

# March - One Year Later, Another Year To Be Better

## What are you planting?

The weather’s warming up. Perhaps you’re thinking about getting your flowers and tomatoes in or you’re already picking early peas. Or maybe you’re remembering working on your family’s small farm or the garden bounty on a Sunday table. It’s time to grow our community history by sharing your gardening plans and recollections on *From the Rock Wall: Living Histories of Black Chapel Hill/Carrboro*.

*From the Rock Wall* is a new, interactive site for all who live, worship, serve, play, and work in Northside, Tin Top, Pine Knolls and Orange County. Wondering how you can help make our garden grow? It’s super easy:

Go to [www.fromtherockwall.org](http://www.fromtherockwall.org)  
Click on “Respond” at the top of the homepage.  
Choose one of the options on the form you’ll find there. . . . and just follow the prompts.

You can type in that story about picking peaches from the neighbor’s tree--or record your recipe for peach cobbler on your phone and click “Upload” to post it to the site. You can also just take pictures of first plantings (or your family tree!) and send those along. Want some support? Just call the Jackson Center at 919-960-1670.

And speaking of Spring: if you’re doing a little cleaning and find a yearbook, a sheaf of church programs, news clippings, maybe even ads for local businesses or your Lincoln High report card, you can take pictures of these and post them with your comments. Or perhaps the prospect of Easter is bringing to mind family members whose stories need to be told: go to [www.fromtherockwall.org](http://www.fromtherockwall.org) and click on “Respond” to post photos and send your story-captions.

Have questions? Email us at [rockwall@jacksoncenter.info](mailto:rockwall@jacksoncenter.info) or call 919-960-1670.

## WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH

### Our First Ladies

- Barbara Booth Powell – First Black woman to be elected to Chapel Hill Town Council (1992)
- Joal Broun - First Black woman to be elected to the Carrboro Board of Aldermen
- Sarah Carter - Owner of Airport and Intown Taxi Company
- Rebecca S. Clark - UNC named the Kennon Cheek, Rebecca Clark Laundry Building on Cameron Avenue because of their advocacy for the housekeeping staff.
- Elizabeth “Libba” Cotton – Noted songwriter and singer; award winning song “Freight Train”.
- Izona Cotton Craig – First female barber at Midway Barber Shop
- Mildred “Mama Dip” Council – Owner of Mama Dip’s Restaurant, nationally known author
- Keith Edwards - First Black female Police Officer at UNC-CH Department of Public Safety
- Vivian Foushee – First female social worker
- Senator Valerie Foushee – First Black woman to be elected to Orange Board of County Commissioners, First Black woman to serve in the General Assembly representing Orange County.
- Charley Foster Norwood – First native Chapel Hillian promoted to Nurse Supervisor III
- Frances Hargraves – First Black Special Education Teacher for Chapel Hill-Carrboro City School system
- A.D. Compton, - Nurse - First Black Professional Employee of the Town of Chapel Hill
- Ruby Jones, Susie Weaver, Addie Robinson, Lucille Caldwell, Rebecca Clark, Christine Jones - “Gray Ladies”
- Annie B. Hargett, Marjorie Land, Carolyn Jefferson, Lillie Atwater - First Registered Nurses at NC Memorial Hospital
- Gerri House- First Black Female Superintendent of Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools
- Lucille McDougle - Black Educator, who along with her husband had school named in her honor McDougle Elementary/Middle School (1994)
- Cynthia Mebane Brooks – First Black woman appointed as Orange Co. Deputy Sheriff
- Ruth Royster - First Black woman elected to the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education
- Sherdenia Thompson Dunn and Edith Hubbard - First Black women from Chapel Hill-Carrboro area to graduate from UNC
- Euzelle Smith – Black Educator, who along with her husband had school named in her honor - Smith Middle School (2001)
- Susie Weaver - Minister, Funeral Director, Store Owner, Civil Rights leader, Song writer- “Freedom Comes to Chapel Hill”
- Gloria Williams – First Black female Executive for Joint Orange Chatham Community Action Agency
- Joyce Wilson - First Black-owned Childcare Center (Church Street)
- Phyllis Knight Coates - First Black female officer on Carrboro Police Department
- Dr. Gail Hayes - First Sworn African American Female Officer, Town of Chapel Hill Police Department
- Katrinka Borders - First Black female hired to Town of Chapel Hill Police Department and worked in parking and records (1967)

