



Historic Rosedale Press Release
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Historic Rosedale Presents "The Black American Experience in the Carolinas"

Historic Rosedale is pleased to announce a featured event for Black History Month, "The Black American Experience in the Carolinas." This event, developed by Historic Rosedale's African American Legacy Committee, will explore the history of Black Americans of the area.

This free event will take place from 10-11:30am on Saturday, February 14, 2026, in the large cellar of the 1815 historic house. The original cellar of the home exhibits the kitchen and laundry space of the former plantation home as well as serves as an exhibit space highlighting the work of Historic Rosedale's African American Legacy Project. Guests are invited to learn from the speakers who include Brandon Zachary as host, Janet Dyer, a retired Mecklenburg Historical Association docent, BeeJay Caldwell, author and historian, Tom Spada, Vice President and former chairman of the Historic Rosedale Board of Directors, Barbara Jackson, Chairman of the African American Legacy Committee, and Adreonna Bennett, UNC Charlotte Community Engagement Librarian/Archivist.

The African American Legacy (AAL) Committee is charged with formulating steps to expand and promote the truthful, compassionate, and equitable presentation of the African Americans – both enslaved and freed – who lived and worked at Historic Rosedale. The project, while ever evolving, mainly consists of exhibits and programming which depict aspects of the life of enslaved and emancipated persons during the 19th century and their descendants during the 20th and 21st centuries.

Guests are invited to learn the history and gain the insight of the speakers while also exploring the cellar exhibits. Following the talk, visitors are welcome to go on a guided tour of the remainder of the house. Seating will be limited, so guests are asked to rsvp by going to the website to register.

Please note: since it is a historic structure, the house is not considered ADA compliant. There are stairs to enter the cellar and to the other floors.

About Historic Rosedale

The mission of Historic Rosedale is to preserve the house and grounds and to share the stories of all who lived and labored at the site, free and enslaved. Historic Rosedale is located at 3457 N. Tryon St, Charlotte, NC 28206, and is open to the public Wednesday through Saturday from 10am-3pm with guided house tours at 11:30am and 1:30pm. More information about the tours

and 9-acre grounds which include formal gardens, a recreated blacksmith shop, and an accredited arboretum can be found at www.historicrosedale.org. Advance tickets are recommended but not generally required. For more information about Historic Rosedale, please visit www.historicrosedale.org, email office@historicrosedale.org, or call 704-335-0325.