETS](#)



Featuring Lightnin' Hopkins, Big Mama Thornton, Clifton Chenier, Bobby "Blue" Bland, and others, *When Houston Had The Blues* describes a vibrant Black music scene that has never gotten its due. Celebrate Juneteenth at The Screening Room with this lively documentary, followed by a Skype interview with director [Alan Swyer](#), moderated by [Edward Carson](#).

50% of proceeds from this screening will be donated to [Community Change, Inc](#), an organization promoting racial justice and equity by challenging systemic racism and acting as a catalyst for anti-racist learning and action in the greater Boston area. (US / 2023 / Directed by Alan Swyer) Unrated / 1 hr 57 mins



Honoring Juneteenth in Our Community

"ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE"
with Rev. Clyde Elledge II

Thursday, June 15, 2023
at 7:00pm

EBSCO HALL
5 Peatfield Street, Ipswich, MA
(Parking: lot behind building)

Event is Free & Open to the Public

Rev. Clyde Elledge II (Rector of St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Marblehead) discusses environmental justice, a term used to talk about the impact of environmental pollution on different populations. During this session, Rev. Elledge will explore climate justice as a historical movement. Discussion will move to present day climate injustice and its contribution to systemic environmental racism.

Sponsored by Ascension Memorial Church, EBSCO, and Ipswich ReCreation & Culture



EBSCO

Ipswich
ReCreation & Culture

Salem Armory Regional Visitor Center

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

Salem Maritime National Historic Site
Massachusetts



Black Women of the Suffrage Movement **Exhibit Reception** **Thursday, June 8th 5pm - 7pm**



North Shore
Juneteenth
Association Inc.

Explore Salem's
National Park

Established 1938

160 Derby St.
Salem, MA
www.nps.gov/sama

You're invited! Join us at the Salem Armory Regional Visitor Center located at 2 New Liberty Street in Salem, MA for a celebration of this traveling exhibit curated by North Shore Juneteenth.

Learn about the remarkable Black women who paved the way for Shirley Chisolm, Maxine Waters, Kamala Harris, Ayanna Pressley and many more including local leaders such as Nicole McClain, North Shore Juneteenth founder and President.

Free event, registration not required.

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A CELEBRATION OF
BLACK AMERICAN FREEDOM

Saturday, June 17

At Lynn Museum
590 Washington St. Lynn
11:00am - 5:00pm



Live Entertainment
Music & Dancing
Food & Drinks
Art

Discussion
Family Fun

For more information:

info@nsjuneteenth.com
781-315-2077





[Black Heritage Trail NH](#)

Juneteenth Celebration 2023

Reading the Bones: Celebrating the African Diaspora

June 10, 15, 16, 17, 18 & 19, 2023

The celebration includes a tour, a panel discussion, a Reggae festival, a gospel choir concert, African drumming, and more...

Reading the bones is both an ancient and modern form of divination found in all civilizations. Divination is among the earliest human spiritual practices concerned with choosing actions that were in accord with the “will of heaven” to allay uncertainty, heal illness, or navigate issues of tribal importance.

Interestingly, the casting and reading of the bones take on a different connotation when we consider the rediscovery of the 18th-century African burying ground in Portsmouth, NH. This accidental unearthing of African remains on a city street that had been forgotten, paved over, and built upon forced the city and the state at large to acknowledge their history of enslaving humans and the presence of Africans in the region before enslavement.

BHTNH offers this weeklong Juneteenth celebration to honor these early African settlers and their descendants for their extraordinary contributions to the growth of this region. We honor the African traders who interacted with the Indigenous tribal nations long before European settlers landed on these shores. We honor the Africans who survived the Middle Passage and the successive generations of the African diaspora who continue to contribute to the development, wealth, and well-being of New England.

Event Sponsored by:



In Partnership with:

3S Artspace, Atlantic Media, Black Lives Matter Seacoast, Business Association for People Of Color, Canterbury Shaker Village, Currier Museum of Art, NAACP Seacoast, New Hope Baptist Church, Nikkita Productions, Players' Ring, PMAC, Rachel One Love, Racial Unity Team, Seacoast African American Cultural Center, South Church Unitarian Universalist Church, Strawberry Banke Museum, Theatre for the People, The Music Hall & Vida Cantina.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, June 10 | Bus Tour, Canterbury Shaker Village | \$35 - \$45

AFRICAN ROOTS: HERBAL MEDICINE, INOCULATION & THE SHAKER CONNECTION



By the beginning of the nineteenth century, Europeans and Africans living in America joined with Native Americans, creating plant-based therapies to care for the body. The Shakers, at Canterbury and other villages, not only adopted some of these therapies but also refined and sold their own remedies.

