Celebrate Black History Month

Carter G. Woodson Home NHS
1538 Ninth St, NW

“An Afternoon with Dr. Woodson”
February 1, 15 & 29, 1p.m. - 4 p.m.

The afternoon tour will be joined by “Dr. Woodson,” portrayed by actor Dexter Hamlett. Learn about the origins of Black History Month and Dr. Woodson’s motivation to create Negro History Week.

“Walk the Walk”
February 29, 11:00 a.m.

A ranger-led walk from the Bethune Council House to the Carter G. Woodson Home (20 min, approx. half-mile) Walk in the footsteps of Dr. Carter G. Woodson and Mary McLeod Bethune as we trace the history of the Shaw and Logan Circle Neighborhoods, civil rights legends, and the Civil War.

Mary McLeod Bethune Council House NHS
1318 Vermont Ave, NW

Programs in the Parlor:
Each program combines a concert and a guest speaker.

“Carter G. Woodson: History, the Black Press, and Public Relations”
February 8, 2:00 p.m.—3 p.m.

Join historian and author Burnis R. Morris as he discusses the evolution of Negro History Week to Black History Month and how Dr. Woodson used the press to promote the contributions of African Americans as part of the mainstream historical narrative of America.

“The Artifact, Archivist, and Activists”
February 22, 2:00 p.m.—3 p.m.

Join Archivist Kenneth Chandler for an opportunity to see the pen used by President Lyndon B. Johnson to sign the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and hear a talk highlighting how the National Archives for Black Women’s History preserves the history of the Civil Rights Movement.

Programs are free but space is limited to reserve your spot, please call 202-426-5961 or email bethuneNHS@nps.gov

Dr. Rosa S. Gragg (President of the National Association of Colored Women) and Dr. Dorothy I. Height (President of the National Council of Negro Women) attend a meeting with President Lyndon B. Johnson at the White House in 1963. NPS Photo, National Archives for Black Women’s History