

What's up?

Black History Month

WATCH IN UPCOMING ISSUES FOR MORE BLACK HISTORY MONTH SPECIAL EVENTS IN THIS COLUMN.

Free dinner and community celebration

The Boys and Girls Club of Dane County will host a free chicken dinner Feb. 28, 3-5 p.m. at 2001 Taft St. Entertainment, door prizes, and presentations by Boys and Girls Club members will be included. Come one, come all — no need to sign up ahead of time.

Wisconsin Public Television salutes Black History Month

Black History Month presentations on WPT include: "The Black Press: Soldiers Without Swords," Feb. 8, 9 p.m.; "Stevie Wonder: Songs in the Key of Life," Feb. 20, 10 p.m.; "The Musical Legacy of Roland Hayes," Feb. 24, 10 p.m.; and "Our Inspiration: The Story of Maggie Lena Walker," Feb. 24, 11 p.m., which explores how Walker overcame obstacles of race and gender and achieved national prominence.

Special meals to commemorate Black History Month

Doug Davis, the chef of the Downtown MATC Education Center cafeteria, 211 N. Carroll St., announced that special meals will be served on Thursdays in February beginning at 10:30 a.m., until 1 p.m. or until sold out. Priced at only \$4.75, these meals have been very popular in years past, so arrive early and bring a friend.

Dorothy Reynolds to speak at Edgewood College

"Understanding Black Talk with Dorothy Reynolds" is scheduled for Feb. 11, 6:30 p.m., at Edgewood College, 855 Woodrow St. For more information, call 663-2270.

Event to honor Faith Ringgold's "painted-story" quilts

In recognition of Faith Ringgold's "painted-story" quilts, kids 6 and older and their families are invited to begin their own story quilts and have fun with word searches and crosswords, Feb. 6, 2 p.m. at Border's Book Shop and Cafe, 3416 University Ave. This is not an author visit.

Reception to honor local African American UMOJA cover artists

A reception honoring local African American UMOJA cover artists will be held Feb. 7, 4-6 p.m. in the Municipal Building Lobby, 215 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Another reception honoring school children will take place Feb. 18, 11 a.m.

noon in Room 260 of the Municipal Building.

African-American film fest

Entertaining feature films, as well as controversial and engaging documentaries, will be featured at the MATC Truax Campus, 3550 Anderson St., noon to 2 p.m. daily the week of Feb. 8. For more information, contact Geoff Bradshaw, 246-6165.

Promega Corporation to host contemporary East African art exhibit

Promega Corporation will host a display of contemporary African art Feb. 9-Apr. 5 at the BioPharmaceutical Technology Center, 5445 E. Cheryl Parkway. The opening reception will take place Feb. 9, 4:30-6:30 p.m. The exhibit is open to the public Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., or by appointment. For appointments, call 277-2669.

Panel will discuss housing discrimination and segregation

Members of the Madison Equal Opportunities Commission, the State Equal Rights Division, and the Madison Tenant Resource Center will be joined by moderator Larry Sager as they discuss Mayor Bauman's housing summit and the de facto segregation of low-income housing to certain neighborhoods of the city.

This event will take place Feb. 9, 9:30-11 a.m. at MATC Truax, 3550 Anderson St., Room 116 (the distance education lab), and will be broadcast live to MATC satellite campuses. Call Geoff Bradshaw, MATC Student Life Multicultural Program coordinator, 246-6165, for more information.

Opportunity to develop understanding of history & peoples of Africa

Cultural anthropologist Mustafa Mirzeler will present a slide show titled, "The People and Culture of Lake Turkana" Feb. 15, 9:30-10:20 a.m. at MATC-Truax, 3550 Anderson St., Room 336. The program will focus on Mirzeler's anthropological fieldwork among the rural pastoral people of northwestern Kenya.

