

A Note from Corey Rogers, Executive Director, Lucy Craft Laney Museum **The Lucy Craft Laney Museum Celebrates 35 Years**

"Can I go ahead and sign my kid up for next year's camp?!" This comment from the mother of one of our 2026 campers encapsulates the excitement surrounding our annual summer camp. And the camps themselves embodied the success the Lucy Craft Laney Museum has had during the first 6 months of this year.

The 35th Anniversary year has been one of excitement. And the best is yet to come. This fall we will partner with Paine College and the Authors Club of Augusta to host our annual Frank Yerby Celebration. Dr. Sean Gallagher from USC Columbia will be here in September to continue our year-long discussion on America 250. And that is just the tip of the iceberg. On October 30th of this year the Laney Museum will host a black-tie affair at the River Room at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Our last gala was in 2020, so we are excited to bring everyone back together to enjoy a night of elegance.

For the 35th we are setting as our goal \$350,000. This is our floor. The skies the limit. We want this to be a transformative year in the history of the museum. A year that will reflect on the successes of the first 35 years, but lay the foundation for the successes to come.

On behalf of the staff, Board of Directors, and volunteers at the Laney Museum we thank you for your continued support of all that we do both inside the museum and out in the community. The Laney Museum is one of the crown jewels of Augusta, and with the support of old and new patrons we will continue to tell the stories that gives Augusta its uniqueness and brings our beloved Feel Good City to life!

Corey Rogers,
 Executive Director, Lucy Craft Laney Museum

A Note from Leon Maben, Lucy CraftLaney Museum Golf Tournament Chair

Can you believe that this was the 10th year for the Laney Museum Golf Tournament Fundraiser!!!! On behalf of the Golf Tournament Committee, we want to thank all of our golfers, sponsors, supporters, and volunteers for making this year's tournament a success!!! This tournament was special because we were back home at the newly renovated Patch Golf Course. We want to thank the management and staff at The Patch for working with us to make the 10th Annual Laney Museum Golf Tournament Fundraiser a total success.

When we started this golf tournament fundraiser in 2016 our vision was to raise funds for the Lucy Craft Laney Museum of Black History and to use it as a tool to tell the African American story in golf. Through the ten years, we have honored Jim Dent, Jariah "Bubba" Beard, the Augusta Black Caddies (1932 - 1982), the black golfers that integrated The Patch in 1964, Lucy Craft Laney HS Golf Team, Lee Elder, Henry "Jnox" McClendan, Nathaniel "Iron Man" Avery, and Ben Bussey.

Every year we have enjoyed displaying the Black Golf Exhibition by Ms. Ramona Harriett. This exhibition was always new and refreshing; it gave us a deep dive into black golf history. The 2019 movie "Loopers: The Caddies Long Walk" was shown at the Laney Museum before opening in the theaters. And now, The Caddie Hall of Fame has held two inductions for two caddies at the Laney Museum Golf Tournament. Jim "Big Boy" was inducted in 2022 and this year, Caddy Nathaniel "Iron Man" Avery in 2026.

Leon Maben,
 Co-Chair, Lucy Craft Laney Museum Annual Golf Tournament

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35th Anniversary Events

The Laney Museum celebrated its 35th anniversary in June with two days of history, culture and fun. The celebration kicked off on Friday, June 5, with a panel discussion featuring the museum's living founders and others who helped launch the museum. In honor of the 35 years, from its rarely seen collection, the museum exhibited 35 historic documents, photos, objects, items and museum memorabilia.

A special highlight of the evening was the unveiling of the museum's 35th anniversary logo, designed by local artist Adeana Berry. which features a re-imagined take on the museum's color scheme and the image of Miss Laney in her more youthful, innovative days as a mover and shaker. From the weekend celebration, the museum sold a record number of 35th Anniversary t-shirts, baseball hats, tote bags and other items featuring the new design. Anniversary t-shirts, baseball hats, tote bags, posters, and notecards featuring the logo are available for purchase.

On Saturday, June 6, the museum hosted an anniversary festival which included a Vendors Village featuring local artisans, vendors, and community organizations. The museum invited local authors to showcase their writing by participating in the Laney's Museum's Authors Garden.

