



# Harris Stowe State University Collaborates with AMHS

Harris Stowe State University (HSSU) has agreed to a collaboration with AMHS to place the exhibit *Moving Forward: Exploring the Legacy of Annie Malone* exhibit on its campus starting January 4, 2022 to June 30, 2022. In addition, a play unfolding the activities and milestones of Malone's time at 3100 Pine Street will be performed during Black History Month and Women's History Month. HSSU is looking to present activities to reach a variety of students by sharing the academic value of Annie Malone's legacy throughout various disciplines at the university. There is also a series of symposiums planned for September, October and November to peek student interest.

In 1910, Annie Malone undertook her third business expansion. It was her second move of the Poro College in St. Louis. The location at 3100 Pine Street in St. Louis, MO was literally at the front door of the Emerson Theater at HSSU. The building on Pine Street had twenty-one rooms, with three floors and the structure had modern facilities. Poro College operated at this location from 1910 to 1918 until the fourth location was completed and ready for occupancy.

## Juneteenth Celebration Ends Malone Exhibit

Juneteenth was the culminating activity for the Annie Malone Historical Society at the Fieldhouse Museum. The Fieldhouse Museum, the Power of Words Exhibit and the exhibit about Annie Malone worked together to coordinate the celebration.

The celebration was deemed a huge success especially since the United States government finally declared Juneteenth a national holiday. Over 100 guests toured all the exhibits. Amber Belle, former HSSU graduate, talked about the importance of Juneteenth and did an excellent job. Robert French, nephew of Annie Malone, also attend the event.



Robert French and David A. N. Jackson

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## Peoria Riverfront Museum Celebration



Linda Nance at the Peoria Riverfront Museum Celebration

On August 26, 2021, the city of Peoria, IL celebrated the history of some of its most famous residents. Linda Nance was invited to participate in a discussion at the

completion of the Annie Malone documentary.

Ms. Malone was young when her parents died and it was then that she moved to Peoria to live with her sister, Ada. She lived in Peoria until she and her sister, Laura, moved to Lovejoy, IL in 1900.

The celebration was hosted at the Peoria Riverfront Museum (PRM). James Agbara Bryson, Annie Malone's great-grand-nephew, was instrumental in connecting the AMHS with the Peoria Riverfront Museum last year. PRM reached out to Linda Nance to participate

in the celebration for Annie Malone this year.

The exhibit, "Community: African American Freedom, Perseverance and Leadership During Migration," is centered around Annie Malone and her many contributions. It also highlights the lives of Mother Priscilla Baltimore and 'Free Frank' McWorter, founders of two of the first all-Black towns in Illinois.

## NACWC Conference in Louisville, KY

The National Association of Colored Women's Clubs (NACWC) celebrated its Central Regional Conference in Louisville, KY July 28-31, 2021.

The NACWC is dedicated to the uplift of women, children, families, the home and community through service, community education, scholarship assistance and the promotion of racial harmony. This is done so that others we serve are better able to take their proper and rightful place in society as citizens, as community leaders, parents and family members.

The theme for the conference was "Their Triumph, Our Motivation". Members traveled to Louisville for a three-day conference. Each member wore a combination of purple and white to celebrate their motto, "Lifting as We Climb".

Each day was full of meaningful activities to garner sisterhood and

fellowship among all members. One very special and fun activity was the umbrella parade in which each participant decorated an umbrella with some historical meaning. The winner of the this year's umbrella parade was Linda Nance, who did an outstanding job of sharing information about Annie Malone as the umbrella was displayed.



Photo of the winning umbrella decorated by Linda Nance.

## Purchase a Book



"Reviving the Legacy of Annie Malone" is the book we sale to increase membership and raise funds. You may purchase the book for \$20.00 either on line or through the mail. Help us continue our efforts to share the story of Annie Malone. Hold a piece of history in your hand! Purchase your book today!

[www.anniemalonehistoricalsociety.org/purchase-book.html](http://www.anniemalonehistoricalsociety.org/purchase-book.html)

## Time Capsule

The Missouri Bicentennial Time Capsule Project accepted items from individuals and businesses to share with future Missourians. This was an opportunity to place items in the capsule that will connect the current generation to the future.

