



## 8th Annual Golf Tournament and “Soul of the Patch” Golf Exhibit

The Lucy Craft Laney Museum's 8th Annual Golf Tournament held this May was a huge success, reaching its highest number of players ever. The tournament paid tribute to the 60th anniversary of Augusta golfers John Elam, Clois Herndon, Raymond Jenkins and Dr. Harry Thompson who, with the aid of Attorney John Ruffin, desegregated the Augusta Municipal Golf course in 1964. The theme coincided with a three-month exhibit, “Soul of the Patch”, which highlighted these trailblazers and other local African American golfers.



The exhibit was curated by Ramona Harriet, CEO of The Epochs: African Americans in Golf Traveling Indoor Exhibition, and The Epochs Tour: Celebrating African American Golf History. The evening prior to the tournament, a reception was held honoring these trailblazers. We were grateful for the participation of Mr. Herndon, his family, and the families of the other golfers.

## Preserving the Golden Blocks History Through Art



### Twiggs Street Statue Unveiling

The legacy of Augusta's blacks in medicine was recognized in May with the unveiling of “The Pillars of the Golden Blocks” statue at the Twiggs Street Circle Roundabout in Augusta's historic Golden Blocks District. The statue features physicians, Dr. Scipio S. Johnson, (1879-1940), Dr. George N. Stoney (1865-1926), dentist Dr. James E. Carter (1906-1993) and Irene E. Jackson (1928-2009), who trained at the Lamar School of Nursing, co-founded by Miss Lucy Craft Laney and Dr. Stoney. Local artist Ashley Gray designed and sculpted the statue which was inspired by the book *Segregated Doctoring: Black Physicians in Augusta, Georgia, 1902-1952*, written by Dr. Leslie J. Pollard, Sr. The Lucy Craft Laney Museum collaborated with the Greater Augusta Arts Council, Augusta Housing and Community Development, as well as a host of other local agencies. A very special thanks to Dr. Dennis Skelley.

### Mural Update: Arts and Entertainment in the Era of the Golden Blocks

Progress is being made on our latest mural: Arts and Entertainment in the Era of the Golden Blocks. It will feature prominent African American artists, locally, nationally and internationally renowned as well as venues known to promote arts and entertainment in Augusta. Theron Cartwright is the artist for the mural which is located at 12th and Laney-Walker Boulevard. The mural is phase Three of the Golden Blocks Public Art Project, a collaboration between The Greater Augusta Arts Council, The Lucy Craft Laney Museum of Black History and Conference Center, and Augusta Housing and Community Development. Phase One of the Golden Blocks Art Project was dedicated in November of 2019 and currently there are four murals and five sculptures that can be found along Laney-Walker Boulevard as a part of this project.





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# MUSEUM NEWS

## Summer Fun at The Museum - Something Old and Something New

### Summer Camp

Our 2024 summer campers enjoyed a fun and adventurous time at the Lucy Craft Laney Museum. The students, grades first through fifth, learned sign language; saw various birds of prey; made arts and sewing projects; toured the museum and nearby historic sites; enjoyed princess parties; face painting; played game, and made veggie wraps and more. The support of our volunteers and camp sponsors, Commissioner Francine Scott and Wingstop, helped make the camp a great success.



### Sewing Sessions

For the first time ever, the Laney Museum offered sewing classes to youth and adults in the River Region. The classes sold-out within a few weeks of the initial announcement. Students, ranging from first-time sewers to those with moderate experience, made tote bags, pillows, eye masks and items of clothing. The classes were taught by Noel Corbin, Black Fashion Curator and University of Georgia Phd student, who was inspired after seeing a photo of a Haines Normal and Industrial Institute sewing class from the late 1800s. The Rotary Club of Augusta provided funding for the sewing sessions, allowing the museum to purchase necessary equipment and sewing items.



September 7:30 PM  
 October 1st 9:00 PM  
 NOVEMBER 12:30 PM

**FIRST TUESDAYS MONTHLY JOURNALING CLUB**

STARTING SEPTEMBER 3  
 \$10 PER SESSION  
 5:30-7:00 PM

SPACE IS LIMITED  
 BRING A NEW LINED OR DOT GRID JOURNAL AND JOURNALING PEN!

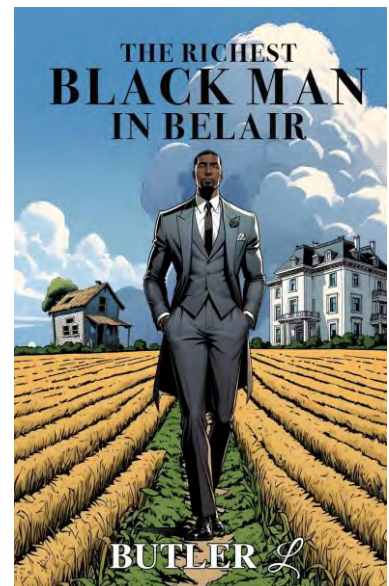
## Women's Journaling Club

This fall, the Laney Museum will launch a women's journaling club held on the First Tuesdays of the upcoming Fall months. Cheryl Corbin, award-winning local writer aka Olivia Gaines, will lead the sessions. Each Session, Corbin will present a new theme and will teach attendees new techniques on documenting their lives. The Women's Journaling Club is sponsored by the Augusta Literary Society. Please register online at the Lucy Craft Laney Museum page on EventBrite.com.