## Maya Angelou,

### Phenomenal Woman, 1978

*Pretty women wonder where my secret lies.  
I’m not cute or built to suit a fashion model’s size  
But when I start to tell them,  
They think I’m telling lies.  
I say,  
It’s in the reach of my arms,  
The span of my hips,  
The stride of my step,  
The curl of my lips.  
I’m a woman  
Phenomenally.  
Phenomenal woman,  
That’s me.*

*I walk into a room  
Just as cool as you please,  
And to a man,  
The fellows stand or  
Fall down on their knees.  
Then they swarm around me,  
A hive of honey bees.  
I say,  
It’s the fire in my eyes,  
And the flash of my teeth,  
The swing in my waist,  
And the joy in my feet.  
I’m a woman  
Phenomenally.  
Phenomenal woman,  
That’s me.*

*Men themselves have wondered  
What they see in me.  
They try so much  
But they can’t touch  
My inner mystery.  
When I try to show them,  
They say they still can’t see.  
I say,  
It’s in the arch of my back,  
The sun of my smile,  
The ride of my breasts,  
The grace of my style.  
I’m a woman  
Phenomenally.  
Phenomenal woman,  
That’s me.*

*Now you understand  
Just why my head’s not bowed.  
I don’t shout or jump about  
Or have to talk real loud.  
When you see me passing,  
It ought to make you proud.  
I say,  
It’s in the click of my heels,  
The bend of my hair,  
the palm of my hand,  
The need for my care.  
'Cause I’m a woman  
Phenomenally.  
Phenomenal woman,  
That’s me!!*

The true worth of a race must be measured by the character of its womanhood.

-Mary McLeod Bethune



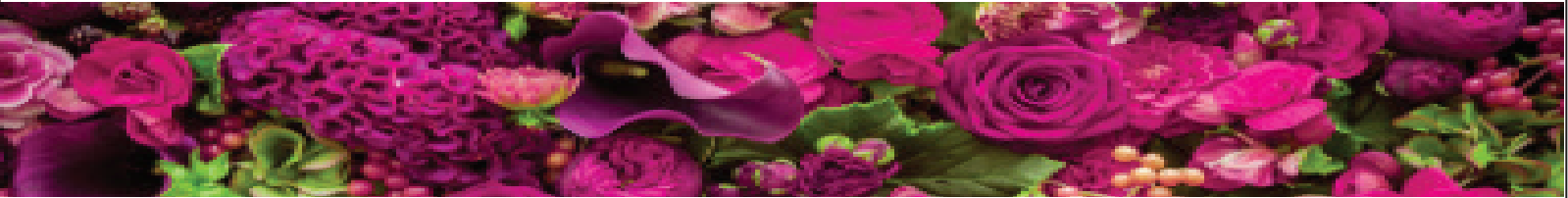


Marian Cheek Jackson

# Being Both Black and Woman

## Without the Past, You have no future!

-Marian Cheek Jackson  
Our Namesake and a Phenomenal Woman



...“More than a hundred years have passed since the day Sojourner Truth stood before an assembled body of white women and men at an anti-slavery rally in Indiana and bared her breast to prove that she was indeed a woman. To Sojourner, who had traveled the long road from slavery to freedom, the baring of her breasts was a small matter. She faced her audience without fear, without shame, proud of having been born black and female. Yet the white man, who yelled at Sojourner, “I don’t believe you really are a woman,” unwittingly voiced America’s contempt and disrespect for black womanhood. In the eyes of the 19th century white public, the black female was a creature unworthy of the title woman, she was mere chattel, a thing, an animal”... “Sojourner endured their protests and became one of the first feminists to call their attention to the lot of the black slave woman who, compelled by circumstance to labor alongside black men, was a living embodiment of the truth that women could be the work-equals of men.”...

