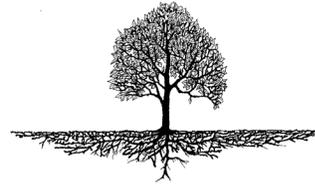


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**FINDING OUR ROOTS TERREBONNE 200 EXHIBIT AND PRESENTATION –  
Good Earth Gumbo: A Blending of Cultures (Part 1)**

**HOUMA, Louisiana** – Greetings! We wish to announce that FINDING OUR ROOTS AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM (FORAAM) WILL TAKE PART IN TERREBONNE PARISH 200 YEAR CELEBRATION ON LIFE AND CULTURE. This event will have an amazing exhibit and slideshow entitled “We Are Terrebonne”. The exhibit tells the story of those who once worked, lived, strived and raised their families in this wonderful place we call home as well as highlight cultural occurrences in our parish over the past 200 years. The presentation will celebrate those who stayed and those who went on to become world-renowned doctors, musicians, lawyers, preachers, teachers, and artists. We are very excited to announce that descendants of **James Cage, Sally Hemmings, Thomas Jefferson** and **Frederick Douglass** will be present to meet, greet and celebrate with us.

**The event (Part 1) will take place at the Terrebonne Public Library on Thursday, September 22, 2022, from 4:00pm to 8:00pm, located at 151 Library Dr. Houma.**

We will proudly showcase our local artists, musicians, recipes, medicine, and midwives of the past and present and our ongoing way of life. Several families will be present to teach as well as learn of their descendants and the stories that have yet to be told. Families will be reunited, and a particular family that was separated at birth will be presented with a rare picture of the former midwife that helped in the birthing of many who were born on the bayous of Terrebonne. We will also present the family history of **The Spelling Bee Champ Zailia Avant-garde** and her connection to Terrebonne Parish. In addition, we will cheerfully welcome all from the surrounding parishes to come and join us as we celebrate the Terrebonne (Good Earth) Parish Bicentennial.

Lastly, we strongly encourage those who are concerned about their safety to please wear a mask and practice social distancing. Out of the concern for others, please stay home if you are not feeling well or have been diagnosed or have been in contact with someone who has been diagnosed with the Corona Virus in the past 10 days.

<b>SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:</b>	
4:00pm to 4:30pm	Meet and Greet the descendants of Frederick Douglass, Sally Hemmings, Thomas Jefferson and James Cage.
4:30pm to 5:00pm	The St. Luke and St. Lucy Gospel Choir
5:00pm to 5:20pm	The 3M Dance Academy
5:20pm to 6:00pm	Mr. Kenneth B. Morris (Great-great-great Grandson of Frederick Douglass)
6:00pm to 8:00pm	Finding Our Roots presents Terrebonne 200 With: Margie Scoby, Susan Kenny, Kervin Voisin & Margaret Hebert of (Bayou Cajun Chapter of CFMA), Christine Streams and Mr. Sharron Lanier (Great-greatx6 of Thomas Jefferson)

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