The AMHS decided to participate and submitted items. The time capsule will consist of items from the past, the present and the future. Fifty years from now many of us will not be here, but the items in the capsule will serve to keep the memory of Annie Malone alive.

## Visitors to the Exhibit

Visitors to the exhibit *Moving Forward: Exploring the Legacy of Annie Malone* were encouraged to sign the guest book and leave comments on the comment board at the end of the exhibit. Some of the visitors were from Missouri while others came from as far away as Little Rock, Arkansas; Indianapolis, Indiana; Tifton, Georgia; Atlanta, Georgia; Olathe, Kansas; Savage, Minnesota; New York; Alexandria, Virginia; Peoria, IL; Calumet City, IL; and Louisville, Kentucky. Some of the guests were Robert French, Annie Malone's great-nephew; members of the National Assoc. of Colored Women's Clubs;

members of Peoria's Riverfront Museum; and Maxine Clark, founder of Build-a-Bear;

For those who missed the exhibition at the Field House Museum earlier this year, you will have the opportunity to visit the exhibit at Harris Stowe in 2022.



Comment Board

## Dr. Chajuana Trawick Visits the Peoria Riverfront Museum

Dr. Chajuana Trawick went to Peoria, IL to visit the new Annie Malone exhibit at the Riverfront Museum and to work on an educational documentary about Annie Malone. Dr. Trawick has written a series of children's books about Annie Malone. While at the museum she met with James Agbara Bryson, Annie Malone's great-grand-nephew. Mr. Bryson helped set up the exhibit which opened in March.

Dr. Trawick saw several family heirlooms on display. She and Mr. Bryson also visited the house Ms. Malone built for relatives and the bank she did business with in Sparland, IL, which is 26 miles north of Peoria.

Dr. Trawick wants to work on ways to share Annie Malone's story. "They don't know about the woman. We just want to make

sure that her life legacy and her history is shared with generations to come," she said. Dr. Trawick is the Endowed Chair and Associate Professor of Fashion Business and Design at Lindenwood University in St. Charles, MO and is on the board of the Annie Malone Historical Society.



Dr. Chajuana Trawick and Agbara Bryson

## Oasis Lecture

Linda Nance is an Oasis volunteer and she has represented the Annie Malone Historical Society as a guest author and lecturer. Her lecture *Celebrating the Power of Dreams* was held September 8, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. at the Clayton Center, 50 Gay Avenue in Clayton, MO. The lecture provided both a live-streamed Zoom presentation and an in-person format.



## Brooklyn, IL—Freedom Village

Freedom Village is located in Brooklyn, IL. Brooklyn was formerly named Lovejoy, which is where Annie Malone lived before she relocated to St. Louis in 1902.

The village was started by Priscilla Baltimore ("Mother Baltimore") who led 11 families from St. Louis to Brooklyn, IL in the 1820s. Her efforts helped to create a freer society for Black people. Some of the people were free people of color and others were fugitive slaves.

They settled on a high patch of ground along the Mississippi River across from St. Louis while the Illinois shore teemed with slave-catchers.

Brooklyn's black residents kept watch for fugitives who safely crossed the Mississippi and then helped them on their journey north on the Underground Railroad.

Not only is Brooklyn the only remaining early African-American settlement before the Civil War, it is the oldest and first incorporate black town in America.

Quinn Chapel Memorial AME Church is located in Brooklyn, IL and is noted for its connection to the Underground Railroad. Linda Nance recently visited Brooklyn where she was invited to participate in the celebration of the marker for the Freedom Village.



Marker for the Freedom Village, the Oldest black town in America

## 2021 Celebrating Achievement Gala in East Peoria



The Black Business Alliance Peoria Chapter (BBA Peoria) celebrated its 2021 Gala at the beautiful Par-A-Dice Hotel and Casino in East Peoria on September 18, 2021. The formal affair

was completely sold out and attendees included professionals, a president of a university, business owners, and supporters of BBA Peoria. The night was filled with soulful music by Soft Spoken and the dinner meal was delightful.