(pg . 161 A’int I a Woman) bell hooks

...“Since us started making pants down home, I ain’t been able to stop... one day I made the perfect pair of pants. For my sugar, naturally. They soft dark blue jersey with teeny patches of red. But what make them so good is, they totally comfortable. Cause Shug eat a lot of junk on the road, and drink, her stomach bloat. So the pants can be let out without messing up the shape. Because she have to pack her stuff and fight wrinkles, these pants are soft, hardly wrinkle at all, and the little figures in the cloth always look perky and bright. And they full round the ankle so if she want to sing in ’em and wear ’em sort of like a long dress, she can. Plus, once Shug put them on, she knock your eyes out.”...

(pg. 104 The Color Purple) Alice Walker

### Words Of Motivation and Inspiration by Mary McLeod Bethune

“We have a powerful potential in our youth, and we must have the courage to change old ideas and practices so that we may direct their power toward good ends.”

“Invest in the human soul. Who knows, it might be a diamond in the rough”. “Without faith, nothing is possible. With it, nothing is impossible.”

Words from the Editor:		APRIL BIRTHDAYS	
<i>Women’s History Month is a time to honor all women and their great contributions in the history of all human kind. The measure of a great society is how it esteems it’s women and girls. This is a celebration and centering of women. This is not a romanticization of the works and energy of women throughout herstory. Futhermore, for those who have issues with respecting women or femmes, respecting women should never be measured based on their proximity to men. Respect them because they are people!! Finally we honor women past, present, and those emerging!!!!</i> -B. L. Harrison		4/6	Matthew Farrington
		4/23	Calvin Neville
		4/24	Frederic Williams
		4/24	Prince Taylor
		4/25	Odessa Wilson
		4/26	Christian Foushee-Green
		4/28	Michael Palmer

### IN MEMORIAM



Raney Norwood  
October 25,1949 - March 2, 2021



Eva Carlotta Lindsay  
February 1, 1950 - March 4, 2021



Melvin Clifton Farrington  
September 20,1955 - March 6, 2021



Patricia Campbell  
March 19, 1953 - March 15, 2021

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### Need help paying your water bill?

The Care to Share Program can provide up to \$200 per household per year to help pay your OWASA bill.  
Call OWASA at (919) 537-4343 for help applying for utility bill assistance.

You do NOT need to wait for a disconnection notice to apply for water bill assistance.

When the temporary moratorium on water shut-offs ends, overdue balances cannot be forgiven.



### Got Vaccines??

**Who is eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine?**

- Group 1: Health care workers and long-term care staff and residents
- Group 2: Age 65 and older
- Group 3: Frontline essential workers, including child care and PreK-12 workers
- Group 4: Age 16-64 with increased risk of severe illness
- All veterans enrolled in VA Health Care are eligible to receive a vaccine at the **Durham VA** hospital, regardless of age, medical condition, or profession. Call **919-286-0411** then “0” to schedule an appointment.
- Beginning April 7: Other essential workers who are not yet vaccinated and people living in a close group living settings
- You can check your vaccine eligibility on this website: [www.findmygroup.nc.gov](http://www.findmygroup.nc.gov)

**How do I get a COVID-19 Vaccine?**

- Orange County Health Department:** (919) 913-8088. Operated daily from 8:30am to 4:30pm. Spanish and other languages available. You can also get added to the Orange County Health Department’s waitlist by completing the Vaccine Interest Form (VIF) at <https://redcap.link/OCHDvax>
- UNC Health:** 984-215-5485. Operated M-F 8am-4pm. If you are unable to find an appointment time, please check back mid-to-late afternoon Monday – Friday.
- Piedmont Health Services:** 919-545-3452. Check their website for updates at <https://piedmonthealth.org/how-can-i-be-tested-for-covid19/>
- To find vaccination clinics across the state, call (888) 892-1162 or go to [www.myspot.nc.gov](http://www.myspot.nc.gov)
- Homebound and need a vaccine?  
Contact the Jackson Center 919-960-1670

**Governor Roy Cooper announced that All Adults will be Eligible for the Vaccine on April 7, 2021.**