Franklin County Visitors Bureau Sets African American History Events at 11/30 Visitors Center on February 23

Franklin County Visitors Bureau invites public to explore African American history at Franklin County 11/30 Visitors Center on February 23 with a virtual Underground Railroad tour of Franklin County and a presentation of Civil Rights and AFrican American sites by Dr. Arnold Hence.

(PRWEB) February 14, 2019 -- Franklin County Visitors Bureau invites all to experience African American history at the Franklin County 11/30 Visitors Center. African American history is American history. February puts a special focus on the African American history of America. On Saturday, February 23, the Franklin County Visitors Bureau is offering a virtual Underground Railroad Tour of Franklin County, 10 AM-Noon, and a special presentation of Hallowed Grounds by Dr. Arnold Hence, 1 PM-3PM, at the new 11/30 Center on the southwest quadrant of Memorial Square.

Identifying more than a dozen sites, the virtual Underground Railroad tour will help attendees understand why African American scholar and author Charles Blockson referred to Franklin County as “a hazardous area of 100 miles which contained the most secretive, tangled lines of the Underground Railroad.” Three sites are National Park Service Network to Freedom sites and includes a documented pathway across South Mountain, showcased in the “Road to Freedom” video. The video will be shown following the virtual Underground Railroad tour.

Dr. Arnold T. Hence has been “taking” pictures since the 8th grade when his mom gave him an old Polaroid camera, and “making” pictures for the past fifteen years. His photographic interests have been shaped by his life experiences. Dr. Hence retired as Executive Vice President of Forsyth Technical Community in January 2010 after serving 36 years in higher education. Since retiring he devotes more time and energy to photography, with one of his pictures having won a first place and judges’ choice award at the Dixie Classic Fair in Winston Salem, NC. His photographic interests for the past several years have included a growing civil rights and historic sites collection, landscapes, weddings, special events, and classic cars. He is a former juried member of the Winston Salem Craft Guild and former Board member of The Associated Artists of Winston Salem. He has had solo exhibitions at The International Civil Rights Center and Museum in Greensboro, NC and the Apple Gallery in Danbury, NC.

The entire event is free and open to the public and will take place in the Great Room on the second level of the Franklin County 11/30 Visitors Center. To ensure your seat, please register for this event on Eventbrite. Registrants on Eventbrite will receive a $5 discount, which can be used on upcoming Franklin County Visitors Bureau bus tours.

The Franklin County Visitors Bureau invites all to explore history, arts and architecture, recreation, natural beauty, fresh foods and the warm hospitality of communities like Chambersburg, Greencastle, Mercersburg, Shippensburg, and Waynesboro. Franklin County PA is located just north of the Mason Dixon Line and is an easy drive to Washington DC, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh. Plan a visit at ExploreFranklinCountyPA.com, contacting 866.646.8060, or stopping by the new Franklin County 11/30 Visitors Center in downtown Chambersburg.
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