

# THE MONARCH

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## GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER MUSEUM & CULTURAL CENTER SENDS GREETINGS



**President Dr. Kay Lovelace-Taylor**

Greetings everyone! I am thrilled to serve as the President of this great museum and cultural center. I am touched by the confidence of our Board of Directors who elected me to this prestigious position and for the support they have shown me. Please know that the Board and I will be working diligently to continue creating a world class museum and cultural center. To do this we want your input and involvement. It has been said that in order for a people to move forward they must always remember their past. This quarterly newsletter will serve as a continuous reminder of our past with the inclusion of what we hope for the future of the Museum. Please come out and meet the new GWCMCC Board of Directors this Saturday at 10:00 a.m. at our final meeting for the year.

Dr. Kay Lovelace T aylor

To honor our past, we want to recognize the *Founding Monarchs* of the Carver High School for Colored Students who convened the *Alumni Association*.

Jewell Brooks	Irma Leos
Cloves Campbell Sr.	Roberta Robinson
Opal Ellis	Senoma Smith
Ophelia Joseph	

We also must pay tribute to the individuals who filed articles of incorporation for the *Phoenix Chapter of the Phoenix Monarchs Alumni Association*: Eunice Dodson, Loretta Willis, Verna Owens, and Hattie Colbert.

Perhaps you did not know that at least thirty-seven people gave \$1,000.00 or more in order to preserve the original building as a monument to African and African American art, history, culture and community involvement. The Board will honor all contributors with a permanent remembrance plaque to be placed on a strategic wall in the museum. Their names will be listed on page 4.

The Board acknowledges with pride the past Presidents of the Board of Directors who led the charge in making the GWCMCC a beacon of light for our community:

Marion Coleman, 1982 - 1983  
Eunice Dodson, 1983 - 1989  
Glenn Whitmore, 1990 -1992  
LaVeta Westbrook, 1995 -1996  
Tommie Williams, 1996 - 1998

**George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center**

**Strategic Plan**

1. Provide a facility that will incorporate performing arts, art instruction, museum, art gallery, cultural programs, research library and multi-purpose meeting spaces.
2. Offer seminars, educational programming, children, youth and family activities, special events and exhibits related to the museum and cultural centers mission, which, showcases the rich African-American cultural heritage.
3. Seek partnerships with other community organizations to promote and enhance the visibility of the Museum and Cultural Center.
4. Advocate the importance of cultural arts related programs in the community.
5. Diversify and expand funding sources to provide stable financial resources for the Museum and Cultural Center.

**The Vision**

*The George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center will serve as a reminder of African American contributions while creating an environment where youth and adults are motivated to achieve and encouraged to share their resources for the betterment of community life.*

The George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center is bustling with activity:

Museum

Fine Art and Artifacts

Exhibits:

Grisby Art Gallery

Gwendolyn M. Smith Library & Research Center

Cultural Center

Events:

Jazz Concerts

Classical Black Movies

Ethnic Appreciation Events

Community Center

Legacy Partnerships with other groups

Learning Center – University as well as local self help groups

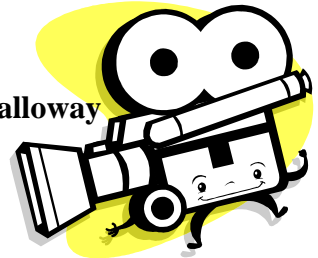
Martin Luther King Dinner Celebration

## Upcoming Events

Come join us on the last Friday of every month for Classic Black Movie Night. The admission is free, but bring a little change for popcorn, sodas and hotdogs. Showtime is 6:00 p.m. at the Carver Museum.

**\*\* June 29, 2007 \*\***

**“Stormy Weather” – Lena Horne, Bill Robinson & Cab Calloway**



**\*\* July 27, 2007 \*\***

**“Hallelujah!” – Daniel Haynes & Nina Mae McKinney**



**\*\* August 31, 2007 \*\***

**“Carmen” - Dorothy Dandridge & Harry Belafonte**

## **HOLD THE DATE... September 15, 2007**

**Members of the Board and community representatives have been working very hard on an African American Heritage Dinner. Wonderful food, friends and a special keynote speaker will provide an outstanding evening. Come and hear about our plans for the Museum and Cultural Center and meet with Board Members up close and personally.**



*Make our day and take out a membership in the George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center for \$25.00. Or... purchase a brick to help with our building campaign. Or... donate equipment, office supplies, paint, art, exhibit supplies, office supplies or just volunteer. We need people for our library, new book store and to assist our Executive Director, Ms. Princess Crump in the office.*

*Thank You!!!*

***Remembering Our Past***  
**Phoenix Monarchs**

**Who Purchased the Center March 15, 1996 by contributing \$1,000.00**

Mary Cunningham Bishop  
Cloves Campbell Sr.  
Emmett Chappelle  
Hattie Day Colbert  
William Corbin  
Harold Eugene Curry  
\*Byron N. Evan (\$5,000.00)  
Betty Fairfax  
Calvin C. Goode  
Georgie Goode  
George Greathouse  
Eugene Grisby

Burnis Johnson  
Laura Dungee  
Jap Lee Harrison  
Ozia Hasker  
Joe Island  
Pearl Mergerson Jefferson  
Kevin Johnson  
Helen Knox  
Nelson Mathis  
Coy Payne  
Willie Payne  
Georgia Payton  
Vera White Randolph  
Arlene Seneca

Munson Steed  
Ethel Boyer Stubbs  
Frederick Warren  
Anna Cunningham Pratt- Watson  
Booker T. Watts  
Hazel Williams  
Tommie Williams  
\*Travis Williams (\$2,000.00)  
  
Southminster Presbyterian  
Better Health and Wellness  
Dr. Gene & Kim James  
Family Service Group Phoenix  
L.C. Bryon R. Webber in -  
Memory of John Webber Sr.

**George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center**  
**Board of Directors**

**President – Dr. Kay Lovelace Taylor**  
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**Board Member - Calvin Goode**  
**Board Member - Georgie Goode**  
**Board Member - Jap Lee Harrison**  
**Board Member - Irvin Tate**

**\* \* Board of Directors Meeting \* \***

**George Washington Carver Museum  
& Cultural Center**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month September through June**  
**10:00 am to 1:30 pm.**



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