Attendees participated in old fashioned games such as a musical chairs competition, bubble making and parachute games. At noon, attendees gathered together for a group sing-a-long to Stevie Wonder's "Happy Birthday" followed by "Celebration" by Kool and the Gang. The festival concluded with a concert by local band Sounds of Brilliance. With food trucks on site, music, vendors, authors and fun, the community enjoyed the 35th Anniversary Celebration and the museum was grateful for the community's support.



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Back at the Patch

Participants in the Laney Museum's 10th Annual Golf Tournament enjoyed the museum's return to the Augusta Municipal Golf Course, "The Patch". The renovated "Patch" features a redesigned 18-hole course and a new 9-hole short course. Within three weeks of announcing the golf tournament, tickets were sold out. The golf tournament was a great success, everyone enjoyed the golf course and in particular, appreciated the hospitality of the Augusta Municipal Golf Course Staff.

As customary, the museum hosts an Golf Tournament Reception on the night prior to the tournament. At the ceremony, the late Augusta National Golf Club caddie "Nathaniel "Iron man" Avery, was honored with an induction into the Caddie Hall of Fame by Hall of Fame president Jeff Harrison. Avery was famous for helping golfer Arnold Palmer win four Masters titles.

The Golf tournament reception also included a kick-off for the opening of the Arc of the Caddy: A Black Experience, presented by the Institute of African American Golf History, Ramona Harriet-Founder, President/CEO info@AfricanAmericanGolfHistory.com golf exhibit, curated by Golf Historian Ramona Harriett. This exhibit traced the origins of blacks as caddies all the way back to Bunce Island, Sierra Leone, Africa in the 1700s. The exhibit's opening was held during the Golf Tournament reception and included a powerful presentation that wove together music, history and storytelling.



See you next year at the 11th Annual Golf Tournament!

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The Laney Museum Celebrates America 250

As a part of the America 250 celebrations taking place around the city and the country, The Laney Museum in partnership with Meadow Garden, highlighted the life and legacy of Prince Hall, namesake of Prince Hall Freemasonry. The event was well-attended and featured guest speaker Mr. Dave Gillarm, Grand Historian for the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Georgia.

Dr. Sean Gallagher, professor of History at the University of South Carolina, Columbia, will present "Banditti of Slaves": Patriot Slave Confiscation and Black Maroons in Revolutionary Georgia. This takes place Saturday, September 12, 2026, 5:00 pm, at the Lucy Craft Laney Museum Conference Center. This event is free and open to the public.



Community Luncheons

April: Sportsman's Boat Club

The April Community Luncheon Featured an amazing piece of Augusta's African American history: The Sportman's Boat Club. Organized in 1959 and incorporated in 1960, the Sportman's Boat Club was established to provide an outlet for the recreational needs of African Americans during the Jim Crow period. Members of the shared stories of the origins and purpose of the club.



May: Law Month

The Laney Museum observed Law Month (May), with special guests District Attorney Jared Williams and attorney Alexia Davis Payne. As always, the law luncheons are quite popular and guests were filled with great questions.



200 Plus Tour Group

In June, the museum was delighted to host over 200 visitors from the Youth Division of the Jurisdiction of Georgia 49th Grand Youth Session of the Brothers and Sisters of the International Free and Accepted Modern Masons, Inc. and Order of the Eastern Star. The summer is a peak time for tours, particularly for large groups and family reunions.

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Summer Camp

The Laney Museum's summer camp was filled with excitement, laughter and adventure as grade school kids participated in a myriad of activities including art lessons led by two local muralists, an interactive Spanish class, sewing, sign language, guided journal writing, financial literacy and a birds of prey presentation from the Savannah Ecology lab.



Sip and Sew

Back by popular demand, the Laney Museum held its summer Sip and Sew classes led by Noel Corbin, UGA PhD Student of Fashion History & Culture. In the two-day sessions students made pillows, tote bags and some brought in personal projects in which they needed assistance. The sessions are designed to guide everyone of all skill levels from beginners and to those with more advanced skills.



