



Historic Rosedale Press Release
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Historic Rosedale Celebrates Juneteenth

Charlotte, NC — On Saturday, June 20, 2026, Historic Rosedale, located at 3427 N. Tryon St., in Charlotte will host its Annual Juneteenth Celebration from 12pm-3:00pm. The celebration “Praise Him,” is going to be a gathering of song, spoken word, and dance - giving thanks for freedom.

Mary B. Starnes, a Deacon of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church will facilitate prayer and share inspirational words. Drums 4 Life whose mission is to provide participants with empowering tools for healing through individual and group drumming will be offering a drum circle. Under the Artistic Direction of Tamara Williams, Moving Spirits, Inc. will participate in the celebration. Their performances blend modern, ballet, African diaspora dance forms, and contemporary West African dances. Kel Williams who is a multifaceted singer, songwriter, poet and actress, with a deep love and respect for all art form will be singing. Poet Laureate Jay Ward will use spoken word to empower and uplift.

All are welcome to participate in the event which is free of charge. Guided house tours are optional with a \$15 fee for adults and a \$13 fee for students/military/veteran/senior 65+. Children under 5 are free. The grounds will be open as well.

The Historic Rosedale Juneteenth Celebration is part of the museum’s African American Legacy Project. The African American Legacy Project aims to promote the truthful, compassionate, and equitable presentation of those African Americans, both enslaved and freed, who lived and worked at the site. The event on June 20th both strives to fulfill this mission and to offer a meaningful program to commemorate this history. Please note: Historic Rosedale invites everyone to join in this celebration.

Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865, the day when enslaved people were legally free throughout the United States. Though the Emancipation Proclamation, issued by President Abraham Lincoln on January 1, 1863, and the 13th Amendment granted emancipation, not everyone in Confederate territory was immediately free. On June 19, 1865, in Galveston Bay, Texas, an army of about 2,000 Union troops proclaimed the message of the executive decree that stated that the more than 250,000 enslaved people in the state were free. This day came to be known as “Juneteenth.”

For more information or to register for this event (recommended but not require), please visit www.historicrosedale.org or contact 704.335.0325 or office@historicrosedale.org.

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 3427 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.