

The Frederick Douglass Honor Society,  
The Talbot County Free Library  
and the Town of Easton present



*Frederick  
Douglass  
Day 2017*

Saturday, September 23, 2017

# Frederick Douglass Day

On behalf of the Town of Easton, the Talbot County Free Library and the Frederick Douglass Honor Society, we welcome you to our annual Frederick Douglass Day. This is a proud day for the citizens of Easton, Talbot County and the Frederick Douglass Day Committee as they have long-labored to deliver this grand event filled with history, education, adventure, and entertainment.

Today, we honor Frederick Douglass, a man born into slavery in Talbot County. He had no formal education but taught himself to read and write. Indeed, 'once you learn to read,' he says, 'you will forever be free.' After his escape, Douglass soon became a powerful voice for freedom and equality, and a valued friend and advisor to President Abraham Lincoln. A U.S. Marshal, an Ambassador, and during the Republican National Convention in 1888, he was the first African-American to have his name placed into nomination for President of the United States.

Although he was born a slave, he died a statesman. His compassion for humanity, unyielding advocacy for justice, and intellectual prose writings continue to shape our nation today. "We have to do with the past as we can make it useful to the present and future" - Frederick Douglass.

We hope you enjoy today's celebration of the life and legacy of our native son Frederick Douglass,

## Eric Lowery

President, Frederick Douglass Honor Society

## Dana Newman

Director, Talbot County Free Library

## Robert Willey

Mayor, Town of Easton



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**10:00am - Street Parade** (Glenwood/Washington/Federal Streets)

**10:30am - Welcome Ceremony at the Talbot County Courthouse**

Invocation by the Reverend Roland Brown, Union Baptist Church

"Frederick Douglass", a poem by Robert Hayden, read by Bill Peak, Talbot County's Library Guy

Speakers include Eric Lowery; President, Frederick Douglass Honor Society; Robert C. Willey, Mayor, Town of Easton, MD; Jennifer Williams, Talbot County Council;

Dana Newman, Director, Talbot County Free Library;

Kelly Griffith, Superintendent, Talbot County Public Schools

**11:30am - Master of Ceremonies Dr. Lorenzo Hughes opens his Entertainment Stage (West Street) with the following schedule:**

11:30am Union Baptist Church Mass Choir

12 Noon Kim Wilson-Blake Praise Dancing

12:30pm Scotts United Methodist Church Youth Choir

12:45pm DJ Allen Butler

1:00pm Jamaal "Mr. Root" Collier, Hip-Hop Artist

2:00pm Amillion the Poet, Hip-Hop soul artist

3:00pm DJ Allen Butler

**11:30am - Children's Village, Knowledge Village, and Food and Retail Vendors Opens.**

Children's Village is located on the lawn of the Talbot County Free Library; others located at Dover and West Streets, across from the Talbot County Free Library.

**11:30am - The Frederick Douglass Amazing Race** is created in the spirit of the televised Amazing Race reality show. Registration table is located at the Talbot County Free Library.

Register between 11:30am until 12:15pm. Race officially starts at 12:30pm and ends at 3:00pm. First, second, third place winners will receive prizes following the race.

**11:30am-12:30pm - Lecture by Dr. Mark Leone**, Department of Anthropology at University of Maryland, addressing the recent archeological dig at the Wye House, where Frederick Douglass lived and worked as a young slave. (Talbot County Free Library)

**1:00 -2:15pm - Keynote Speaker Kenneth B. Morris, Jr.**, great-great-great grandson of Frederick Douglass, great-great grandson of Booker T. Washington, and President of the Frederick Douglass Family Initiatives. (Talbot County Free Library)

**2:30 -4:00pm - The New Form of Slavery: The Crisis of Human Trafficking**, Moderator Joseph Prud'homme and Panelists Steven J. Hess, Pastor Michelle Harding, and Ed Thomas

**4:00pm - Special guided walking tour** with Professor Dale Glenwood Green departs from the Talbot County Courthouse (by the Frederick Douglass Monument).

