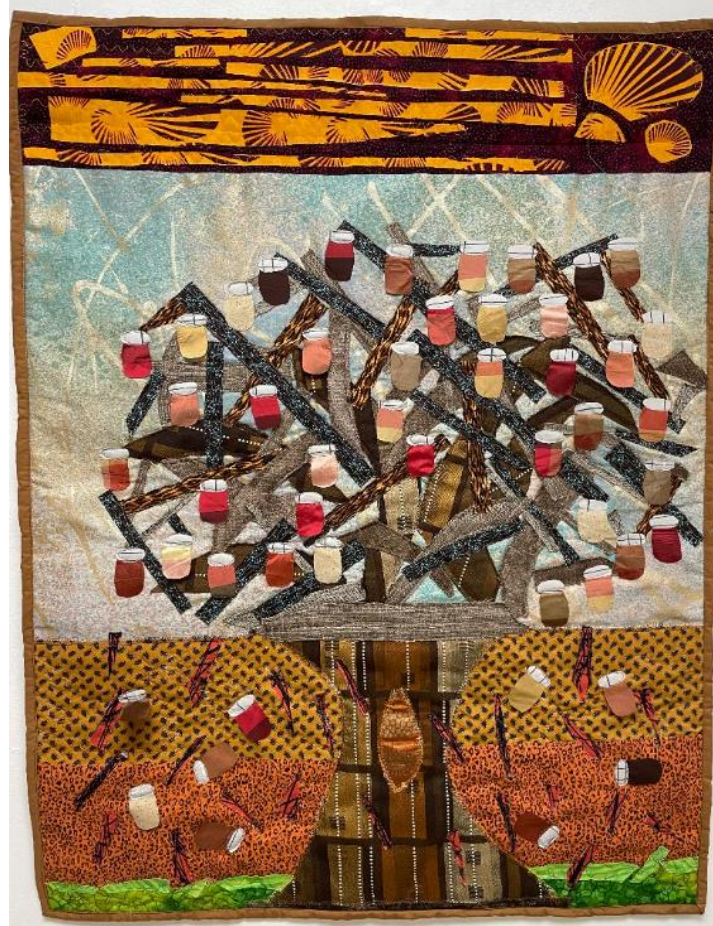


*Volusia Remembers Coalition*

*presents....*

*Remembrance of Life*



*Quilt Designed by Pamela Edwards*

**Honoring Mr. Lee Bailey**

**Saturday, September 25, 2021**

**“Soil Collection and Ceremonial Walk”**

**9:00 a.m.**

**West Rich near North Clara Avenue · DeLand, FL 32720**

**“Mr. Lee Bailey Ceremony”**

**10:15 a.m.**

**African American Museum of the Arts, Inc.**

**Dr. Noble “Thin Man” Watts Amphitheater**

**322 South Clara Avenue · DeLand, FL 32720**

Saturday, September 25, 2021

**9:00 a.m.**

Daisy Grimes, Presiding  
Volusia Remembers Coalition, Soil Collection Chair  
Executive Director, Minority Elected Officials of Volusia County  
Director of Volusia County African American Leadership Council

Greetings..... Dr. Grady Ballenger, Volusia Remembers Coalition, Co-Chair  
Emeritus Professor of English, Stetson University

Meditation..... Reverend Ryan Griffin, Senior Pastor  
Mt. Calvary Freewill Baptist Church, DeLand, FL

Why We Are Here ..... Dr. Rajni Shankar-Brown  
Professor, Endowed Chair of Social Justice Education, Stetson University

**Gathering Soil in Remembrance of Mr. Lee Bailey**

Ceremonial Walk · Silent Walk (*Four blocks south down Clara Avenue*)

Arrive at AAMA · Dr. Noble “Thin Man” Watts Amphitheater

**10:15 a.m.**

Daisy Grimes, Presiding  
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**Honoring Mr. Lee Bailey**

“Lift Every Voice and Sing” ..... (*Please Stand*) (Pre-recorded)..... Concert Chorale Bethune-Cookman University  
under the directorship of Dr. Terrance Lane, Director

Welcome ..... Reverend Reginald Williams, Senior Pastor  
Emmanuel Christian Ministries, Inc., DeLand, FL  
African American Museum of the Arts, Chairman  
Volusia Remembers Coalition, Finance Chair

Greetings .....Equal Justice Initiative (Pre-recorded) ..... Gabrielle Daniels, MPH, MACS, Project Manager  
Trey Walk, Justice Fellow  
Equal Justice Initiative, Montgomery, AL

