

# Virtual Black History Month events by Niagara Falls Underground Railroad Heritage Center

The Niagara Falls Underground Railroad Heritage Center is celebrating Black History Month through a series of virtual events this February. Each Friday at 7 p.m. this month, the public can join discussions relating to Black history from the comfort of their home.

Interim Director of Education for the Heritage Center Christine Bacon said she looks forward to engaging the public through these meaningful discussions.

"Participating in the Center's Black History Month programming is a great way for the community to come together to discuss and recognize that Black history is American history," Bacon said. "We are excited to bring the community virtual events for Black History Month that will address the continual movement for civil rights from the Underground

Railroad to present-day college campuses."

The center is also co-hosting an online event with the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site and the Buffalo Presidential Center to celebrate Black History Month and Presidents' Day at 6 p.m. Feb. 23. The event is part of the TR Site's "2021 Speaker Nite Series," where author Margaret Kimberley will discuss her book, "Prejudicial: Black America and the Presidents."

**Black History Month Schedule**

- Campus organizing: Discussion panel at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12.

Niagara University senior Matt McKenzie will lead an inspiring discussion with other student activists.

- "Redeeming Uncle Tom" screening and discussion at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19.

Watch the documentary "Redeeming Uncle Tom: The Josiah Henson Story," then join Visitor Experience Specialist and Henson descendant Saladin Allah for a discussion on legacy and memory.

- "Prejudicial: Black America & the Presidents," presented by Margaret Kimberley, from 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23.

This "Speaker Nite" series event will examine issues that were important during Roosevelt's lifetime and continue to be relevant today. Co-hosted by the TR Site and the Buffalo Presidential Center.

- James Baldwin's "Talk To Teachers" at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26.

James Ponzio, professor of African American studies at the University at Buffalo, leads a book discussion featuring Baldwin's "Talk to Teachers." Attendees are not required to read the book beforehand.

The center's virtual programming for Black History Month is \$5 for non-members, and free for members. Those interested can register online at [niagarafallsundergroundrailroad.org/about/events/](http://niagarafallsundergroundrailroad.org/about/events/).

The Niagara Falls Underground Railroad Heritage Center opened in May 2018 after 11 years of planning. The center is located inside the former 1863 U.S. Custom House attached to the Niagara Falls Amtrak station. The center sits adjacent to the location of the former International Suspension Bridge, a point of crossing for many freedom seekers including Harriet Tubman.

The Heritage Center preserves the historic role of the people of Niagara Falls in facilitating freedom for the oppressed.

Learn more at [niagarafallsundergroundrailroad.org](http://niagarafallsundergroundrailroad.org).



Members of the Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center staff, including (from left) Dr. Jennifer L. ...

## Seneca Niagara announces cancellation of Motown Extreme, Matt Fraser shows

Due to the ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on live entertainment performances, the Motown Extreme shows at The Bear's Den Showroom inside Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino have been canceled. The shows had been scheduled for Friday and Saturday, May 21-22.

Additionally, the Matt Fraser appearance scheduled for Saturday, July 17, at Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino has been canceled.

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NFMMC said heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women, causing one of every three women's deaths each year. That's approximately one woman every minute according to the American Heart Association.

Stella Niagara: Ash Wednesday morning Zoom retreat

This year, why not expand your Lenten experience to begin the sacred season with Stella Niagara's Center of Renewal "Devotion-by-Distance Ash Wednesday Retreat"?

This two-hour morning interfaith retreat will be held via Zoom on Feb. 17, starting at 10 a.m., and will feature Scripture readings, discussions, songs and contemplative interludes. To preregister by Feb. 15, call 754-7376, ext. 2 or ext. 1; or email [centerofrenewal@stellaniagara.org](mailto:centerofrenewal@stellaniagara.org).

The retreat will be offered throughout Western New York at no cost, but a good-will offering would be gratefully welcomed for the 501(c)(3) faith-based charitable ministry (via U.S. mail or credit card by calling the office). Visit [stellaniagararetreats.org](http://stellaniagararetreats.org) to learn more.

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