Tour is approximately 45 minutes.

## Frederick Douglass

The man we know as Frederick Douglass was born Frederick Augustus Washington Bailey in Talbot County, MD, February 1818. His mother, a slave named Harriet Bailey, gave birth to him in the cabin of her mother Betsey Bailey, also a slave but whose husband Isaac was free. The cabin was in a small ravine on Tuckahoe

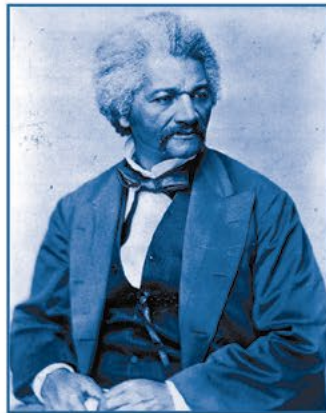


Creek near what is now called the village of Cordova. Frederick's mother soon returned to the farm where she worked, and he only saw her a few times thereafter. She died when he was eight years old. His earliest years were spent with his grandparents Isaac and Betsey Bailey.

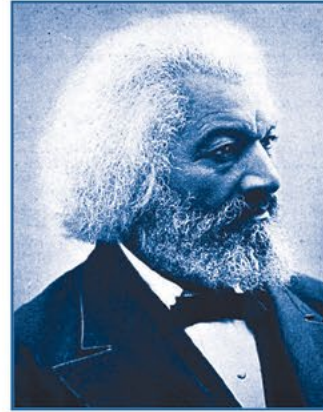
In 1824, at the age of six, Frederick and his grandmother walked twelve miles to Wye House plantation where his owner Aaron Anthony was employed as an overseer. Anthony died within two years and Frederick was transferred to the possession of Thomas Auld, Anthony's son-in-law. He was sent by Auld's wife to her sister-in-law Sophia Auld in Fells Point, Baltimore, to be a companion to the son of Hugh and Sophia. Frederick was recognized as a gifted child, and Sophia began to teach him to read, although doing so was illegal. Her husband stopped the lessons, saying that if a slave was taught to read he would no longer be satisfied to remain a slave, words that Frederick overheard and took to heart. He continued to read in secret. He bought "The Columbian Orator," memorizing the speeches and practicing oratory.

*"I had as well be killed running as die standing."*

Frederick was returned to the Eastern Shore when his services were no longer needed in Baltimore. By then, Colonel Lloyd, owner of the Wye House plantation, owned Frederick. The young man organized a weekly Sunday school, teaching other slaves to read the New Testament. Within a short time, several slave owners discovered this forbidden activity and broke up the meetings. Frederick tried to escape his master several times and was severely punished. After one such attempt, the escape plot



*"Once you learn to read, you will forever be free."*



was discovered and Frederick was tied and led behind a team of horses to the county jail in Easton. Ultimately, his master returned him to Baltimore to learn the trade of ship caulking. In 1838, he managed his successful escape with help from friends. To avoid being discovered and returned to slavery, Frederick stopped using the last name Bailey and called himself Frederick Johnson. He later changed his last name again to Douglass, choosing to spell Douglass with a slight difference – a double "s".

Frederick and his wife Anna had five children; three sons and two daughters. He became a licensed preacher in the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, and he began to attend abolitionist meetings. Thus began the career of a great orator, editor, author, suffragist, reformer, statesman and advisor to Presidents. In 1878, in sharp contrast to his beginning in Talbot County, Douglass returned to Easton and spoke at the Courthouse, Asbury U. M. Church and Bethel A.M.E. Church as an accomplished and respected leader.

He died February 20, 1895, both nationally and internationally acclaimed as one of the most influential men of his century.

