

THE AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE SOCIETY

Cumberland's Newest Museum



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Leontyne Peck shown in the museum holding some of the collectibles that are on display there. Leontyne says, "Everything here has a story." Prominently displayed in the background is a portrait of Frederick Douglass.



The Society's Museum is tastefully remodeled, restored and easy to locate in downtown Cumberland.

The African American Heritage Society of Western Maryland is a non-profit membership organization that promotes African American historical, educational and cultural activities. Although the organization is physically located in Cumberland, Maryland, it serves the greater Western Maryland Region, as well as the surrounding West Virginia and Pennsylvania counties.

The Society is managed by a seven member Board of Directors. Additionally, volunteers are continually recruited to assist with the implementation of a wide variety of programs. Small group programs are held at AAHS, while other programs that are AAHS sponsored will be held at other sites throughout the community. Membership is open to any individual, company, educational institutions, churches or anyone interested in the organization.

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The new Society building is warm and inviting, the exhibits are interesting and each have their own story. David Cox of Cumberland did the renovations while Leontyne Peck and her daughter Alexis Peck did most of the collecting of display items, setting up and designing the furnishings and displays.

CAFE 7

Cafe 7, a cozy corner of the museum opening this summer, where members can enjoy a complimentary cup of coffee and a warm pastry and can browse through a wide variety of African American inspired magazines (everything from Oprah Magazine to Black Hairstyles). Seven is the perfect number and Cafe 7 is a perfect little place to simply relax. Have you noticed that Africa is shaped like the number seven? The African American Society is a great place to feed the mind, body and spirit.

The Museum also has a small gift shop that sells African American inspired memorabilia as well as AAHS T-shirts and gifts.

The Museum, Cafe and gift shops are open Monday through Saturday from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and some Sundays and evenings for special occasions. Special tours can be arranged for off hours by calling 301-777-7785 or visit us at www.aahs.net

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PROGRAMS

- Art & Cultural Exhibits
- Gospel Singing Night
- Kids Talent Night
- Photography Exhibit of Local African American Life
- African American History Lessons & Crafts (Saturdays)
- African American Tours (Domestic & International)
- Book Reading Club
- Skiing, Sailing, Swimming & Equestrian Programs
- Celebrity Speakers Series
- Meet a Famous African American Each Week (February)
- Annual Black Tie Fundraiser (February)
- Annual Membership Drive (October & November)

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