

CREATIVITY Community Histories



COMMUNITY HISTORIES: Exploring local history, shared memory, sacred sites and community healing through creative writing and reflection.

Friday, August 13
2:00-4:00pm



with Creative Mentor **Bobby Harley**



Growing up in rural Blackville, SC, **Bobby Harley** witnessed firsthand the power of education. This love for learning led him to become a teacher. Having just completed his ninth year of teaching, he is currently at Julius L Chambers High School, in Charlotte, North Carolina. Previously, he taught for the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice and also for Bamberg School District 2. In 2017, he was awarded fellowships from the James Madison Foundation and Middlebury College Breadloaf School of English. He participates as a member of the Art of Community: Rural SC Blackville Team and is a Creative Mentor within the statewide network of creative placemakers.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

Dive deeper into what makes your community special. What history does it hold? What sites are recognized? What sites are part of your personal history and, perhaps, not recognized? What matters to you? Are you ready to explore?

Join Bobby in a two-hour creative exchange that asks you to reconsider how history, memory and story are relevant to your home community. What historical landmarks are in place? What is not there? Whose history is told? Do you have a story?

Share considerations and develop a personal reflection that may manifest as poetry, song or artwork or other forms of written word.

WHAT TO BRING:

Names and addresses of one to three historical sites whose stories you want to explore.

A pen and pad of paper for writing or a computer where you can develop your ideas.

ZOOM LINK:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81720710377>



The Art of Community: Rural SC initiative of the South Carolina Arts Commission uses arts and culture to address community challenges and celebrate local assets.