*"I know of no soil better adapted to the growth of reform than American soil. I know of no country where the conditions for affecting great changes in the settled order of things, for the development of right ideas of liberty and humanity, are more favorable than here in these United States."*

## SPEAKERS



**Kenneth M. Morris, Jr.** is descended from two of the most important names in American history: he is the great-great-grandson of Frederick Douglass and the great-great-grandson of Booker T. Washington. He is also the President of the public charity, Frederick Douglass Family Initiatives, which uses education in schools across the U.S. to address and prevent contemporary forms of slavery or human trafficking. Aside from his work in schools, Ken has been featured in the media on CNN, Democracy Now!, USA Today, PBS, NPR, the 2015 History Channel documentary *Blood and Glory: The Civil War in Color*, and in the National Geographic documentaries *Civil Warriors* (2011) and *Rise Up: The Legacy of Nat Turner* (2016). His speaking engagements include Columbia University, Morehouse College, Tuskegee University, Virginia Tech, Yale University and the United Nations.

**Dr. Mark Leone** has been the Director of Anthropology at the University of Maryland since 1981. His work in Annapolis continues to serve the needs of historic preservation in the city through scientific and scholarly work of undergraduates and doctoral students in the department under his direction. Since 2000, Dr. Leone has also directed research on Maryland's Eastern Shore at William Paca's 1792 plantation on Wye Island, as well as the Wye House Plantation where Frederick Douglass was enslaved as a child. He was a former assistant professor of Anthropology at Princeton University (1968 - 1975). His education includes Ph.D. Anthropology, University of Arizona; M.A. Anthropology, University of Arizona; B.A. History, Tufts University.



**Dale Glenwood Green** is a Professor of Architecture and Planning at Morgan State University. Green earned a Bachelor's of Science in Architecture and Environmental Design from Morgan State University, a Masters of Architecture and Historic Preservation from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Professor Green was honored as the recipient of two Maryland Preservation Awards (the Education and Community Engagement award and the Preservation Partnerships for Project Excellence award). Green continues to work on the research, archaeological findings, and documentation unveiling the significant history of "The Hill", believed to be the oldest Free African American Community in the nation. Green leads a self-guided tour of "The Hill" at 4pm.

**Dr. Lorenzo L. Hughes** is a lifelong educator with over twenty-one years in education. He has been a teacher, assistant principal, principal, and assistant superintendent. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in English Education from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, a Master of Education in School Leadership and Instruction from Wilmington College (now Wilmington University), and a Doctor of Philosophy in Organizational Leadership from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, a Master of Education from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. Dr. Hughes is best characterized as a transformational leader who believes, like Sheryl Sandberg, COO of Facebook, "Leadership is about making others better as a result of your presence and making sure that impact lasts in your absence."



**Bill Peak** of the Talbot County Free Library is the author of *The Oblates' Confession*.

**Joseph Prud'homme**, Moderator for the "The New Form of Slavery: The Crisis of Human Trafficking". Prud'homme (Ph.D. Princeton University) is the Founding Director of the Institute for Religion, Politics and Culture at Washington College and Associate Professor of Political Science. The Institute explores the

historic and on-going contributions of religious communities and leaders, and other men and women of moral courage, to political and cultural flourishing, in the United States and around the world.



**Steven J. Hess**, Panelist, currently serves as the law enforcement coordinator and victim-witness manager for the United State Attorney's Office for the District of Maryland. Hess also serves as a liaison and coordinator with federal, state, and local law enforcement and homeland security agencies in matters involving the federal prosecutor-including programmatic responsibilities for DOJ initiatives - including the Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council, Project Safe Neighborhoods, Maryland EXILE, Human Trafficking, and Project Safe Childhood - law enforcement training; information and intelligence sharing; and problem-solving. He oversees the coordination and delivery of services for federal crime victims and witnesses in the federal District of Maryland.



**Michelle Harding**, Panelist, serves as the Senior Leader of the Church of the King in Easton, MD, which she co-founded in January 2012. An ordained Minister, she has served as Sr. Pastor, Associate Pastor, and Youth Pastor with over twenty years experience in the ministry. Pastor Michelle is also the Founder and President of Life by Design, a ministry that focuses on seeing people of all ages discover their God-given design and purpose. Through workshops, and individual coaching, she is able to help to propel people beyond their perceived limits and step into the next level of life.