## Author Talk and Book Signing

*The Richest Black Man In Belair* is a call for a cultural reset, a revolutionary force. It is a tale of universal principles, universal truths, universal wisdoms. The project sounds the alarm to western culture that in the mindless seeking of materialism we have simply lost our way. The old black sharecropper, Pa-ty, teaches his beloved grandson, little George the beauty and process of achieving financial emancipation. On a deeper philosophical Level, pa-ty taught his beloved little George that, " man does not live by bread alone," and that at the end of the journey, man realizes that the highest wisdom is the understanding that happiness is simply "a" Family affair."

Join Mr. Leon Butler, the author of *The Richest Black Man In Belair* at the Lucy Craft Laney Museum of Black History on Saturday, September 7th, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. for a talk and book signing of his new book. This event is free and open to the public. Please RSVP by noon on Thursday, September 5th. For more information and to register, call the museum at 706-724-3576.





# MUSEUM NEWS

## Thank you!

A very special thanks goes out to the leadership team and members of In Focus church, located in Evans, Georgia. Every last Saturday of the month the leadership team at In Focus assembles a large group of members to clean both the interior and exterior of the Laney Museum. Special thanks to fellow Davidson graduate and Senior Pastor Brent Garrard, Associate Pastor Karla Garrard, Robert Rios and everyone else that comes down to the museum to assist us in keeping the neighborhood clean every month.



## Mark Your Calendars for these upcoming museum events.

### Community Luncheon Series

Luncheons are 11:30am - 1:00PM. The cost is \$15 and includes a presentation from a guest speaker(s) and a warm meal. Please mark your calendars for the dates below.

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| August 14    | Carla Delaney, Director of Planning & Development, Augusta-Richmond County |
| September 11 | Antonio Burden, Fire Chief/EMA Director, Augusta                           |
| October 9    | The Institutional Review Board: Augusta University                         |
|              | Adequate and fair representation of underrepresented groups in research    |
| November 13  | James "Butch" Vincent, Fort Valley Graduate and Veteran Army Officer       |

### Programs and Events

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| August 11   | <i>Men on the Bag</i>                         | 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM |
| August 31   | August Wilson's <i>Seven Guitars</i> Reading  | 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM |
| September 1 | <i>Men on the Bag</i>                         | 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM |
| September 3 | First Tuesdays Journaling Club                | 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM |
| October 1st | First Tuesdays Journaling Club                | 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM |
| November 2  | August Wilson's <i>King Hedley II</i> Reading | 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM |
| November 5  | First Tuesdays Journaling Club                | 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM |

### Museum Rotating Exhibits Schedule

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| August              | Emerging Local Artists Exhibit                   |
| September - October | Breaking the Barriers Art Exhibit by Rhian Swain |
| November - December | Quilts Exhibit                                   |



## Thank You Newcomers For Stopping By!

Ladies from the Augusta Newcomers Club visited the Lucy Craft Laney Museum as one of their summer social activities.



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## Ways to Support the Lucy Craft Laney Museum

- Share this newsletter with friends, family, co-workers, your church and other organizations
- Contact the museum to arrange tours for your family, out-of-town guests, schools, churches and organizations. Tours are held Tuesday-Saturday at 10:30AM, 11:30AM and 2:30PM
- Become a museum volunteer. Please reach out to the museum at 706-724-3576
- Make a financial contribution to the museum

## Conference Center Rentals

The Laney Conference Center is the perfect place for receptions, meetings, reunions and other events. Contact the museum to schedule a tour of the conference center and book your next event.

## COMMUNITY LUNCHEON SERIES

### August 14, 2024

11:30am to 1:00pm

## CARLA DELANEY

Carla Delaney has been the Planning & Development Director for Augusta-Richmond County since January 2022. She has 17 years of planning experience and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP). Carla has been with the City of Augusta since 2015 in other roles. Additionally, she serves as the Georgia Planning Association District #6 Director (representing 14 counties) and is an adjunct at Augusta University

She is a graduate of the Richmond County School System and holds a Bachelor of Science in Political Science from Georgia Southern University and a Master of Public Administration from Augusta University.



**Deadline to RSVP and pay is Mon. August 12th. Cost is \$15**



## AUGUST WILSON'S SEVEN GUITARS

Theatrical Reading

Featuring Jerome Preston Bates

At the Lucy Craft Laney Museum of Black History

**AUGUST 31, 2024 @ 6:00p.m.**

\$50 per person, limited seating

BONUS

\$25 Men on the Bag Black Caddies Experience - Sept. 1, 3:00 - 4:30pm  
 \$70 Package Special for BOTH Events: Men on the Bag + Seven Guitars

**Tickets: [LucyCraftLaneyMuseum.com](http://LucyCraftLaneyMuseum.com)**