



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends, Supporters and Members,

As the year draws to a close, I am delighted to extend a warm welcome to our end-of-year newsletter. This has been a remarkable year for the African American Museum of Bucks County, filled with significant milestones, inspiring events, and a deeper engagement with our vibrant community.

We have made tremendous strides in our mission to preserve and celebrate the rich history and culture of African Americans in Bucks County. From captivating exhibitions and educational programs to community outreach and cultural events, each step has been made possible by your unwavering support and dedication.

This newsletter is a celebration of our collective achievements and a testament to the power of community. Inside, you will find highlights of our major events, stories of impact from those we serve, and exciting plans for the year ahead.

As we reflect on the past year, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you—our members, volunteers, donors, and partners. Your contributions, whether through time, resources, or advocacy, have been invaluable. Together, we are building a stronger, more inclusive future for all.

I encourage you to continue your support as we move forward into the new year. There are many ways to get involved, and every effort helps us to achieve our goals. Let us embrace the spirit of giving and community as we embark on another year of growth and discovery. Thank you for being a part of the African American Museum of Bucks County family. We look forward to your continued support and to sharing many more successes with you in the coming year.

Sincerely,
Linda Salley
President and Executive Director



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LINDA SALLEY RECEIVES AWARD FOR WORK IN THE COMMUNITY

On October 23, 2024 our Executive Director and President of the AAMBC was honored with the Hometown Heroes award presented by Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick. Originally announced back in February, Linda received the official certificate this late fall. The award comes as a way to celebrate the hard work and commitment she has given to educating

the Bucks County community with the AAMBC. Through educational pop-exhibits, video series, and tours of the Underground Railroad, Linda and fellow board members of the AAMBC have continued to tell the untold stories and history of African Americans in Bucks County. In a Facebook post, Congressman Fitzpatrick says "Under Linda's leadership the AAMBC has established itself as a vital resource and invaluable asset to our community." At the award ceremony Linda was joined by board members (pictured above) Bill & Brenda Reed, Roger & Millicent Brown, Deal Wright and Susan Lee. Linda says "It means the world to me that the people who have helped make this dream become a reality were by my side during this moment. I will continue you to do all that I can in making a difference in our community."



MOMENTS FROM FALL



ROGER BROWN AND DEAL WRIGHT AT BRISTOL DAY



PAT MERVINE, LINDA SALLEY AND BILL REED AT HARVEST FESTIVAL



ROGER BROWN AND LINDA SALLEY AT BRISTOL DAY



AFRICAN AMERICAN
MUSEUM OF BUCKS COUNTY

KEEPING UP WITH THE AAMBC

ANNUAL BRUNCH & LEARN



At the end of November, the African American Museum of Bucks County hosted its second annual Brunch and Learn at the First Baptist Church of Langhorne.

The museum shared the morning with more than 100 members of the community telling the untold stories of African Americans and their impact on the Bucks County area.



Our annual Brunch and Learn also touched on updates for our future home at Boone Farm, and the current stages of renovation and fundraising the AAMBC has reached over the last year.

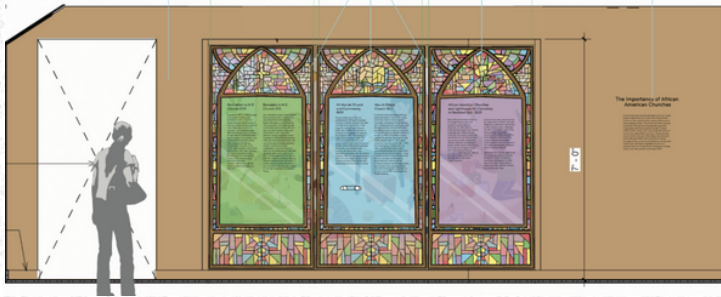
The museum continues its plan to open Boone Farm in the spring of 2025. The AAMBC is working diligently with architects and designers to transform the space!



AN UPDATE ON BOONE FARM

NEW INDOOR RENDERINGS

Cloud Gehshan Design has prepared detailed plans for the interior of the museum, including a reception room, library, timeline/community room, Underground Railroad Room, Media Room, Education Center, and more! Some of those plans are shown here. We cannot wait for you all to see our vision come to life in the near future!



OUTSIDE BOONE FARM

The exterior of the museum's building is nearly complete! After about a year and a half of renovations and countless meetings with architects, Boone Farm is much closer to opening its doors in the spring of 2025!





GIVE BACK THIS SEASON

As we approach the end of 2024, we reflect on the incredible support and community spirit that have propelled our mission forward. Your contributions have been instrumental in preserving and sharing the rich history and culture of African Americans in Bucks County. We invite you to continue this journey with us by considering various ways to contribute or donate. Your financial support helps us fund educational programs, exhibitions, and community outreach. You can donate online through our website or by clicking the donate page. Volunteering your time is another great way to help the museum. Our volunteers are the heart of our operations.

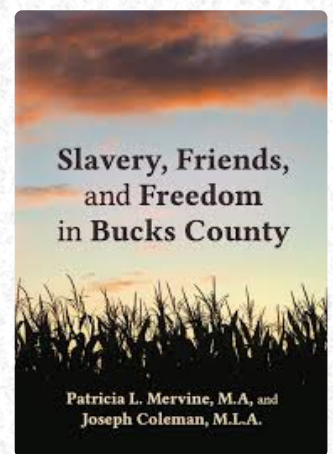
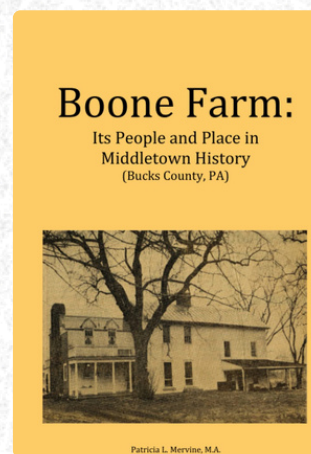
Join us in making a difference by assisting with events, tours, and other museum activities. We also welcome in-kind donations of artifacts, books, and other items relevant to our mission. These contributions enrich our collections and enhance our exhibits. Finally, corporate sponsorships are another great way to give back this time of year! Partner with us through your business to support our initiatives and receive recognition within the community. Every contribution, no matter the size, makes a significant impact. We sincerely thank you for your unwavering support and commitment to our shared mission.

NEW YEAR, NEW READS!

Kick off the new year with some new reading goals! The AAMBC hosts a monthly virtual book club with local bookstore, and close friend the museum, Commonplace Reader Yardley! Check out Commonplace Reader online or in person to see an amazing selection of books!

You can find two books written by close friend, volunteer and all around wonderful human, Pat Mervine. *Boone Farm: Its People and Place in Middletown History*, as well as, *Slavery, Friends and Freedom in Bucks County* co-authored by Joseph Coleman.

Both of Pat's books directly benefit the museum and help us give scholarship's to students who have shown academic achievement and dedication to their community.



These books are available at Commonplace Reader Yardley, Newtown Bookshop, and Canal's End Antiques in Bristol. They are also available on our website.

Not only are these books great reads for yourself, but they also make great gifts for friends, family and loved ones during the holiday season.