2nd-annual MATC African Marketplace to feature Afrocentric gifts

Stock up on gifts for friends and family! Vendors of homemade crafts, jewelry, and other items will display their wares in the north hallway of the MATC Truax building Feb. 16-17. A portion of the proceeds will go

to the MATC African Descendants Student Organization (ADSO).

Charles Brown to discuss his experiences in civil rights movement

MATC adult basic education instructor Charles Brown will discuss his experiences growing up in Mississippi in the '60s Feb. 16, 11 a.m.-noon in D240, MATC Downtown Campus. Last year a "standing room only" crowd heard him share his feel-

ings and experiences as one of the first students of color to integrate an all-white high school. Take advantage of this enlightening look at our country's recent history.



Francis Kahuri's art will be shown in Promega Corporation's Contemporary African Art exhibit, which opens Feb. 9.

"Sisters of Color II: Working Across Cultural Boundaries"

The College of Letters and Science-Multicultural Academic Programs and Services will sponsor this "Terrific Tuesday" event Feb. 23 in the MSC Lounge, 2nd floor, Red Gym, 716 Langdon St. For details, call 265-5709.

"Faculty-Minority Liaison: New Advocates for Students of Color"

All students are encouraged to share their ideas and concerns Feb. 9 at the Multicultural Student Center, 2nd floor, Red Gym, 716 Langdon St. For more information, call 265-5462.

Black author to give creative-writing workshop

Published author Eleanor Taylor Bland of Chicago is offering a creative-writing workshop Feb. 17, 1:30-2:20 p.m. at MATC Truax, 3550 Anderson St., Room 142A. Currently on a speaking tour promoting her latest book, *Tell No Tales*, Taylor Bland will discuss ways of engaging the writing process and pathways to publication.

Prescreening of TV movie "Passing Glory"

This story of an idealistic, young Black priest who uses a

basketball game to challenge the social conventions of a segregationist city will be shown Feb. 18, 7 p.m. at the MSC Lounge & Red Gym Media Room, 716 Langdon St. For more information, call 265-2873.

Rhythmic communication through drumming

Students, staff, and faculty are invited to engage in rhythmic communication by participating in free African drumming lessons at MATC Truax Campus, 3550 Anderson St., Feb. 18 and 25, 4-6 p.m. BYOD (Bring Your Own Drums or percussion instruments) and preregister at the Student Life Service Center.

Multicultural Student Leadership Conference calls for papers

Feb. 19 is the deadline for submitting research, poetry, prose, and 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional art on the theme: "Student Empowerment: Mapping the New Millennium." All submissions should be sent: Attn: AMSLC Entry; Multicultural Students Services, Bowman Hall 11, UW-Stout; Menomonie, WI 54751.

The conference will be held Apr. 22-24 at UW-Superior. Call 265-2873 for details.

Angela Davis to speak at Women of Color conference

Keynote presenter Angela Davis will join speakers Tribal Judge Joan Greender and Judge Ramona Gonzales "Combining the Voices of the Past and the Minds of the Present to Create the Souls of the Future," Feb. 26-28 at UW-La Crosse. Registration is \$25 and is due Feb. 5. For information, call 608-785-8228, or e-mail bean_tf@mail.uwlax.edu

Black History Month at MATC to conclude with program on equal opportunity

MATC will conclude its month-long recognition of the achievements and culture of African Americans with distinguished lecturer Professor James E. Jones speaking on "Equal Opportunity: The Past, the Present, and the Future." A prominent civil-rights law professional from the Madison community, Jones will provide a historical context for struggles for equal rights and advancement and give his outlook for the future. This event, free and open to the public, takes place at the Downtown MATC campus cafeteria, 211 N. Carroll St., Feb. 23, 5:30-7 p.m.

Thought for the week

"It is the responsibility of every adult — especially parents, educators, and religious leaders — to make sure that children bear what we have learned from the lessons of life, and to bear over and over that we love them and that they are not alone."

— MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN, from *African American Woman Quote Book*.