

Mitchelville Times

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Newsletter

The Mitchelville Times is the official newsletter of Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park.

Blues & BBQ POSTPONED




Due to the risks associated with the Coronavirus, Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park (HMFP) has decided to postpone the Blues and BBQ event, scheduled for March 28th, until further notice.

HMFP will provide a new date for the event, following the advice and counsel from medical professionals. We encourage everyone to stay safe and follow the directions given by the CDC and other entities about how to proceed during the current situation.

Thank you for your support!

Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park preserves, promotes and honors Mitchelville, the first self-governed town of formerly enslaved people in the United States. HMFP is a 501(c)3 organization. All contributions are tax deductible.

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League of Women Voters



The League of Women Voters of Hilton Head Island/Bluffton Area is an integral part of both the League of Women Voters of South Carolina (LWVSC) and the League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS). As an organization, the League does not support or oppose any political party or candidate. However, following member study, the League does take positions and acts on selected issues. At the local, state and national levels, the League has traditionally worked to influence public policy through education and advocacy. Membership in the League is open to any person who is 16 years of age or older.

Upcoming

Postponed

Blues & BBQ
USCB-Hilton Head
(new campus)

June 20, 2020

Juneteenth Celebration
Historic Mitchelville
Freedom Park



Freedom Day: Our Right to Vote

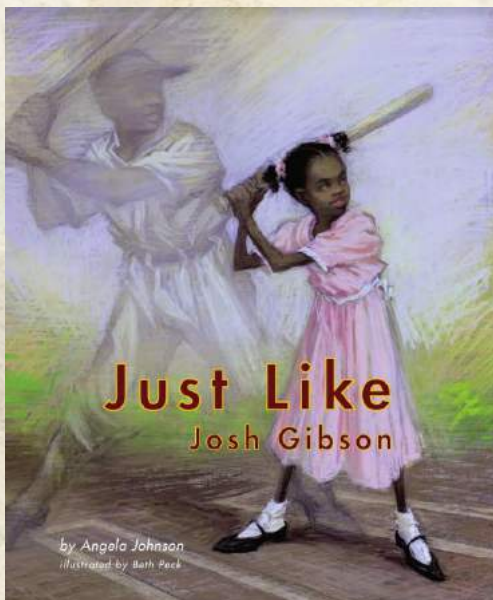


Our Freedom Day celebration explored the blueprint for voting rights that were established in Mitchelville and down through the eras of Reconstruction, Jim Crow, Civil Rights and today!

Narrated by HMFP Executive Director Ahmad Ward, our Freedom Day Celebration was held on February 1 in Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park. The program included historical stories, reenactments, live music and current information that included the following special guests:

- Cora Miller (Mitchelville)
- Dr. Emory Campbell (Mitchelville)
- Dee Phillips (Reconstruction)
- Julia M. Bailey (Civil Rights)
- Earl Williams (Civil Rights)
- Michael Allen (Today)
- Josh Gruber (Today)
- Lavon Stevens (music)
- Campbell Chapel AME Singers (music)

Griot's Corner: Just Like Josh Gibson by Angela Johnson



Our featured Griot's Corner book for the month is Just Like Josh Gibson, by Angela Johnson. America's pastime, baseball, has a long history enjoyed by many people, and generations are bridged when a girl learns about heroes of the game from her grandmother – and learns an even more surprising story about her grandmother!

Alternative Story for 3 year olds: Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes. If you find the selection for the day you would like to come too mature for your group, we offer this cute story about the effects of teasing that comes with very charming illustrations.