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Fundraiser: Laney Museum Day at the Augusta Green Jackets Baseball Game

On August 14, the Augusta Green Jackets partners with the Lucy Craft Laney Museum to raise funds to support the museum's mission to preserve and teach the legacy of Miss Lucy Craft Laney.

Enjoy a thrilling baseball game as the Augusta GreenJackets take on the Charleston River Dogs. Portions of each ticket purchased will be donated to the museum.

Tickets may be purchased at: <https://www.gofevo.com/event/Lucycraft2>

Date: Friday August 14, 2026 at 7:05 PM

Location: SRP Park, North Augusta, SC

Gates Open: 6:00 PM

Theme of the Night: (Not) Murder Mystery Night

Giveaway: Remix Braves Buzzfest jersey (first 1,000 fans, courtesy of Bridgestone)



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GAME INFORMATION



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Annual Frank Yerby Celebration

The Annual Frank Yerby Celebration takes place September 3 - 5. September 3, Dr. Cheryl Corbin and Paine Professor Jeffrey Jones host a book discussion of Yerby's book *The Vixens* at the 5:30pm at the Yerby House on the campus of Paine College. On September 4, at the Laney Museum, there will be a screening of *The Saracen Blade*, adapted from Yerby's book of the same name. On September 5, at the Laney Museum, a panel discussion on writing historic novels will be held.

The panelists will be Bob Young, Former Mayor of Augusta; Hilde McQueen, USA Today Bestselling Author; Michael Dock, author; and Ramona Elmes, historical romance novelist. There will also be a reveal of the dress from the Yerby book *A Woman Called Fancy*.



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THREE DAYS OF LITERARY CONVERSATIONS

ON BOOKS, FILM, HISTORICAL ROMANCE IN HONOR OF FRANK YERBY

SEPTEMBER 3 THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 4 FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 5 SATURDAY
DISCUSSION OF THE VIXENS LED BY CHERYL CORBIN, PHD AND PROFESSOR JEFFREY JONES 5:30 - 7:00 P.M. LOCATION: YERBY HOUSE ON PAINE COLLEGE	MOVIE SCREENING OF THE SARACEN BLADE 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. LOCATION: THE LUCY CRAFT LANEY MUSEUM	MODERATED DISCUSSION PANEL ON HISTORICAL ROMANCE MODERATED BY REVEAL OF DRESS FROM <i>A WOMAN CALLED FANCY</i> LOCATION: THE LUCY CRAFT LANEY MUSEUM

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New Exhibits

Theron Cartwright Exhibit, July - August

The Lucy Craft Laney Museum of Black History is excited to highlight Theron Cartwright as our featured artist for July and August 2026. Theron Cartwright is a Delaware born multidisciplinary artist who has created work in animation, illustration, painting, comics, murals, graphic design and clothing design. Theron received his Animation degree from the Delaware College of Art & Design. Reflection, introspection, culture, heritage and daydreams are a persistent influence in Theron's art. He has self-published his own comic, "Them Bantu Boys" and he has also worked on the Golden Blocks Legends comic book series.

Theron has completed several murals in Augusta, including two murals for the Golden Blocks project, and his work has been featured in multiple galleries throughout the CSRA including the Augusta-Richmond County Municipal building, Sacred Heart Cultural Center, North Augusta Arts and Heritage center and the Lucy Craft Laney Museum of Black History and Conference Center.

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“The Scoop and The Tea”: A History of African American Beauty Salons and Barbershops in Augusta, Georgia

