

A Community Celebration!



Amay James Recreation Center
Presents

A Black History Month Celebration
of Community + Collective History!

February 17, 2024
11am - 1pm

Come Join Us For
Food, Games, Hoop Contest, Storytelling,
Quilt Making, and More!

WE ARE BLACK HISTORY!

Celebrate your community history with us! Bring your photos, documents, or other memories related to Charlotte's community history. The J. Murrey Atkins Library at UNCC will be on site to scan them, return them, and provide you with a flash drive copy at no cost.



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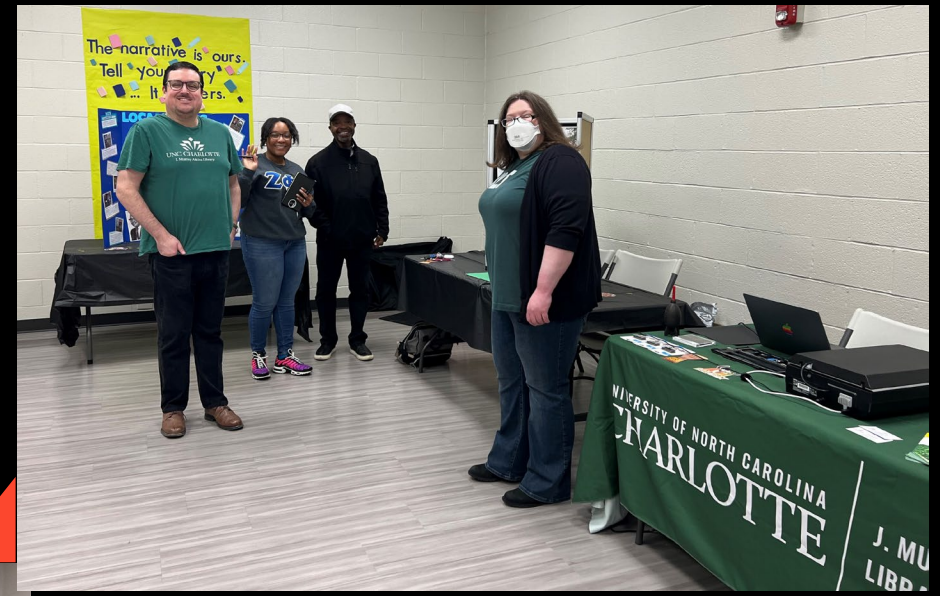
Building a
Community Quilt!



MECKROOTS



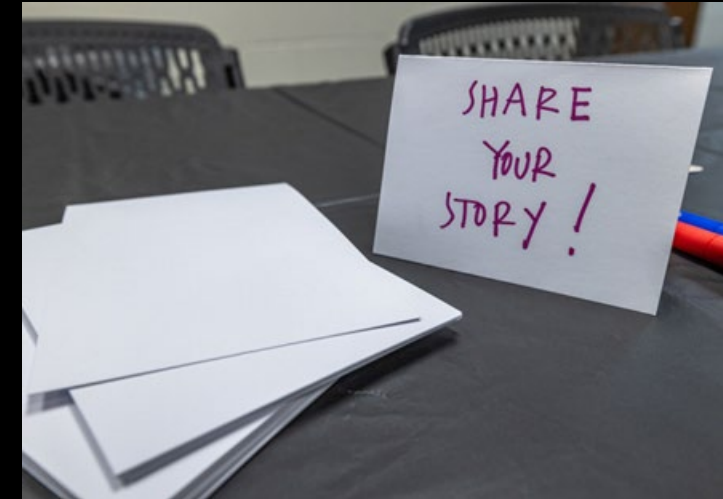
YOU
ARE
HISTORY!



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SHARING OUR
HISTORY!



QUILTS

SCRAPS

FOR GENERATIONS SINCE, QUILTING HAS BEEN PASSED DOWN AS BOTH A SURVIVAL SKILL AND A MEDIUM FOR CULTURAL AND ARTISTIC EXPRESSION.

THE WAY TO FREEDOM
SYMBOLS/GUIDES ALONG THE WAY

ACCORDING TO THE AFRICAN AMERICAN REGISTRY, IN ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT ERAS IN AMERICAN HISTORY, QUILTS WERE EXHIBITED ON WINDSHIELDS OF CLOTHING IN HOMES, BUSINESSES, CHURCHES, AND OTHER PLACES OF SOLACE. THESE QUILTS SERVED AS SYMBOLS OF HOPE AND SAFETY, PROVIDING A WAY FOR PEOPLE TO CONVEY UNSPOKEN MESSAGES DURING TURBULENT TIMES.
BY IMANI BASHIR

SCRAPS
INSTEAD OF BEING HINDERED BY THE AFFRONT OF HAVING TO USE SCRAPS TO MAKE BASIC BODILY NECESSITIES, IT SPURRED INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY, ALONG WITH A DETERMINATION TO MAKE SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL THAT MIGHT RESTORE A STRIPPED SENSE OF DIGNITY.

BOW-TIE PATTERN
A BOW-TIE PATTERN WOULD TELL ENSLAVED PEOPLE TO PRESS IN, DISGUISE AND APPEAR AS THOUGH THEY WERE OF HIGHER STATUS.

LOG CABIN PATTERN
A LOG CABIN WOULD SIGNAL SAFETY WHERE THEY WERE.

BEAR PAW PATTERN
A BEAR PAW SIGNALLED THE NEED TO FOLLOW AN ANIMAL TRAIL TO GET FOOD AND WATER.

Tell your story
... It matters.

LOCAL HEROS

CITS
11 AFRICAN AMERICAN FIGURES BEHIND THE NAMES OF OUR SCHOOLS

Local Heroes

Local heroes are the backbone of our community. They are the people who have made a difference in the lives of others. They are the people who have inspired us to be better. They are the people who have shown us that we can make a difference.

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GREAT EXHIBITS!





Awesome
Old School
Basketball



Faking Flight!



Stepping into Action!!!





Kids Planning the Future!

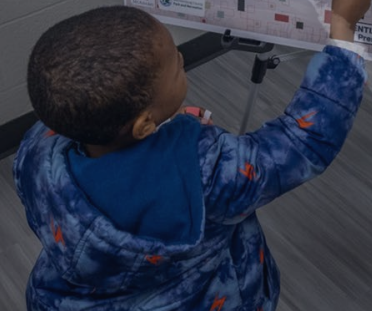




**Planning the future of
*Amay James
Urban Agriculture Park***



Planning the Future of *Pressley Road Park!*





Great Food!