**Ed Thomas**, Panelist, serves as co-chair of the Eastern Shore Trafficking Task Force and as Anti-Human Trafficking Coordinator, Aglow Mid-Atlantic. In these capacities, Ed arranges workshops, makes presentations, researches, prepares and distributes information and contributes to websites to make the public and leaders aware of and getting them involved to prevent and stop human trafficking.

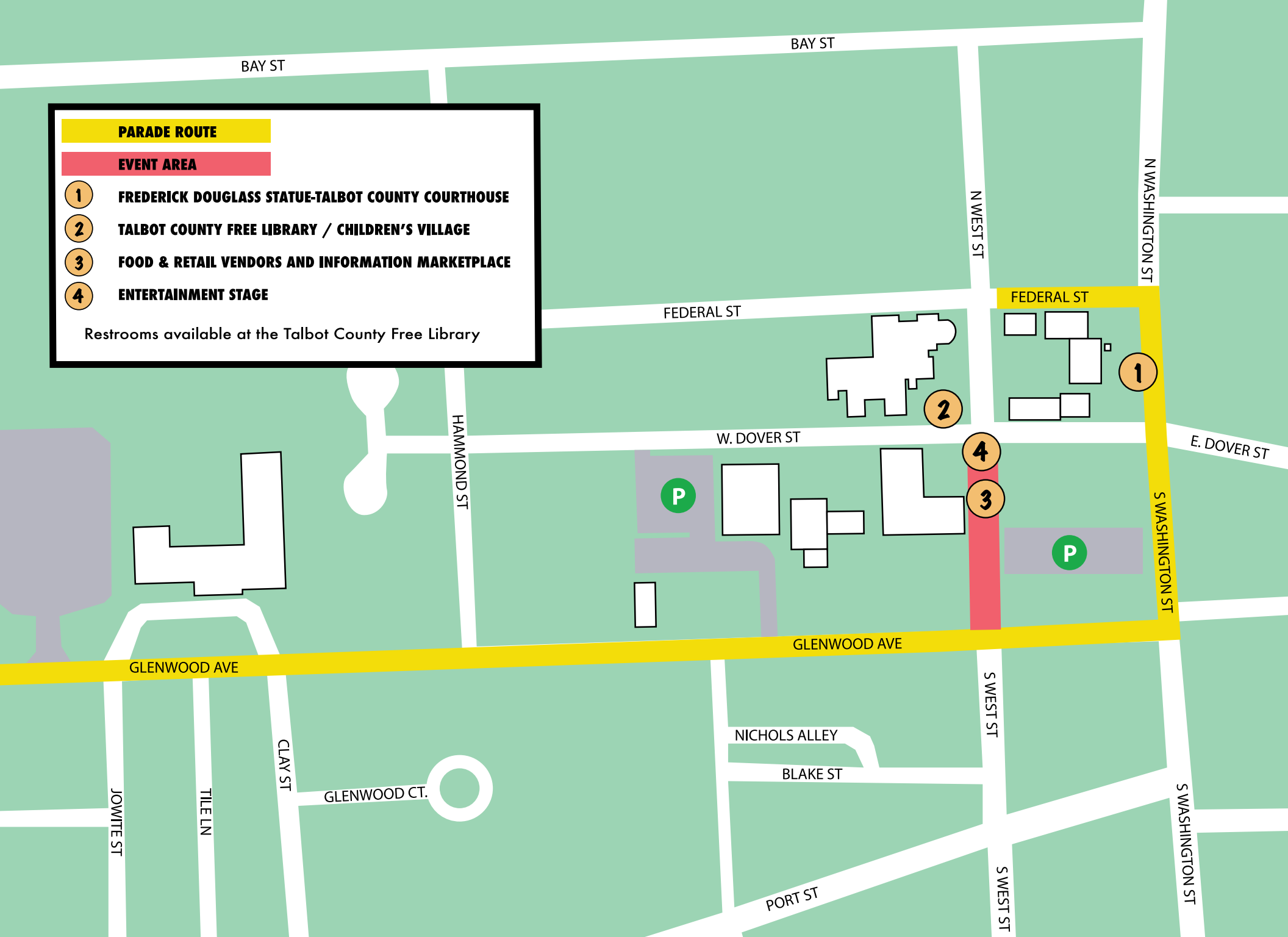


**PARADE ROUTE**

**EVENT AREA**

- 1 **FREDERICK DOUGLASS STATUE-TALBOT COUNTY COURTHOUSE**
- 2 **TALBOT COUNTY FREE LIBRARY / CHILDREN'S VILLAGE**
- 3 **FOOD & RETAIL VENDORS AND INFORMATION MARKETPLACE**
- 4 **ENTERTAINMENT STAGE**

Restrooms available at the Talbot County Free Library



## PERFORMERS



**Katelynn Cherry** is a Junior at St. Michael's High School. She studies voice at the Peabody Preparatory in Annapolis and with Lauren Janka in New York. She has won many awards with her singing including New York Lyric Opera Competition, Classical Singer competition in Chicago, Peabody Voice Honors Award, Shirley Winston Voice Scholarship Competition, All-State Chorus soloist, All-Shore Chorus soloist. She recently spent this summer at Boston University's Tanglewood Institute. She will be performing at Walt Disney World in Florida this November with the National All Honors Ensemble and also in February at Carnegie Hall with the High School Honors Performance Ensemble.

**EHS NJROTC's** mission is to instill in our students the values of citizenship, service to the United States, personal responsibility and a sense of accomplishment. The program was established in 1996 and has been a stable part of our community.

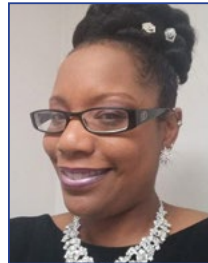