Volusia Remembers Coalition.....“Who, What and Whys” ..... Rina Tovar Arroyo  
Assistant Vice President for Development, Stetson University  
Volusia Remembers Coalition, Fundraising Chair

The Story ..... Who was Mr. Lee Bailey? ..... Dr. Felicia Benzo  
Catalyst Global Youth Initiatives, Inc., Founder/CEO  
Volusia Remembers Coalition, Education Chair  
WV-NAACP Youth Council Advisor

Performance ..... “Love Will Always Win” (by Travis Greene) ..... Victoria Washington

Proclamations and Recognitions

County of Volusia..... Honorable Barbara Girtman, District 1 Representative

City of DeLand ..... Honorable Robert F. Apgar, Mayor

City of DeLand ..... Honorable Jessica Davis, Commissioner

City of DeLand ..... Captain Prurince T. Dice, DeLand Police Department

Brief Story/History ..... "Black Lives - DeLand 1890s" ..... Sidney Johnston  
Assistant Director, Grants & Sponsored Research, Stetson University  
Volusia Remembers Coalition

Reflect ..... History of Lynching ..... Dr. Richard Buckelew  
Associate Professor of History, College Arts & Humanities, Bethune-Cookman University  
Volusia Remembers Coalition, Historian

Sounding of the Drums ..... Mike Brown  
Volusia Remembers Coalition, Soil Committee

Say Their Names ..... Mary Allen, Director  
African American Museum of the Arts  
Volusia Remembers Coalition, Community Historian  
Dr. Sadie McConner, CEO  
McConner Clinical Research and Development, LLC  
Volusia Remembers Coalition, Soil Committee

Libation .....Remember, Reflect and Reconcile ..... Hubert Grimes, Esq.  
Monts & Grimes Law, P.L.

**Memorial Tree Planting ..... "A Tribute to Volusia County Lynching Victims"**

Closing Remarks ..... Sharon Stafford, Volusia Remembers Coalition, Co-Chair  
Everybody Is Somebody, Inc., Visionary/CEO  
WV-NAACP, Assistant Secretary, Membership Chair

Prayer of Reconciliation ..... Father G. Comforted Keen  
St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, DeLand, FL

Community Jazz Performance ..... Dr. John M. Tichenor and Community Jazz Band  
DeLand, FL

**GRAB-N-GO REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE**

**DISCLAIMER:** Everyone attending this event is required to wear a face mask. Gloves and other forms of PPE may also be worn, if desired. CDC guidelines on social distancing and government restrictions on gatherings will be observed.

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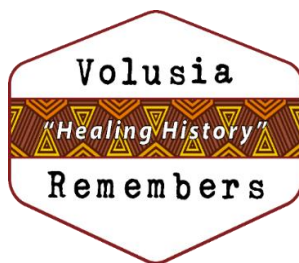
We are so appreciative to be partnering with the **Equal Justice Initiative** to bring the Community Remembrance Project to Volusia County. Our mission is to remember, acknowledge, and reflect upon our history of racial terror, while recognizing the victims of lynching during the Jim Crow period. Collaborating with EJI, we hope to place memorials to these victims at designated sites in the county. They will also be remembered through Soil Collection Jars and a monument with their names at the National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery, Alabama. We believe the dialogue we are beginning about our racial history can help to strengthen a healing process in our community. Our goals emphasize three points: Honor (*remember lynching victims and celebrate Civil Rights victories*); Educate (*explore our divided past and chart a united future*); and Reconcile (*cultivate a path to healing and reconciliation*.)

We would like to express deep gratitude to Volusia County Government, Bethune-Cookman University, Stetson University, City of DeLand, The African American Museum of the Arts, Inc., and the CIVITAS Project, as well as to our great community for your support. A special thanks to Maurin A. Flores and everyone at Stetson University's Printshop for accommodating all of our printing needs.

We thank Chief Jason Umberger and the DeLand Police Department for placing a wreath today in honor of Mr. Bailey and for these words: "On behalf of the DeLand Police Department, we present this wreath in remembrance of Mr. Bailey and to signify that as law enforcement officers, we acknowledge and recognize the injustice Mr. Bailey suffered and our commitment to honoring our oath of office to uphold the rule of law and to protect the constitutional rights of all Americans." The wreath for Mr. Bailey also recognizes all known and unknown victims of racial lynching in Volusia County, this is a powerful commitment to justice in our time.

With regret, we recently received word of the death of Cary Ragsdale, whose passionate work in forming this community initiative, in collaboration with EJI, we honor today. He may not be here to see the full fruition of his efforts, but we move forward with the vision he helped to create.