Join Curator and Historian Dr. Shirley Wajda for a special talk and tour on the history of medicine at Canterbury Shaker Village. Participants will explore several buildings including the Infirmary and the Syrup Shop. Additionally, Dr. Wajda will place the Shakers' use and development of medicine in the broader context of early American life. Along the way, participants will learn more about Sister Edith Green an African American Shaker who lived, worked, and worshipped at Canterbury Shaker Village.

Tour Guide: Dr. Shirley Wajda

Tour Bus will pick up participants at Connect Community Church in Portsmouth NH, located off I-95, exit 7
Address: 200 Chase Dr, Portsmouth, NH 03801

Bus Pick Up: 9:15 AM

Bus Arrives: 10:30 AM

Tour Starts: 11:00 AM

The event is brought to you in partnership with Canterbury Shaker Village

[REGISTER AND PURCHASE TICKETS HERE](#)

Wednesday, June 14 | Panel Discussion | 6:00 PM | Currier Museum | Manchester, NH

STILL, UPROOTED? HEARTACHE AND HOPE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE



In 2009, the Center for the Humanities at the University of New Hampshire produced a 30-minute documentary, **Uprooted: Heartache and Hope in New Hampshire**, that featured the lives of five refugees who were re-settled in New Hampshire. They told their personal stories of war, persecution, refugee camps, and starting again in New Hampshire. Umija and Rasim Gusinac, Udai Baskota, Zahara Mahitula, and Munaf

Mahmood come from different countries and backgrounds, but they are part of New Hampshire's ongoing demographic narrative.

This program will revisit the narrative from the film as we learn where these individuals' journeys have taken them, particularly their continued search to establish a home and develop a sense of belonging in our state.

Presenters:

Rashida Eltag Mohamed, Domestic & Sexual Violence Advocate, Manchester Police Department

Anzura Gakwaya, Community Building Specialist, NeighborWorks Southern New Hampshire

Fisto Ndayishimiye, Lead Organizer, Change for Concord

Moderator:

Grace Kindeke, Program Coordinator, American Friends Service Committee NH

Brought to you in partnership with the Currier Museum of Art, this event is free and open to the public.

[REGISTER HERE FOR IN PERSON](#)

[REGISTER HERE FOR VIRTUAL](#)

Friday, June 16 | 5:00 PM | Art Exhibit | 3S Artspace | Portsmouth

IF YOU KNEW, LET IT BE US



McKinley Wallace III, a mixed-media painter and art educator, paints, draws, and collages to tell stories of power manifested in resilient peoples.

Exploring race, history, and intersectionality, Wallace's artistic ideas are often expressed in a graphic style that incorporates realism, minimalism, and hard-edge painting. Strengthened by my role as a Black educator, I capture moments of atmospheric and direct tension and rebellion to rattle America's exclusionary ideals and legacies – choices enacted by the impact of deferring Black joy for centuries.

Join us for this opening reception where McKinley Wallace and the other artist sharing the Gallery space at the same time will be engaging in a moderated artist conversation together to talk about their work and process, and open questions up to Gallery attendees as well as those watching via live stream on Twitch.

This event is brought to you by 3S Artspace. It is free and open to the public.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

BLACK HERITAGE TRAIL
New Hampshire

JUNE 17, 2023
JUNETEENTH REGGAE FESTIVAL

**Chanting Down Babylon:
Redemption Songs of the
Diaspora**

WWW.BLACKHERITAGETRAILNH.ORG
PHONE: (603) 570-8469

NOON - 10 PM
**STRAWBERRY BANKE
MUSEUM GROUNDS
PORTSMOUTH, NH**

**12 PM
LOCAL
BANDS**

**FEATURING:
DJ MAM * JAH SPIRIT * ADRIENNE MACK-DAVIS
FROCA FITNESS * DIS N DAT**

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**6 PM
REGGAE
LEGENDS**

**FEATURING:
DERRICK BARNETT
& STATEMENT BAND**

**HEADLINERS:
MARCIA GRIFFITHS * GLEN WASHINGTON * LADY G * BRIGADIER JERRY
*NADINE SUTHERLAND * ONYX BROWN**

It is not an overstatement to say that world culture has been influenced by Jamaican reggae music and culture. With its roots grounded in an African sensibility of expressing philosophical words through music, its slow rhythmic beat, its militant, rebellious, and spiritual lyrics, and its positive message about unity, reggae continues to be a source for highlighting issues of social justice.