**Union Baptist Church Mass Choir** was founded in the early 1950's, and although many of the original members are no longer with them, the Easton, MD choir continues their legacy of singing the Gospel. They have traveled extensively over the years,



bringing their message of faith to New York, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Washington, D.C. and throughout the Delmarva Peninsula. Choir members' commitment and determination express their strong belief in Christian teachings and their faith that they have been given a mandate to sing. The Union Baptist Church Mass Choir was honored to be featured as one of the participants at the unveiling of the Frederick Douglass statue.

**Kim Blake-Wilson** attends Rhema Apostolic Deliverance Ministries, under the leadership of Pastor Berkley Dickerson and First Lady Kalinda Dickerson. In June 2001, she accepted the Lord as her personal Savior and received the baptism of the Holy Ghost in an old-fashioned shut-in held in her church, a time she says she will never forget. In March 2002, God birthed in her the ability to use sign language and mime movement to music and ever since then she has been touching the lives of younger and older generations. Kimberly travels extensively ministering at churches and conferences throughout the Western and Eastern Shores and States of Delaware and Pennsylvania. Kimberly was inspired and led by God to be the founder of Behind the Veil Dance Ministry.



**The Scotts United Methodist Church Youth Choir** music is enjoyed frequently by the congregation in Trappe, Maryland. The Church serves the community seeking, engaging, and encouraging through a life-changing Christian Journey. Everyone is welcome at the Scotts United Methodist Church.



**Jamaal "Mr. Root" Collier** is a dedicated and versatile professional Hip-Hop artist with more than a decade of experience facilitating workshops and live performances in the Mid-Atlantic Region. By incorporating rapping, vocal percussion, and dynamic stage presence, Jamaal articulates his passionate appreciation for his artistry everytime he teaches and performs. Jamaal was named the Mic-ology Spoken Word Slam Champion in 2007.