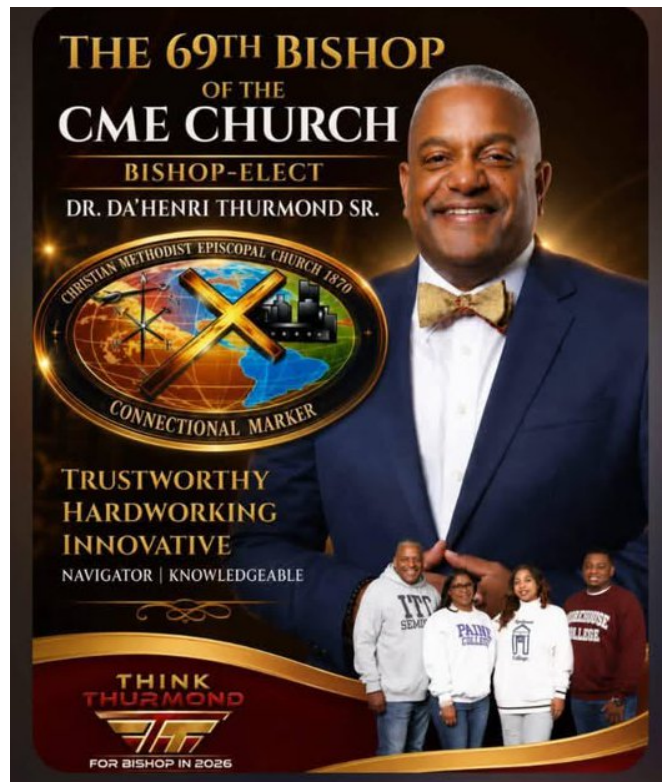
Entrepreneurship. Community. Politics. Pop Culture. The Beauty Salon and the Barbershop! Two institutions that have served as the backbone of the African American community for generations. These spaces are where people go to look good, but they also bring the community together. No matter your socio-economic background; janitor or preacher; teacher or domestic. Everyone is welcome. And no topic is off limits. Women go to beauty salons to spill the tea.

Fellas go to barbershops to hear the talk from the streets. The Laney Museum will host “The Scoop and The Tea”, from September 8th to October 31st. If you are a current or former beautician or barber or the relative of one, and would like to share their story or have photographs or items you are willing to donate or loan, please call 706-724-3576 or email ocur761@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you and come out in September and October to enjoy this exhibition at the Laney Museum.

Congratulations

Augusta native Da'Henri Thurmond, was elected in June as the 69th Bishop of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church at the church's 41st General Conference held in Dallas, Texas.

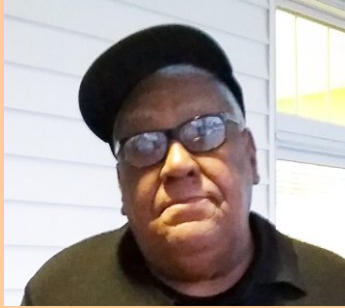
Bishop Thurmond will preside over the 3rd Episcopal District which crosses ten states from Michigan on the east to Colorado on the west.



Thank you, Kamo

Kamo Janitorial Products has been one of the Laney Museum's biggest supporters over the past few years, generously providing the museum with essential janitorial products. We appreciate Kamo's support, and its commitment to uplifting the Augusta Community. Thank you, Kamo!

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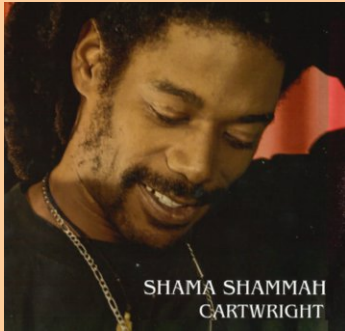


In Memoriam

Robert "Cigarette" Jones

Augusta National Golf Course Caddy and saxophone player for notable musicians during the 60s/70s such as James Brown.

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Shama Cartwright

Shama Cartwright was the 24-year owner of Rebel Lion Den, Lion of Judah Afrocentric Culture shop on Broad Street.

His shop provided health products, Afro-centric books, accessories and clothing for the Augusta Community.



Phoebe Southward Ali

Phoebe Southward Ali was featured in the Laney Museum's 2020 exhibit, "I'm Every Woman": A Tribute to African American Women in Augusta" which celebrated their lives, resilience, and community contributions.

Exhibit Schedule

July - August

September - October

November - December

Art Exhibit - Theron Cartwright, local artist

"The Scoop and the Tea": A History of African American Beauty Salons and Barber Shops in Augusta

Brown Sugar Stitchers Quilts

Community Luncheons

August 12

September 9

Artist Theron Cartwright

Dr. Lester McCorn, President, Paine College

Upcoming Events

August 14 7:05 pm

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September 4

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Celebrate America 250: Legacy of Prince Hall

