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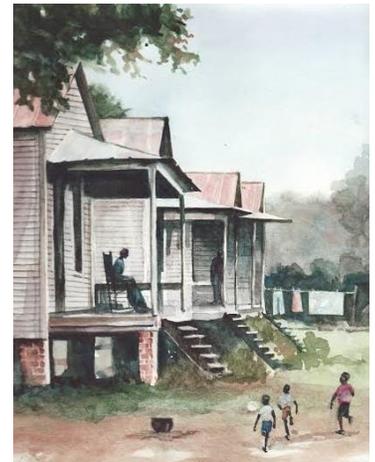
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JOHN GILMORE RILEY
CENTER/MUSEUM OF AFRICAN
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A Celebration Like None Other...

TALLAHASSEE - On Thursday, September 24, 2015, the John G. Riley Center/Museum will host its Annual Donor & Member Reception as a kick-off to the Smokey Hollow Reunion Weekend 2015. The Riley Museum has designed this event to personally thank their faithful members, Circle of Friends, and all other donors for their continued support of its mission to educate, archive and illuminate the rich African American history of Tallahassee by preserving the legacy of Mr. John G. Riley (born Sept. 24, 1857) and the Smokey Hollow Community.

Join the Riley Museum for birthday cake, a bit of bubbly, live music and a special unveiling of the brand new publication: **More than Just a Place - Part II of the Smokey Hollow Story**, which highlights the historical architectural landscape survey and vivid reflections of former residents who once called Smokey Hollow home. Following record attendance at last year's reception, the museum anticipates another standing room only event which focuses on increasing membership and support.



All activities will be held at the Riley Visitor Center (adjacent to) the historic Riley House Museum located at 419 East Jefferson Street, which brilliantly captures the spirit of the people that once occupied the area, now known as Cascades Park/Smokey Hollow Village. Free parking is available in the parking lot on West Pensacola and South Meridian Streets (just south of the Riley Museum) and ample metered on-street as well. **Non-museum members are more than welcome to**

attend the event to gain awareness of one of Tallahassee's greatest cultural gems!



This public use project was made possible through the funding support of the joint City of Tallahassee/Leon County Council on Culture and Arts (COCA) and the event is being underwritten by our generous benefactor, the Capelouto Family. Additional support from In Tents Events, Waddell & Reed Financial Advisors and the Ahmed Temple #37 have helped in making this event possible. Thursday, September 24, 2015 is a very special day

for the John G. Riley Center & Museum.

This day also marks the 158th Birthday of Mr. John Gilmore Riley, the community pioneer for which the museum is named, and will pay tribute to his legacy and leadership within the Tallahassee community.



The Riley Museum is dedicated to discovering and recovering the history of the Smokey Hollow Community in Cascades Park and is open for tours from 10:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. Monday through Thursday; 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. on Friday and Saturday.

(Museum Admission: \$2 for General Public | \$1 Seniors age 55 and over | \$1 Children age 12 and under).

For more information, please contact the John G. Riley Center/Museum at: (850) 681-7881 or info@rileymuseum.org.

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DONOR & MEMBER
Appreciation Reception

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2015
5:30 PM UNTIL 7:30 PM

JOIN US FOR BIRTHDAY CAKE, A BIT OF BUBBLY, LIVE MUSIC AND MUCH MORE.
THE EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. R.S.V.P BY FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 18TH
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