

Black History Special

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ing to restore the abandoned historic school in Centreville of Queen Anne's County and opened it in 2016. Kennard High School was the first and only secondary school in Queen Anne's County for African Americans. It opened in the Fall of 1936 and closed in 1966.

The Association secured \$400,000 in State funding as a part of the State budget and \$100,000 as part of an African American Heritage Preservation Program. The group had to raise \$341,000 to match the funds for the interior work. Now open as an African American Cultural Heritage Center, funds are still being raised to complete interior work and exhibits.

Juneteenth

The Easton-based Frederick Douglass Honor Society has teamed with the Academy Art Museum in Easton to hold an annual Juneteenth celebration at the museum each June. The celebration is also held around the Peninsula and across the Nation.

An annual march is held in Georgetown, DE. A celebration is also held in Centreville, MD.

Juneteenth, also known as Juneteenth Independence Day or Freedom Day, is an American holiday that commemorates the June 19, 1865 announcement of the abolition of slavery in the State of Texas, the last of such notifications.

Chipman Center

The building that is now the Chipman Center is the oldest African American wooden structure that has been in continuous use on the Eastern Shore and possibly in the State of Maryland. The Center began as the John Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church in 1837.

The Charles H. Chipman



The Kennard School renovated.

Cultural Center is located at N. Rt. 13 & Broad St. in Salisbury. It is open to the public and available for functions. It has a colorful sign marking it as one of the African American historical attractions in the Lower Shore Tri-County area by the Lower Eastern Shore Heritage Council.



The Chipman Center at 123 Broad St. in Salisbury is operated by the non-profit Chipman Foundation.

The Sturgis School

The Sturgis One Room School Museum is located in downtown Pocomoke City, MD. The restored and relocated former one-room Black school was ex-

panded last year with the addition of the Heritage House that houses offices and a reception area. It is open to visitors. It has a colorful sign marking it as one of the Lower Shore African American historical attractions by the LESH.



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The Stanley Inst.

The Stanley Institute Museum is located at the intersection of Route 16 West & Bayly Road outside Cambridge. This 19th century one-room African American schoolhouse was moved to this location in 1867. It is one of the oldest Maryland schools to be organized and maintained by a Black community. It ceased operations as a school in July 1966. The school was named in honor of the Reverend Ezekiel Stanley. Between 1867 and 1962, the youth in the African-American community of Christ Rock attended this school, also

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