This festival celebrates the music of the African Diaspora and honors the legacy of roots reggae. Join us for performances by reggae legends, Marcia Griffiths, Brigadier Jerry, Nadine Southerland, Onix Brown, Lady G, and Glen Washington; Caribbean foods, craft vendors, and a chance to vibe to great music.

“One good thing about music, when it hits you, you feel no pain.” Robert Nesta Marley.

[READ MORE AND PURCHASE TICKETS HERE](#)

Sunday, June 18 | 4:00 PM | Dance Performance | Music Hall | Portsmouth | \$30 - \$70

CAMILLE A. BROWN & DANCERS: RECLAIMING BLACK NARRATIVES



In African societies, dance serves many complex social purposes. Often there is no clear distinction between ritual celebration, social recreation, and history-keeping. African Diasporic dances, Samba and tap dance, line dance, hip hop, Capoeira, and twerking are all dance styles that have their origins on the continent of Africa.

Camille A. Brown and Dancers is a group that is reclaiming Black narratives for Black and brown people and elevating African Diasporic culture to its rightful place in American society. Spreading the joy of dance, they create and present performances that celebrate community, investigate historical and contemporary culture and recognize our shared humanity.

The event is brought to you by the Music Hall

[READ MORE AND PURCHASE TICKETS HERE](#)

Monday, June 19 | 11:00 AM | African Drumming | African Burying Ground | FREE

THE HEALING RHYTHM OF THE DRUMS



Traditionally the drum was the heartbeat and soul of African communities, thus holding deep historic and symbolic significance. The drums herald political and social events and ceremonies of birth, death, and marriage. They spark courtships, home-coming and going, and accompany religious rites and rituals that call up ancestral spirits while creating an atmosphere that promotes healing and social resilience.

This commemorative event, live streaming from the Portsmouth African Burying Ground, pays homage to the ancestors buried there. The healing beat of the drums provided by **Akwaaba Ensemble**, an African drumming and dance group, and a ceremony by **Rev. Robert Thompson** will honor the ancestors who survived upon these shores.

The Event is Free and Open to the Public.

Monday, June 19 | 2:00 PM | Gospel Choir Performance | South Church | \$35 pp

FROM AFRICA TO AMERICA: WE ARE THE DRUMS



Performance plays a key role in narrating the African story in America. The Negro spirituals sung by enslaved Africans laid the foundation for today's gospel, blues, jazz, and rap music. All of these musical forms provide artists the chance to express the Black experience.

Returning to Portsmouth, **The Howard Gospel Choir**, a group of students, alumni, and community members from Howard University, will lift our spirits as we celebrate, heal, and empower our communities. As the first college choir of its kind in the world, the Howard Gospel Choir is a trailblazer for gospel music ministries on collegiate campuses across the globe.

Choir Members Include:

Choir Director: Ray Bramble

Cost is \$35 per person. Space is Limited.

The event is brought to you in partnership with South Church Unitarian Universalist Church, Portsmouth NH

[PURCHASE TICKETS HERE](#)

**Celebrate Resilience.
Strength. Achievement.**

JUNETEENTH 2023 CELEBRATION

Presented by Andover Baptist Church

Join us for this "Free" event!



Monday, June 19th, 2023

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Cormier Youth Center

40 Whittier Ct

Andover, MA 01810

**In partnership with the
Town of Andover, Andover
Interfaith Community, MVBV,
and the DEI Commission.**

**Workshop: 4 pm
Program: 5 pm - 7pm**

JUNETEENTH 2023 CELEBRATION

This year's theme celebrates the Black experience of Resilience, Strength, and Achievement. Come spend the holiday with us and learn about the Black experience through the following activities:

Keynote Speaker: Mr. Ralph Bledsoe

Musical Performances

Guest Speakers

Juneteenth Inspired Food

Vendor Tables

Family Fun and Games; Trivia Prizes

***NEW* Embodied Social
Justice Workshop (4 pm - 5 pm)**

+ More!