**Amillion the Poet**, a young D.C. born and Delaware raised artist and father, is a Hip-Hop soul artist, author, and owner of INA and Poetry in Motion. The 2001 Caesar Rodney High School graduate was a highly touted basketball prospect who gave up playing overseas to be with his daughter. His music video "Air It Out" has been on MTV and VH1. In 2015, Amillion made his first overseas trip to the United Kingdom to perform for his fan base. His impact resulted in a return trip in 2016 with multiple shows and stop in Amsterdam. The young star is a role model in his community where he holds weekly positive poetry workshops, concerts and events.



**DJ Allen Butler** DJ Allen Butler, a Talbot County native, is surrounded by the sounds. His love for music paved the way to his entertainment career. Butler is a DJ for all occasions - from the Oldies but Goodies and Music of Today, Butler always finds the perfect sounds to please his audiences across the region. In addition to spinning music, Allen's company, T an T Productions, provide sound for meetings, weddings, and special events.

## FREDERICK DOUGLASS DAY PLANNING COMMITTEE

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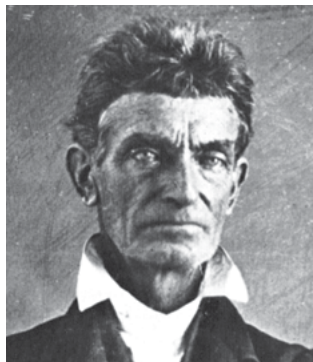
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## FREDERICK DOUGLASS' CANE

The National Park Service is lending a cane from the Frederick Douglass National Historic Site. Douglass received the cane in 1882 as gift to memorialize John Brown's legacy to abolish slavery. The cane is made of oak wood from John Brown's house, where Douglass visited and interviewed John Brown before he led the raid on the military arsenal in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia on October 16th, 1859.

The Talbot County Free Library has a speech by Douglass about John Brown that will also be on display.



*"The true question is, Did John Brown draw his sword against slavery and thereby lose his life in vain? And to this I answer ten thousand times, No! No man fails, or can fail, who so grandly gives himself and all he has to a righteous cause. No man, who in his hour of extremest need, when on his way to meet an ignominious death, could so forget himself as to stop and kiss a little child, one of the hated race for whom he was about to die, could by any possibility fail.*

Frederick Douglass

## ARTWORKS FOR FREEDOM

*The Anonime* (Anonymous) Series, by the Albanian artist Brikena Boci, is a collection of fourteen hand-embroidered faces of women who she has memorialized in her own way. At the age of 16, Brikena and her family found themselves helping refugees and hearing their stories, which made a huge impact on the artists' soul. Many of these women during and after the war in Kosovo in 1998-1999 found themselves as refugees in Albania. This middle European country was in economic ruin when it emerged from communism in 1992. High rates of poverty and unemployment, a crumbling infrastructure, and corrupt elected officials made the nation a fertile ground for child trafficking, prostitution, and forced labor. Women and girls, lured by false promises of marriage or legitimate employment, often wound up being kidnapped and forced to work as sex slaves. According to Boci, these women's stories need to be told and for the artist it was a healing process of her youth and allows her to engage her audience in a conversation about both the personal and sociopolitical experiences she has had. The exhibit is on loan to the Talbot County Free Library through October 27 from Artworks for Freedom.



## CHILDREN'S VILLAGE

**The Children's Village**, located on the front lawn of the Talbot County Free Library, features a variety of hands-on fun and visual experiences. *Watch, Listen, and Colors* inspire children and family members to explore history, discover their creativity, and reap rewards (prizes) for learning about Frederick Douglass. Children receive a complimentary copy of the *Frederick Douglass: In His Words Coloring Book* depicting a few of his famous quotes, images, and more. Join in the fun as you map "Where in the World is Frederick Douglass" and enjoy a village of bubbles, balloons, facepainting, books, and a new Frederick Douglass video, and more. ... Children learn with ease when they are having fun!