Please stay connected with us as we plan ceremonies honoring two other documented victims of racial terror lynching from the 1890s: Anthony Johnson (September 17, 1896) and Charles Harris (September 17, 1896). Thank you for joining us in beginning to heal this hard history!



### VOLUSIA REMEMBERS COALITION STEERING COMMITTEE

Sharon Stafford, Co-Chair  
Dr. Grady Ballenger, Co-Chair  
Judy Thompson, Secretary/CIVITAS Rep  
Daisy Grimes, Soil Collection Chair  
Dr. Felicia Benzo, Education Chair  
Dr. Richard Buckelew, Professional Historian  
Evan Keller, Public Relations/Communication Chair

Tom Robertson, Finance  
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## Exclusive Interview with Pamela Edwards

Opening July 17, 2021, an exhibit titled “*The Story Quilters of Hannibal Square*” is being showcased at the African American Museum of the Arts (AAMA) in DeLand, FL. Quilters from the Hannibal Square Heritage Center, in Winter Park, FL express their own stories through quilting. The exhibit will be on display at the AAMA until October 2, 2021.

Mary Allen, Director of the African American Museum of the Arts in DeLand, FL as well as a member of the Volusia Remembers Coalition interviewed Pamela Edwards who is a member of the Hannibal Square Heritage Center Quilters as well as the designer of the “*Remembrance of Life*” quilt. The Hannibal Square Quilters group has been meeting for approximately four years. Each quilt has its own story to tell.

**MARY:** Ms. Edwards, as you know, I am a member of the Volusia Remembers Coalition whose vision is to educate and reconcile the “Hard Conversation” about racial injustice. So, when I saw that quilt entering the museum as part of “*The Story Quilters of Hannibal Square*” exhibit, it was a WOW! I began to wonder what inspired you to make the Remembrance of Life quilt.

**PAMELA:** *I was initially inspired by the social unrest in this country, followed by several conversations with my dear friends. What really got my attention was viewing a documentary about Bryan Stevenson and seeing him digging up soil and placing it in jars. That really intrigued me. Then, after watching the movie “Just Mercy,” I knew I had to do something. You know at that time, I had no knowledge of the Legacy Museum in Montgomery, Alabama.*

**MARY:** What special thoughts and materials did you use to convey the significance of the quilt?

**PAMELA:** *You know, I really don’t consider myself an artist. I just used my previous quilting experience and let it all flow together. The hanging jars from the tree signify the unjust lynching of Black people in the Jim Crow period in our country. Just imagine what our forefathers have gone through in this country we call America, Land of the FREE! Each type of fabric on the quilt plays a pivotal role in the completion of the quilt.*

**MARY:** What message do you want to convey to the viewers of the Remembrance of Life quilt?

**PAMELA:** *Well, my goal was to inspire people who look at the “Remembrance of Life” quilt. As they look at it, do they really know or understand the concept of the quilt? Once they understand its significance and the purpose of the jars on the Remembrance of Life quilt, they too will understand its true meaning. As they learn the significance of the jars, they are in an “awe” state of mind. They will be amazed that the quilt has such a deep significance of the unjust treatment of African Americans.*

**MARY:** Ms. Edwards, I do have one last question, as you know, once the co-chairs of the Volusia Remembers Coalition saw that quilt...they both were overwhelmed. How do you feel about being commissioned by the Volusia Remembers Coalition members to make a duplicate quilt of that significance?

**PAMELA:** *Ms. Allen, I too was overwhelmed... it is truly an honor...I am so grateful that Volusia Remembers Coalition members value the quilt as much as I do. May the work I do speak for me. I am delighted to make a duplicate quilt for the Volusia Remembers Coalition as they continue their work on racial injustice.*

**FINAL REMARKS:** Pamela Edwards and her husband are planning on visiting the Legacy Museum and hopefully, to have the opportunity to meet Bryan Stevenson, himself.

**Please Note:** The “*Remembrance of Life*” quilt has been copyrighted by Pamela Edwards. Written permission is required prior to taking any photos.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**The Story Quilters of Hannibal Square Exhibit**  
*and*  
**Lee Snell and Lee Bailey Soil Jars**

July 17, 2021 – October 2, 2021

**Wednesday and Friday**  
**10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

African American Museum of the Arts, Inc.  
325 South Clara Avenue • DeLand, FL

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Stetson University Values Day

**Tuesday, October 19, 2021**  
**6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

Virtual Keynote Speaker

**Isabel Wilkerson, Pulitzer Prize Winning Author**

Virtual Registration Required

Registration Link

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