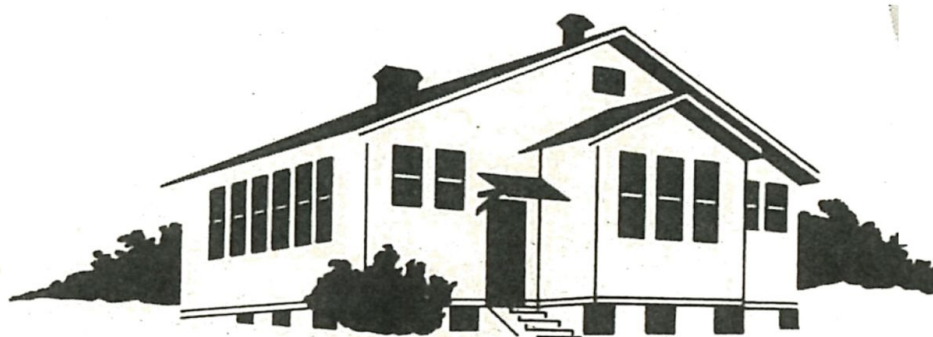


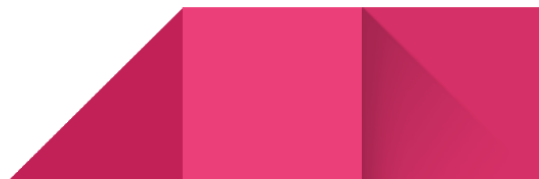
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The Village Drum

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Who Are We?

The Noble Hill-Wheeler Memorial Center is located on a hill, just off Joe Frank Harris Parkway, in the Cassville community. It is a restored Rosenwald School that was built in 1923 as the first school for black children. Noble Hill was built to standard specifications in the Bartow County School System. The school was closed in 1955 when all schools for black children in Bartow County were consolidated to form the Bartow Elementary School. Today, the center serves as a heritage museum that reflects black culture, from the late 1800s to the present.

For more information on our past, present, and future events, please visit our newly updated website: www.noblehillwheeler.org

Curator's Message

by **Valerie Coleman**

Welcome to Noble Hill

Greetings Family and Friends of Noble Hill-Wheeler Memorial Center. I pray this year brings many miracles, blessings, and peace for you all. I am honored to serve my community & NHWMC as the new Curator. I have had an opportunity to meet many leaders and great people in my hometown of Bartow County because I was invited to speak at two of the



Rotary Clubs here. I also worked on two projects for the African American Quilt Documentation Project (Memories Day at George Washington Carver Park & Unveiling of Pathways to Freedom: A story in every stitch sculpture). I appeared on two local news outlets to promote events.

We are excited to announce that we have purchased the Wheeler Home and the three acres of land west of NHWMC on Dec. 14, 2017. However, we will continue with our Annual Fundraisers for our land expansion project to preserve and add to the vision of the late Dr. Susie Wheeler. We are exploring the idea of creating a scholarship in Memory of Dr. Susie Wheeler to help a college bound student in our community. Noble Hill- Wheeler Memorial Center is all about promoting education. NHWMC has a newly updated website. Please go to our website and consider making a charitable contribution to the NHWMC Foundation during 2018. You can qualify for a tax write off in 2019, as we are a 501c3 nonprofit organization. Thanks again for your help and your support throughout the years. We love and appreciate you all!

News



On April 7, 2018, Emory University students and their professor, Dr. Walker, completed an oral history interview with our past curator and beloved, Mrs. Lillie Marian Coleman and students filmed the Noble Hill Wheeler Memorial Center for a forthcoming project. (Pictured left, Mrs. Coleman speaking to a tour group)

Additionally, this Spring, the Noble Hill-Wheeler Memorial Center has assisted students from Savannah State University, Alabama State University, and Woodland High School with academic projects.

On Tuesday, April 10, 2018, two new board members were voted onto the Noble Hill Wheeler Memorial Center Board of Directors. Ms. Natalie McCleary is a graduate of Tuskegee University in Tuskegee, AL. Ms. McCleary is passionate about her close family ties to Noble Hill and her professional artistic pursuits. Ms. Alexis Carter is a native of Cartersville, GA and a graduate of Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, GA. Ms. Carter is an African American historian, genealogist, and researcher and she enjoys spending time with her family and friends.



Ms. Natalie McCleary



Ms. Alexis Carter

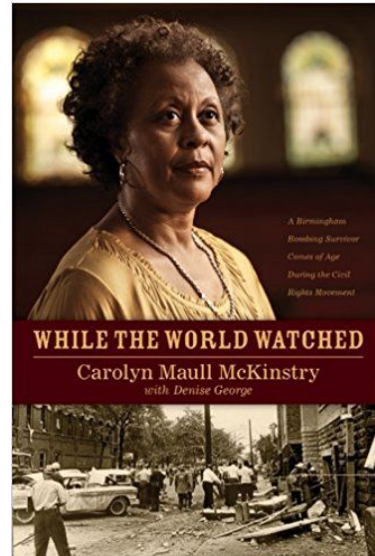
Past Events

-African American Quilt Documentation Project: NHWMC participated in the display of historic African American Quilts at the George Washington Carver Park. To find out more information on the AAQD Project, visit <http://evhsonline.org/african-american-quilting-project>.

-Our Black History Month program welcomed Dr. Carolyn McKinstry, a survivor of the Birmingham, Alabama 16th Street Baptist Church bombing. Dr. McKinstry was interviewed by Dr. Joycelyn Wilson (Georgia Institute of Technology) on Sunday, February 18th on the campus of Georgia Highlands College. To find out more about Dr. McKinstry's work and dedication to healing, purchase her book, ***While the World Watched***.



Dr. Carolyn McKinstry & Dr. Louise Young Harris



While the World Watched

Upcoming Events

- American Association of University Women, Meeting & Luncheon, May 5, 2018, 11:30am, Hosted by Diane Sakmar, AAUW President
- Group Tour, Excel Academy, May 10, 2018 at 11am
- Freedom Monument Unveiling, May 10, 2018 at 2pm, Cartersville City Hall, 10 N. Public Square

-Summer Heritage Program, Every Wednesday in June-6, 13, 20, 27 from 11am -1pm, serving grades 3rd-12th

-National Center for Civil and Human Rights Trip (Atlanta, GA), June 20, 2018

-UnSung Heroes Banquet, October 27, 2018, Honoring Bartow County's Athletes

Volunteer Opportunities

Interested in volunteering at the Noble Hill Wheeler Memorial Center? Visit our website, www.noblehillwheeler.org, under the *Get Involved* tab to complete the volunteer sign up form.

Membership and Donations

Please consider investing in the future of the Noble Hill Wheeler Memorial Center!

Visit our new website at noblehillwheeler.org under the **Get Involved** tab to give a secure donation. Please make checks payable to: Noble Hill-Wheeler Memorial Center, P.O. Box 67, Cassville, GA, 30123. For membership information, please call (770) 382-3392.

No amount is too small to keep the Noble Hill Wheeler Memorial Center vision alive. Thank you for your support!

