



LYJ African American Historical Society NEWS



LYJ-AAHS, Community Connections

Engaged participation, the key to developing a stronger community



(l. to r.) Loretta Y. Jackson, LYJ-AAHS Pres/Founder; Vanessa Adams Harris, Rock Island Arts Festive's (RIAF) dramatic portrayal of civil rights icon, Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher; Bruce Fisher, LYJ-AAHS Board/son of Ada Lois, with wife, Sheri; Virginia Savage, RIAF Co-Chairman

The Loretta Y. Jackson-African American Historical Society (LYJ-AAHS) was invited to “partner” with the 2012 Rock Island Arts Festival (RIAF), sponsored by the Chickasha Area Arts Council, in September. Vanessa Adams-Harris, of Sand Springs, OK, performed in a

dramatic living history portrayal of Ada Lois Sipuel-Fisher entitled, “What Does a Legend Look Like?” A discussion followed the performance at the LYJ-AAHS tent and the documentary “*Courage: The Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher Story*” (1999), produced by Loretta Y. Jackson, was viewed.



Oklahoma Black Heritage Committee holds quarterly meeting at the historic Verden Separate Schoolhouse



Wallace C. Moore, Sr., of Lawton, will portray and tell the story of Robert L. Fortune during the 4th Annual Storytelling



4TH ANNUAL STORYTELLING & SOUL FOOD EVENING SCHEDULED

LYJ-AAHS's 4th Annual Storytelling & Soul Food Evening will be held at 6:30pm on Saturday, February 16, 2013 at the University of Science & Arts of Oklahoma (Ballroom) in Chickasha, OK. The evening's celebrated storyteller will be Wallace C. Moore of Lawton, OK. Moore's story will highlight the career and accomplishments of Robert L. Fortune, U.S. Deputy Marshal & Chickasha Lawyer. Starting in 1895, Fortune was



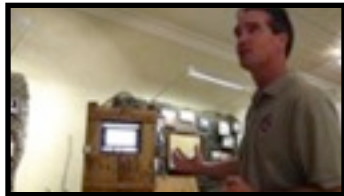
Deputy Robert L. Fortune

recruited by Arkansas's (“Hanging Judge”) Issac Parker as a U.S. Deputy Marshal in the Oklahoma Indian Territory. Later, Fortune gave up his badge for law books (passed the Oklahoma Bar) and in 1917 started his first law practice in Chickasha.

Ticket donations are \$15 (includes meal). For tickets, call Loretta Y. Jackson at 405.224.5297 or mail \$15/person to: LYJ-AAHS, P.O. Box 2044, Chickasha, OK 73023.



LYJ-AAHS PARTICIPATES IN M-AAA'S HELP ADVANCE



Top: (l. to r.) Brian Crockett, Facilitator; Cynthia W. Anderson, LYJ-AAHS Board; Kim Dresser, Western Plains Weatherford Genealogical Society & Western Oklahoma Historical Center Pres.
Bottom: Warren Martin led museum tour at the Gen. Tommy Franks Leadership Institute & Museum in Hobart, OK

LYJ-AAHS's Board Member, Cynthia W. Anderson and Dr. Will Anderson, volunteer, attended the Hands-on Experimental Learning Project (HELP) Advance museum meeting in Hobart, Oklahoma. Other museums that attended included No Man's Land Museum of Guymon, OK, The Circus City Museum of Hugo, OK, the Western Plains Genealogical Society and Western Oklahoma Historical Center of Weatherford, OK, and The Grady County Historical Society of Chickasha, OK.

LYJ-AAHS's goal is to improve the ability to advance the mission, engage in effective planning, manage resources appropriately, communicate and serve our community, and recruit and orientate new board members and volunteers.

This professional development

training, sponsored by Mid-America Arts Alliance (M-AAA), is made possible through a grant from the Institute Museum and Library Services and is conducted in partnership with the Oklahoma Arts Council, Nebraska Arts Council, Kansas Arts Commission, Arkansas Arts Council, Missouri Arts Council, and the Texas Commission of the Arts.



Talk in museums is one of the things that makes them matter, and the way in which we talk in museums is one of the things that define for us what they are. Because museums, I think, as much as they are places to go and see things, are also places to go and talk about things, and, through talking, to understand something about the way life takes place in time. ---Adam Gopnik, "The Mindful Museum"

DID YOU KNOW?



Loretta Y. Jackson, badged "Territorial Marshall of Oklahoma"

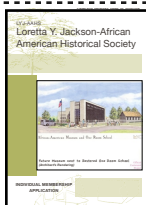
Loretta Y. Jackson, President & Founder of LYJ-AAHS was appointed on April 6, 1980 by Gov. George Nigh as "Territorial Marshall of Oklahoma". The certificate and the territorial seal presented to Jackson was identical to those used by the Governor from 1889 to 1907, during the Oklahoma Territorial Administrations. The certificate states, "Know ye, that reposing special trust and integrity of Loretta Y. Jackson,

I have appointed and do hereby commission her Territorial Marshall of Oklahoma". Jackson was also presented with a Territorial Marshall's badge.