For more information email us at abcandoverbaptist.com
or reach out to us at 978-475-0166.



Juneteenth Commemoration I Wednesday, June 21 | 5:30PM | Mill Pond, behind Winchester Public Library

Join the Network for Social Justice and partners across Winchester as we celebrate and learn from the legacy of Frederick Douglass in honor of Juneteenth! We will be joined by poet and performance artist Nathan Richardson in his role as Frederick Douglass. Nathan will lead us in a reading of "What To the Slave is the 4th of July?" along with a community conversation!



Community 'Sign-on' Letter to MA State Leadership RE: Reparations

Commission

If you as an individual and/or your organization/business/entity wants to sign onto this call to action, please use the following form to sign onto the statement by **JUNE 9TH, 2023**. We hope to garner as much support as possible within this timeframe, so please share widely with your networks.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfegB5uBsEdY758JEqZRBMsSyAFHsYUuUvdWFe7v7f3AjDAig/view_form



[Shut Up And Paint](#): Painter Titus Kaphar turns to film when the art world tries to silence his activism.

[You Can't Stop Spirit](#): Black women create a space for freedom through the Baby Doll Mardi Gras masking tradition.

[I'm Free Now, You Are Free](#): A story about the reunion and repair between Mike Africa Jr and his mother Debbie Africa—a formerly incarcerated political prisoner of the MOVE9.



Season 36 Begins
With National Broadcast Premiere
Of After Sherman
On Monday, June 26th



Returning to the coastal South Carolina land that his family purchased after emancipation, filmmaker Jon-Sesrie Goff's desire to explore his Gullah/Geechee roots transforms into a poetic investigation of Black inheritance, trauma, and generational wisdom, amidst the violent tensions that define America's collective history.

[After Sherman](#), a co-production with ITVS, Black Public Media, and Hedera Pictures, LLC, makes its national broadcast premiere on **Monday, June 26, 2023 at 10pmET/9C** (check local listings) and will be **available to stream free until July 26, 2023**.

[LEARN MORE](#)

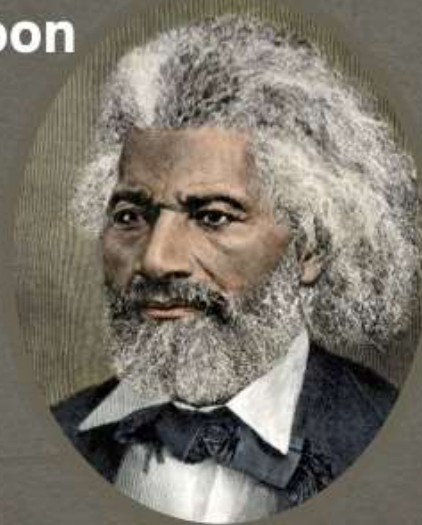


Black Heritage Trail of NH COMMUNITY READING

Sat | July 1, 2023 | Noon

FREDERICK DOUGLASS

*"What to the Slave is
Your Fourth of July?"*



AMHERST

CANTERBURY

CLAREMONT

DOVER

EXETER

HOPKINTON

MANCHESTER

NASHUA

PETERBOROUGH

PORTSMOUTH

ROCHESTER

ROLLINSFORD

WARNER

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF AMHERST

CANTERBURY SHAKER VILLAGE

BROAD STREET PARK

WALDRON COURT ON CENTRAL AVE

EXETER TOWN HALL

HOPKINTON TOWN HALL

MANCHESTER CITY HALL PLAZA

NASHUA LIBRARY GARDENS

PETERBOROUGH TOWN LIBRARY

STRAWBERRY BANKE MUSEUM

ROCHESTER PERFORMANCE & ARTS CENTER

COLONEL PAUL WENTWORTH HOUSE

WARNER TOWN HALL

www.blackheritagetrailnh.org

Saturday, July 1 | Noon | Statewide

New Hampshire Communities Read Frederick Douglass

As part of a growing tradition, each July BHTNH collaborates with community leaders across the state to bring people together to read and reflect on Douglass' historic protest speech, "What to the Slave Is Your 4th of July?"

Join a community near you on July 1 to attend or participate as a reader.

Read more and find the list of participating communities [here](http://www.blackheritagetrailnh.org)