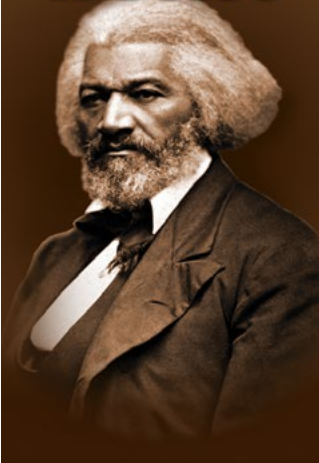
Frederick Douglass: In his own words  
Coloring book



## THE AMAZING RACE

**The Amazing Race**, designed in the spirit of the televised show, unveils great facts about Talbot County and Frederick Douglass. A set of clues will lead participants to amazing locations and stories, all in walking distance. A package of maps and clues await your arrival at the registration desk located in front of the Talbot County Free Library starting at 11:30 am. Discover new facts and history about Frederick Douglass and Talbot County scoring opportunities to walk away with exciting prizes. The Race is great fun for family members and/or friends alike!

# Freedom Still Has A Price



In late 1846, abolitionist and Quaker Mary Richardson of England wrote to slave owner Hugh Auld in Baltimore asking if Frederick Bailey's freedom had a price. Auld replied that he would manumit Frederick for £150, or \$711.66.

Richardson and other abolitionists on both sides of the Atlantic raised the money, and on Dec. 5, 1846, Auld filed Douglass's deed of manumission – literally, “releasing the hand of authority”– in Baltimore Co.

**Join the \$711.66 Endowment**

## The Price of Frederick Douglass' Freedom

Pay in installments or one sum.

Send your “*deed of freedom*” made payable to:

Frederick Douglass Honor Society  
and mail to the

Mid-Shore Community Foundation  
102 E. Dover Street, Easton, MD 21601

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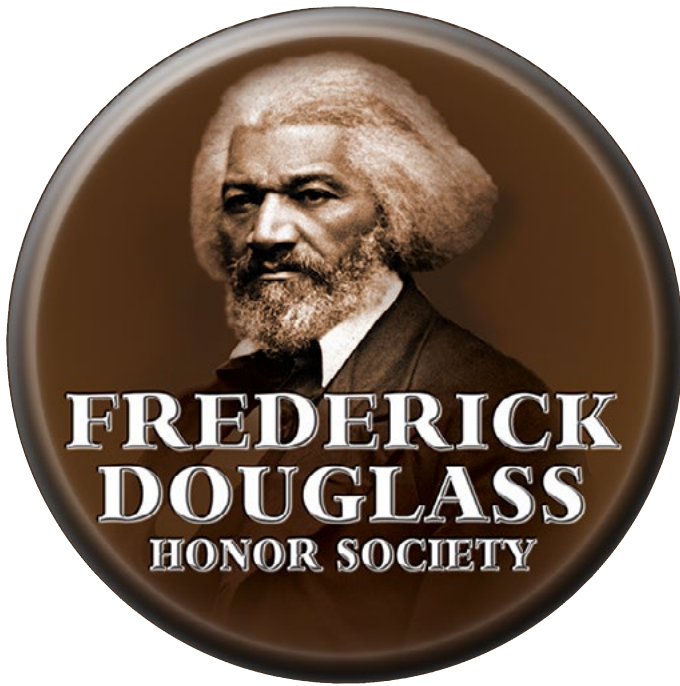


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**The Frederick Douglass Honor Society  
Mission Statement:**

*“The Frederick Douglass Honor Society is dedicated to developing programs that continue the Douglass legacy of human rights, education, personal growth, and involvement of citizens.”*

Our goal is to honor Frederick Douglass here in his birthplace, Talbot County, Maryland, where his experiences in his youth – both positive and negative – helped form his character, intellect and determination. It became Frederick Douglass’s life goal to bring black people, and America, away from the ancient institution of slavery.

It is our hope that Frederick Douglass will be seen as a true leader by all Americans. His brilliant oratory and his influence both here and abroad helped black people and our country through one of the most difficult and painful struggles in our history. He is known, honored and respected around the world; we believe he should be considered among the foremost of our many American heroes. A statue of him in his birthplace is a beginning...

For more info: <http://www.frederickdouglasshonorsociety.org>