

*Yes!* I will become a "Friend of the Black Heritage Museum."

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- Senior Friend (Over 65 yrs. of age) \$15.00/yr.
- Student Friend (Student of any age) \$ 5.00/yr
- Contributing Friend (Donation over \$25.00/yr.)

Please make check out to the Black Heritage Festival, Inc., with "For Black Heritage Museum" notation, and mail to: 314 N. Duss St., New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
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*Your gift is deductible to the full extent of the law.*

I would like to

- receive information on upcoming events.
- attend monthly "Friends" meetings.
- volunteer as a museum host.
- volunteer to help in the museum office.
- Volunteer to assist in setting up exhibits.

# Black Heritage Museum

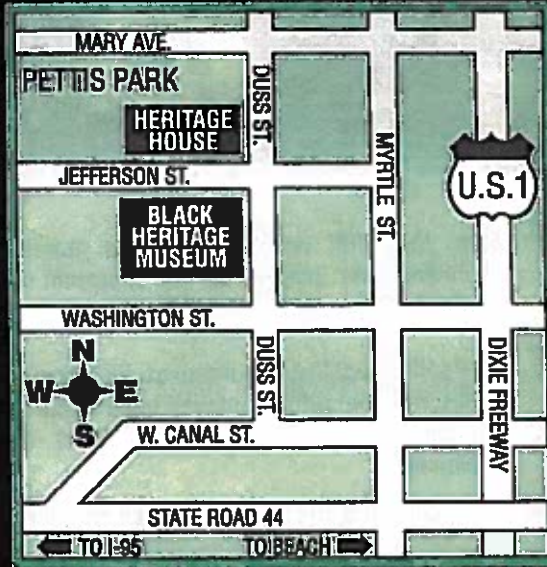
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 New Smyrna Beach  
 Florida 32168

(386) 478-1934

*The Museum is open  
 Thursday, Friday and Saturday  
 and by appointment*

*Admission is Free  
 Donations are appreciated*

*For specific hours, call  
 (386) 478-1934 or (386) 428-6229*



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# Mary S. Harrell Black Heritage MUSEUM



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## History of the Museum

The Black Heritage Museum is one of a few of its kind in the State. It is housed in the old Sacred Heart/St. Rita building, built in 1899. The Centennial Celebration was held on December 11, 1999.

The museum is used to display a collection of memorabilia and artifacts used to educate citizens and students about the history and race relations in small town Florida over the course of the twentieth century. The information dates back to the early 1920's. It offers a glimpse of African American History centered around, but not restricted to, the heritage of African Americans prior to and including that period.

The museum is operated by the Black Heritage Festival, Inc. of New Smyrna Beach, a 501 C(3) organization, EIN #59-3436288.

Small groups are encouraged to use the museum for meetings. It is opened to the public. There is no admission fee.



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cover page: Black Heritage Museum building constructed in 1899.  
Heritage House, circa 1920.

## Permanent Exhibits

- A collection of hundreds of photographs shows the Catholic Sisters of the Christian Doctrine and the part they played in molding the future of the African Americans in this and other areas in the State of Florida.



- More than 100 replicas of African American inventions are housed in the Museum with literature documenting this information.
- The Florida East Coast Railroad exhibit chronicles the key role the railroad played in the social and economic development of the West Side community.
- The Chisholm High School, which was the first school for black children in Volusia County, was built and donated to the West Side community in 1916 by the late Leroy Chisholm. Photographs and information from the school are combined into an interesting collection.

## Friends of the Black Heritage Museum

The Black Heritage Museum has a "Friends" group that assists it by participating in one or more activities such as

- (1) hosting the museum with another person for an hour or two now and then. Museum hosts greet visitors and direct them to various exhibits.
- (2) helping to plan activities for schoolchildren who will be attending the museum.
- (3) assisting in the museum office with tasks such as filing, setting up exhibits and inputting data into the computer.
- (4) working with the museum coordinator in completing various miscellaneous tasks such as setting up exhibits.

Monthly meetings are held and plans are made for both business and social activities. If you are interested in supporting the work of the museum, please complete the form on the back of this brochure, enclose a check and mail it to the Black Heritage Museum, 314 N. Duss Street, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168 or call Mary Harrell, Museum Coordinator, (386) 424-0008

