



VILLAGE HISTORIAN REPORT

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OSSINING COVID PROJECT

- Partnerships with the Ossining Public Library, Jaimie Hoffman, Denise McIver – CAAM Museum in California
- live in September 2020
- Submissions of Poems, stories, photos, County COVID maps, SOE Declarations
- Form to submit is on the Village website
<https://www.villageofossining.org/village-historian/webforms/ossining-community-history-collection-project-ossining-during-covid-19>
- Review Submissions on the OPL website (Lib-Guide)
<https://ossininglibrary.libguides.com/Ossining-COVID-Project/Home>
- Community Service hours for OHS Students



CONTINUED EDUCATION



This course introduced the basics, challenges, and opportunities of community archives, how to plan a community archive, and explore examples of digital and physical community archives. The course is geared toward archive and library professionals.

19 PRESENTATIONS

Sing Sing Prison Museum Presents

Justice Talks

Conversations to Build Understanding

Ossining's Black History

February 18, 2021 @ 6pm ET

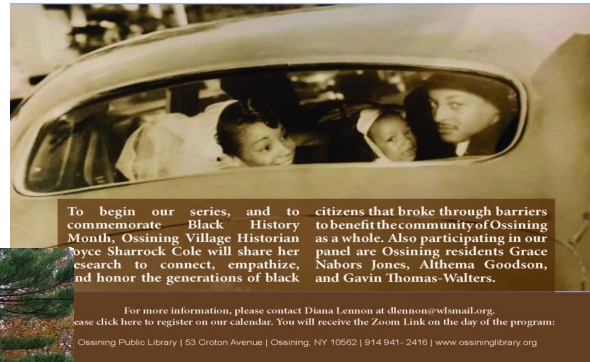


Early



Black Life in the Community

Join community members to discuss both historical and current perspectives about living in Ossining. We hope a community that listens to each other will be one that can open hearts and minds about each other.



To begin our series, and to commemorate Black History Month, Ossining Village Historian Joyce Sharrock Cole will share her research to connect, empathize, and honor the generations of black citizens that broke through barriers to benefit the community of Ossining as a whole. Also participating in our panel are Ossining residents Grace Nabors Jones, Althema Goodson, and Gavin Thomas-Walters.

For more information, please contact Diana Lennon at dlennon@wiscml.org. Please click here to register on our calendar. You will receive the Zoom Link on the day of the program:
Ossining Public Library | 53 Croton Avenue | Ossining, NY 10562 | 914 941-2416 | www.ossininglibrary.org



- OAC - Black Voices Matter
- Sparta Cemetery (Halloween) - OPL
- Youth Bureau
- SUNY Race (2 classes)
- Full Gospel Tabernacle History
- Rev. Henry Duers History
- Rev. Duers Day
- Star of Bethlehem Baptist Church (Duers)
- Episcopal Parishes Action on Inclusion & Race (R.E.P.A.I.R)
- Sing Sing Prison Museum (Justice Talks)
- Ossining Public Library (Round Table)
- Girl Scout Troop 2353
- Black History Month Exhibit Video -OHS
- Ossining School District (Elementary School Teachers)
- Jug Tavern
- Ossining Black History & Culture Exhibit
- Veterans Day Ceremony (Ossining)
- R.A.B. - Veterans program

BLACK HISTORY MONTH EXHIBIT 2021

- Tours to state and local elected officials, OUFSD Administration & School Board Members, and MBK program
- Video created with cameo from Mayor Levin for the school District
- Researched and covered 231 years of history
- Conducted Oral histories
- Over 120 visitors to the Exhibit
- 4 Live Oral History zooms



BETHANY ARTS COMMUNITY, OSSINING





12 Oral Histories

- Current and Former Ossining Residents
- 1-2 hrs. per interview





PAST PROGRAMS/COLLABORATIONS

- OHS Juneteenth history and flag
- Multiple tours of BHM Exhibit
- Multiple meetings with MBK students and facilitator
- Elementary School Teachers Black History Presentation (over 50 teachers attended)
- Multiple Meetings with Administration
- SUNY Race (Presentation 2-classes)
- Ossining COVID project - Community Services for OHS Students

FUTURE PROGRAMS/COLLABORATIONS

- Roosevelt School Juneteenth Flag (Tomorrow)
- School District Clerical Staff - History Present (next week)
- Summer workshops Elementary Schools (Ossining History)
- New teacher Orientation (August)
- Student workshops on family history and connections to Ossining History
- Ossining COVID project - Community Services for OHS Students

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Village Historian

Joyce Sharrock Cole is a lifelong resident of the Village of Ossining; her earliest documented relative migrated to the region in 1900, when the village was known as Sing Sing.

Driven by her passion for genealogy and local research, Joyce is an advocate for all people to learn about their family and local history, as it fosters a better understanding of themselves and the community that has shaped them. Earning her BS in Organizational Management from Mercy College and certification as a Genealogical Researcher from Boston University, she is now a founding member and lead researcher of the Little Bertie County Genealogical Society, which facilitates the Ossining Public Library Genealogy Group. Throughout her work, she has curated numerous presentations at such locations as the Ossining Public Library, The Ossining Historical Society, The Ossining Rotary Club, Park School and The Historic Hope Plantation in Bertie County North Carolina.

Joyce has developed a genealogical program called D.I.G. (Discovering in Genealogy) and D.I.G.me (Discovering in Genealogy me) which is designed to promote self-discovery through genealogical research. These concepts can be utilized to galvanize residents/students to participate in local research efforts by discovering how they and/or their family has contributed to it. Participation will potentially evoke nostalgia for some, promote



News & Announcements

[February is Black History Month!](#)

[Click here to view the ongoing virtual exhibit of The Ossining COVID-19 Memory Project](#)

[EARN COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS: Ossining Community History Collection](#)



EMAILS

historian@villageofossining.org

- 71 - COVID Project (Instructions and Submissions)
- Community Service Opportunities
- 68 with request (various items)
 - Meeting request
 - Research Request
 - Genealogy help (zoom and phone)
 - Historic Marker & Preservation questions and request

VILLAGE BUSINESS



- (2) Street Naming – research, board appearance(s), and street dedication(s)
- 5 Research request (Seal, Duers, famous actress, street history, mayoral history)
- COVID memorial ground breaking
- Respond to FOIL request

FUTURE PROJECTS

- Ossining COVID Project (ongoing)
- OHS Community Services (ongoing)
- Reimage ways to involve kids in documenting history
- Rockland Public Library presentation
- Partnership with the Library on a History Project, Display, and expansion of History Collection project
- Kick off official Oral history project
- Project with Ossining Children's Center
- Community archiving Project (items handed over in the care of historian)

WHERE TO FIND ME!



<https://www.villageofossining.org/village-historian>



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