On Thursday, November 19, 1987, the Grady County Historical Society, of which Jackson was a founding board member, held their Annual Dinner in the Ballroom on the USAO campus. Jackson was appropriately dressed for the occasion sporting old western style garb complete with the Territorial Marshall of Oklahoma badge.



(l) Erwin Mullican & Loretta Y. Jackson, sporting six-shooter and Marshall's badges, during the 1987 Grady County Historical Society Annual Dinner (Star Photo by Marshall Settle)



2012-2013 MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT REMAINS OPEN

Join the fight for stronger communities through preservation & cultural relevance!

LYJ-AAHS provides traveling exhibits, educational programs and tours of a historic c.1910 One Room (African American) Schoolhouse. LYJ-AAHS is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the promotion and preservation of the rich heritage of African Americans in Grady County as well as Oklahoma proper. (see page 4 for more information on how you can join the fight for stronger communities)



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



LYJ-AAHS's 10th Anniversary Celebration: (top) Dennis Bega, U.S. Dept of Educ-Atlanta, GA & Dr. George Henderson, OU Professor during the Educational Forum at USAO (below) Chickasha's YMCA Kids, old fashioned buggy ride, at the site of the historic Verden Separate School (bottom) Educational Forum: Chickasha Public Schools Superintendent Jim Glaze (l) & First Baptist Church Pastor Wilmer E. Cooper, Program Facilitator



Chickasha's 2012 Festival of Light (FOL) celebrating their 20th anniversary, with LYJ-AAHS board member, Cynthia Anderson, a 2011 Leadership Chickasha Distinguished Grad, also on the FOL board.



"Educational Visionaries' Walk of Fame" - Dedicated Benches from Chickasha Families & Businesses placed on the site of the historic Verden Separate School



2012 Grady County Free Fair: Loretta Y. Jackson (l) autographs LYJ-AAHS T-shirt



LYJ-AAHS's 10th Anniversary Celebration: (c)Keynote Speaker, Ruby Peters-educator, Chickasha's Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc-Clara McCoy (l), Molly Roberts; (far r) Dr. R.P. Ashanti Alexander, Educator & Chickasha Branch NAACP Pres.



LYJ-AAHS's 2012 3rd Annual Storytelling & Soul Food Evening: (top) Lawton's Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (bottom) Langston University Choir, director Bonita Franklin, performs

Calendar

February 16, 2013

4th Annual Storytelling, USAO-6:30PM

June, 2013

2013-2014 "Fighting for Stronger Communities", Membership/Fundraiser

NOTABLES

2012-2013 Members

*** THANK YOU! ***

BRONZE LEVEL MEMBER,



RANDALL CHRISTIAN of San Antonio, TX

PETER BAILEY,

of McKinney, TX

VANESSA ADAMS-HARRIS,

of Sands Springs, OK

VIRGINIA SAVAGE, of Chickasha, OK

BRIAN & AFRISA GARDNER, of Lawton, OK

REV. CHARLES & ILA WATSON, of Chickasha, OK

PAT CUNNINGHAM, of Chickasha, OK

BOBBY GUINN, of Anadarko, OK

ALLEN & DEBRA BLAYLOCK, of Chickasha, OK

DR. WILL & CYNTHIA W. ANDERSON, of Chickasha, OK

LORETTA Y. JACKSON, of Chickasha, OK

CAROL MILLER, of Chickasha, OK



LYJ-AAHS Museum/One Room School Project



The Loretta Y. Jackson-African American Historical Society (LYJ-AAHS) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to the collection, preservation and exhibition of items pertaining to the rich African American heritage, culture and education. The 'Loretta Y. Jackson-African American Historical Society's Museum and One Room School Project' is an approved Oklahoma Centennial Commemoration

Project and was funded in part through a grant made possible by the Oklahoma Legislature. The project's parking area was funded in part by the Union Pacific Foundation.

Contributions to the Museum Construction Project and/or the Storytelling & Soul Food Evening are welcome. We appreciate your generous support. **Your contribution is tax deductible.**

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JOIN THE FIGHT FOR STRONGER COMMUNITIES!

Student	\$15
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Bronze	\$100
Gold	\$175
Treasure	\$250

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2002-Verden, OK



2004-Relocation to Chickasha, OK



2005-Nat'l Register of Historic Places



2007-Restoration Complete
2010-Designated "Historic Site" by City of Chickasha