

Black History Month events at Wynne Home

The Wynne Home Arts & Visitors Center and the Walker County Genealogical Society are collaborating to present two weekends of Black History Month celebrations. Events begin on Saturday, Feb. 10, with Honor Black History. The WCGS will host a reception at 3 p.m. at the Wynne Home. Mayor Andy Brauninger will deliver a proclamation in honor of Black History Month at 3:30 p.m., followed by Richard Watkins sharing local history. Lecturer Kyle Ainsworth will present Honoring Black History at 3:45 p.m. Local Voices of Huntsville will wrap up the event, featuring photographer Chris Holmes, dance duo Jarell and Madeline Rochelle, Sam Houston State University blues and jazz students, poet James Rochelle, and artist Semone Robinson. A special exhibit of quilt replicas will be on display throughout the week leading up to the event at the Wynne Home. The quilts are designed like those believed to assist travelers on the Underground Railroad, a system to help enslaved people escape during the 1800s. The celebrations continue Saturday, Feb. 17, featuring Naomi Carrier with the Texas Center for African American Living History. A children's program, "Secrets in Songs and Quilts", will begin at 4 p.m. A re-enactment of an Underground Railroad story, "Fugitives of Passion," will begin at 5 p.m. For more information, email Linda Pease at lpease@HuntsvilleTX.gov.