However, the highlight of the evening was when guest speakers James Agbara Bryson and Linda M. Nance came to the podium. Mr. Bryson is an award winning educator, author, national trainer and life coach. He is also the great -grand-nephew of Annie Malone. Before introducing Ms. Nance, Mr. Bryson shared his experiences of the times he spent in Sparland, IL on a farm visiting with his grandparents, Roland and Ada Moody. It was after his grandmother's death that his mother shared with him old, old documents that belonged to Annie Malone and Poro College. He has written a book about his famous

aunt.

As the keynote speaker of the evening, Linda Nance was graceful and articulate as she addressed the group of focused listeners. She truly captured the audience's attention as she spoke of a number of famous women who made a difference under unimaginable circumstances. When she spoke about Annie Malone, not a sound could be heard as everyone was listening so attentively.

Clearly, Ms. Nance is doing her part to get out as much information about Annie Malone to those people who will dare to listen. Annie Malone's legacy will live on forever with the efforts of Mr. Bryson, other family members and Linda Nance.

## The Fieldhouse Museum in St. Louis



Linda Nance and  
Frenshel Cooper



Frenshel Cooper and Family



National Association of Colored  
Women's Clubs



Linda Nance and  
Maxine Clark

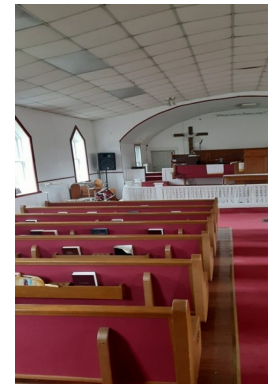
## Brooklyn, IL—Freedom Village and Quinn Chapel Memorial AME



Heather Placko, L.N.  
and Everley Davis



Linda Nance at Freeman Village Marker



Quinn Chapel Memorial  
AME Church

## Peoria Riverfront Museum Celebration



Linda Nance looking at Malone's  
personalized briefcase



Bill Conger, Lottie Fiddes, L.N., John Morris



Linda Nance and Everley Davis



Linda Nance and Trish Williams, fiber artist  
and creator of the Annie Malone quilt.



James Bryson at  
book-signing



Heather Placko, L.N.,  
and Lottie Fiddes



James Bryson and  
Linda Nance



# Juneteenth Celebration



Juneteenth Photos courtesy of Levi Matthews



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*"Poro blazes the trail and  
still leads the way."*

Annie Turnbo Malone

## Our Mission

The mission of the Annie Malone Historical Society (AMHS) is to compile and disseminate accurate information that fairly depicts the extraordinary business acumen, inspiring dedication to the community, and generous philanthropic endeavors made by Annie M. Turnbo Pope Malone.

## Mission Overview

The Annie Malone Historical Society offers educational opportunities and is working to provide community services to the St. Louis community at large. A museum in honor of Annie M. Turnbo Pope Malone and the Poro College is planned to be the anchor of our operations. Presently we make use of exhibits, presentations, and lectures to share the story of Annie Malone. A variety of tailor-made, age-appropriate program segments describe her business achievements and philanthropic contributions for audiences 8 to 80. They are educational opportunities for school-aged children and adults. Our community support programs will include a GED and financial literacy program, a Saturday morning reading program for children K-4 and space for local artists to display their work on a rotating basis.

The story of Annie Malone speaks to perseverance, creativity, determination, and vision. Her attitude of service, immense problem solving, and conflict resolution skill is needed in our world today!

## Membership Announcement

AMHS, along with most non-profit businesses, is feeling the results of the pandemic. Due to the lockdown, cuts in funding and major layoffs, most non-profits had to cancel or reschedule their fundraising events that would bring in needed revenue for the remainder of the year. It is estimated that numerous organizations may fail if they cannot execute their projects to raise the funding needed to keep afloat or to continue operating their businesses.

AMHS is dependent upon grants, donations, fundraising activities and membership to fund its operations. We ask that you please consider becoming a

member today or to make a donation of any amount. We also welcome monthly gifts, too.

Go to the AMHS Donations page to see the various membership levels for your selection. Copy the URL below in your browser. Don't wait, join today and help us reach our goals.

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**We welcome news,  
stories and articles you  
may want to share.**

