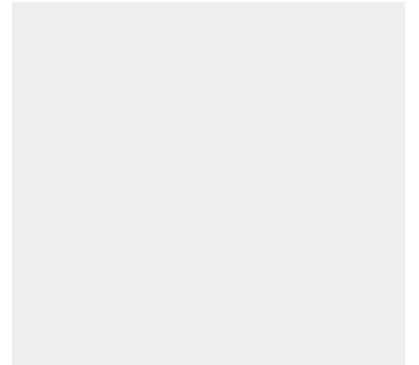
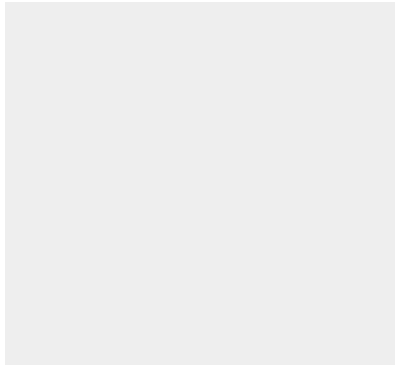


MATTHEW HENSON: EXPLORER EXTRAORDINAIRE

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Matthew Henson, a trailblazing explorer who overcame countless obstacles to leave an incredible mark on history. Born on August 8, 1866, in Charles County, Maryland, his journey is a testament to the power of determination and the spirit of adventure. The post Matthew Henson: Explorer Extraordinaire first appeared on Post News Group.

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The Marin County Office of Education, located at 1111 Las Gallinas Ave in San Rafael, will host the extraordinary exhibit, "The Legacy of Marin City: A California Black History Story (1942-1960)," from Feb. 1 to May 31, 2024.

The interactive, historical, and immersive exhibit featuring memorabilia from Black shipyard workers who migrated from the South to the West Coast to work at the Marinship shipyard will provide an enriching experience for students and school staff. Community organizations will also be invited to tour the exhibit.

All will have the opportunity to visit and be guided by its curator Felecia Gaston.

The exhibit will include photographs, articles and artifacts about the Black experience in Marin City from 1942 to 1960 from the Felecia Gaston Collection, the Anne T. Kent California Room Collection, The Ruth Marion and Pirkle Jones Collection, The Bancroft Library, and the Daniel Ruark Collection.

It also features contemporary original artwork by Chuck D of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame group Public Enemy, clay sculptures by San Francisco-based artist Kaytea Petro, and art pieces made by Marin City youth in collaboration with Lynn Sondag, Associate Professor of Art at Dominican University of California.

The exhibit explores how Marin City residents endured housing inequities over the years and captures the history of plans to remove Black residents from the area after World War II. Throughout, it embodies the spirit of survival and endurance that emboldened the people who made Marin City home.



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Felecia Gaston is the author of the commemorative book, 'A Brand New Start...This is Home: The Story of World War II Marinship and the Legacy of Marin City.' Thanks to the generous contribution of benefactors, a set of Felecia's book will be placed in every public elementary, middle, and high school library in Marin.

In addition, educators and librarians at each school will have the opportunity to engage with Felecia

in a review of best practices for utilizing the valuable primary sources within the book.

"Our goal is to provide students with the opportunity to learn from these significant and historical contributions to Marin County, California, and the United States," said John Carroll, Marin County Superintendent of Schools.

"By engaging with Felecia's book and then visiting the exhibit, students will be able to further connect their knowledge and gain a deeper understanding of this significant historical period," Carroll continued.

Felecia Gaston adds, "The Marin County Office of Education's decision to bring the Marin City Historical Traveling Exhibit and publication, 'A Brand New Start...This is Home' to young students is intentional and plays a substantial role in the educational world. It is imperative that our community knows the contributions of Marin City Black residents to Marin County. Our youth are best placed to lead this transformation."

The Marin County Office of Education will host an Open House Reception of the exhibit's debut on Feb. 1 from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.. All school staff, educators, librarians, and community members are encouraged to attend to preview the exhibit and connect with Felecia Gaston. To contact Gaston, email MarinCityLegacy@marinschools.org



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