

# ROAD TO HOME

*Join us!*

*for the official inauguration of the*

## UPPER HOUSATONIC VALLEY AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE TRAIL

with

### MOTOR COACH TOURS—SYMPOSIUM—CEREMONIES

Pittsfield • Great Barrington • Sheffield

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2006**

Join us for the official inauguration of the Upper Housatonic Valley African American Heritage Trail through 29 Massachusetts and Connecticut towns in the Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area.

Your choice of three Inaugural Tours begins at Second Congregational Church in Pittsfield, with a 7:00 am Registration and 8:00 am Opening Ceremony, and concludes with a 3:30 pm Dedication at the Ashley House in Sheffield. Please arrive in time to check-in before the Opening Ceremony.

Lunch will be provided on each tour.  
Moderate walking is required for the Great Barrington and Pittsfield tours.

Itineraries are outlined on the back. Please indicate which tour you would like to attend on the registration form provided. Space is limited and all requests will be considered but not guaranteed.

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African American Biography Conference, contact:

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#### REGISTRATION

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Requirements/Needs: \_\_\_\_\_  
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#### Tour Choice:

Great Barrington Tour      number of people \_\_\_\_\_

Pittsfield Tour      number of people \_\_\_\_\_

Sheffield Tour      number of people \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Note: We will do our best to meet your request. You will be notified if tour is full.*

Total Number of People attending \_\_\_\_\_

Cost per person: \$25 (Seniors \$20)

**Total Amount Due:**      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to:

**MCLA-African American Biography Conference**

**Mail payment and form to:** Office of Student Development  
375 Church St. North Adams, MA 01247

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● **UPPER ● HOUSATONIC ● VALLEY ● AFRICAN ● AMERICAN ● HERITAGE ● TRAIL** ●

● *Inaugural Tour* ● *15 September 2006* ●

<p><b>Sheffield</b> Schedule of Events</p>	<p><b>Great Barrington</b> Schedule of Events</p>	<p><b>Pittsfield</b> Schedule of Events</p>
<p><i>"Won't the law give me my freedom?"</i> – Elizabeth "Mum Bett" Freeman</p>	<p><i>"I was born by a golden river."</i> – W. E. B. Du Bois</p>	<p><i>"In Pittsfield, I seemed to begin life anew."</i> – Rev. Samuel Harrison</p>
<p>7:00 am Registration and coffee Second Congregational Church, Pittsfield 8:00 am Opening Ceremony 9:00 am <b>Bus departs Pittsfield</b> Travel via Samuel Harrison House and other Pittsfield sites; JamesVanDerZee's Lenox home site; Elizabeth Freeman/Agrippa Hull Graves in Stockbridge; W E B. Du Bois Birthsite, River Garden; Mahaiwe Cemetery and Du Bois Boyhood Homesite 10:45 am <b>Arrive Old Parish Church, Sheffield</b> 11:00 am <b>Symposium</b> [3] Lectures: JoAnne Pope Melish, author <i>Disowning Slavery: Gradual Emancipation and "Race" in New England, 1780-1860</i>, Margaret L. Vetare, Director of Interpretation, Historic Hudson Valley; South Berkshire residents Elaine Gunn and Wray Gunn Box Lunch <b>Exhibitions:</b> "If They Close the Door on You, Go in the Window": African American Heritage in Southern Berkshires 3:30 pm <b>Trail dedication and MumBett Room ceremony; Ashley House, Sheffield</b> 4:15 pm Bus departs Ashley House 5:45 pm <b>Arrive Pittsfield</b></p>	<p>7:00 am Registration and coffee Second Congregational Church, Pittsfield 8:00 am Opening Ceremony 9:00 am <b>Talk "Rev. Samuel Harrison"</b> by Ivan Newton and William Irvin 9:30 am <b>Bus departs Pittsfield</b> Travel via Samuel Harrison House and other Pittsfield sites; JamesVanDerZee's Lenox home 10:20 am <b>Arrive Stockbridge Cemetery</b> <b>Land Tour of Elizabeth Freeman and Agrippa Hull Graves</b> 11:00 am Bus departs Stockbridge 11:20 am <b>Arrive Clinton A.M.E. Zion Church</b> Church greetings <b>Land Tour of Great Barrington sites:</b> [W. E. B. Du Bois Birth Site, River Garden, and Mural] Box Lunch 1:45 pm Bus departs Great Barrington Travel via Town Hall, Searles Castle, Mahaiwe Cemetery and W. E. B. Du Bois Homesite 2:30 pm Arrive Ashley House, Sheffield 2:45 pm <b>House Tour at Ashley House and MumBett Room</b> 3:30 pm <b>Trail dedication and MumBett Room ceremony; Ashley House, Sheffield</b> 4:15 pm Bus departs Ashley House 5:45 pm <b>Arrive Pittsfield</b></p>	<p>7:00 am Registration and coffee Second Congregational Church, Pittsfield 8:00 am Opening Ceremony 9:00 am <b>Talk "Rev. Samuel Harrison"</b> by Ivan Newton and William Irvin 10:00 am <b>Land/bus tour of Pittsfield Sites</b> [Pitt Park Mural, Victory Temple, Price Memorial Church, Persip Park, Woolworth Protest Site, Charles A Persip American Legion Post 68, Rev. Samuel Harrison's House, NAACP Site, Berkshire Medical Institute, Harrison Family Grave Site, Dorothy Amos Park, St. John's Masonic Temple] 11:30 pm <b>Catered Lunch: Christian Center</b> 1:00 pm <b>Bus departs Pittsfield</b> Travel via location of James VanDerZee's Lenox home; Elizabeth Freeman/Agrippa Hull Graves in Stockbridge; W E B. Du Bois Birthsite, River Garden, Mahaiwe Cemetery, Du Bois Boyhood Homesite 2:45 pm Arrive Ashley House, Sheffield 3:00 pm <b>House Tour at Ashley House and MumBett Room</b> 3:30 pm <b>Trail dedication and MumBett Room ceremony; Ashley House, Sheffield</b> 4:15 pm Bus departs Ashley House 5:45 pm <b>Arrive Pittsfield</b></p>
<p>Touring by bus only— does not require walking</p>	<p>Moderate walking required.</p>	<p>Minimum walking required.</p>

Times and events subject to change.