

Blue Nile Press

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Subject: Blue Nile Press, the Black Group, and Community Sponsors, in conjunction with the Juneteenth Festival, present the Second Annual Sacramento Black Book Fair.

This event is free and open to the public.

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Themes: “Reading, a Pathway to Freedom,” the 50th Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act,” The Black Arts Movement, and Why Sacramento?

Schedule of Activities/Events:

- **SBBF headquarters check-in and general information** will be located at the Women’s Civic Improvement Club/Center (WCIC), 3555 3rd Ave., Sacramento, CA 95817. Community members can pick-up a **FREE SBBF Event Program @ WCIC-** Saturday, June 6, from 9:00am-5:30pm, and Sunday, June 7 from 11:30am - 5:30pm.
- **Books On Parade**, featuring a short parade around the headquarters, will kick-off the Book Fair Saturday, June 6, at 10:00pm, at the Women’s Civic Improvement Club/Center. Community members are encouraged to bring books by Black authors for our Book Drive and deposit them at the WCIC registration desk. **Children must be accompanied by an adult.**
- **The Youth and Children’s Fun & Literacy Area (Kids Zone)**, will be located at the Brickhouse Art Gallery, 2837 36th Street, Sacramento, CA 95817, Saturday, June 6, from 10:30am-5:30pm, and Sunday, June 7, from 12noon-5:30pm. The Kids Zone will feature storytelling, reading, Sacramento Public Library’s book mobile, book give-a-ways, face painting, music, games, books, poetry, music and much more. **Young children must be accompanied by an adult.**
- **Panel Discussions:** Opening panel, Friday, June 5th, 7 PM, the Guild Theater, focusing on the 50th Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act and the Black Arts Movement; Saturday, panels on the Voting Rights Act and the Black Arts Movement: Sunday, panels on “Why Sacramento?”

Place: The Historic Center of Oak Park, 35th Street and Broadway, Sacramento, CA

Locations/Venues: The Women's Civic Improvement Center, The Brickhouse Art Gallery, Underground Books, the Guild Theater, the Alpha Kappa Alpha House, the Oak Park United Methodist Church, Mc George School of Law, Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services, and McClatchy Park, all in the heart of historic Oak Park, Sacramento, CA.

The Book Fair will include book signings, talks by each featured writer, cultural vendors, foodtrucks, workshops, a book discussion by each writer listed in the program, children's activities, poetry readings, and art displays.

SBBF will feature more than seventy authors of African descent, showcasing and highlighting a diverse spectrum of authors and literature, from contemporary and historical fiction, to anthologies, poetry, academic books; children's stories and books, non-fiction to biographies, self-help, and inspirational, and religious.

Featured authors: Dr. Dianne Pinderhughes, Dr. Bill Strickland, Denise Nicholas, Dr. Eugene Redmond, Sandy Holman, Marvin X (Jackmon), Terris McMahan Grimes, and Marion Woods.

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A sample of other local, regional and national authors: Charles Wright, Young Men of Color, JaNay Brown-Wood, S. Pearl Sharp, Tajiye L. Antwine, Geri Spencer Hunter, Dr. V.S. Chochezi and Staajabu, Dr. S. R Rudy Martin, Rochelle Soetan, Dr. Sylvia Briscoe, Patricia E. Canterbury, Kakwasi Somadhi, Vernita Naylor, the Young Scholars from Calvary Christian Center ages 4-12 years!!

Partial list of 2015 co-sponsors and community partners: The Black Group, Blue Nile Press, The Brickhouse Art Gallery, Underground Books, the Guild Theater, The Oak Park United Methodist Church, The Women's Civic Improvement Club; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc, Eta Gamma Omega Chapter; Sacramento Juneteenth, Inc., The Talking Drum News, City of Sacramento-Neighborhood Services, Black Parallel School Board, Sac Cultural Hub, Inc., Sacramento Observer Newspaper, Sacramento Area Black Caucus, Sacramento Public Library Foundation, Friends of the Sacramento Public Library, Sister to Sister Book Group, Colonial Heights Friends of the Library; Roberts Family Development Center; Sacramento City Teachers Association, McGeorge School of Law, Sacramento Chapter- Black Child Development Institute, Sacramento City Unified School District, Mary McLeod Bethune Readers are Leaders Club, ZICA Creative and Literary Guild, CSUS- Center for African Peace & Conflict Resolution, Black Humanists and Non-Believers of Sacramento, Sacramento Section- The National Council of Negro Women, Drexel University Sacramento, Kakwasi Somadhi, Teichert Foundation, Sacramento Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, JtEnterprise, Sacramento Poetry Center, 100 Black Men of Sacramento, California Legislative Black Caucus; Sacramento City Council members Allen Warren and Steve Hansen, Mayor Kevin Johnson; and Assembly member Kevin McCarty .

SBBF Planning Committee: Dr. David Covin, Founder, Blue Nile Press and The Black Group; Kakwasi Somadhi; Black United Fund of Sacramento Valley; Georgia West, underground books; Barbara Range, Brickhouse Art Gallery; John Taylor, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; Carol Borden,

OBBC and Links Inc., Sacramento Chapter; Jacque Wright, Guild Theater; Fred Foote, Sacramento Area Black Caucus; Amina Merritt, The Merritt Law Center; and Faye Wilson Kennedy, The Black Group, Blue Nile Press and NIA Women of Purpose.

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