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THE
EDITOR:

We apologize that the Winter "2011" issue has been published a little late...2012 is already upon us! It's time to get ready for spring already! We hope you make visiting us part of your plans for the spring!



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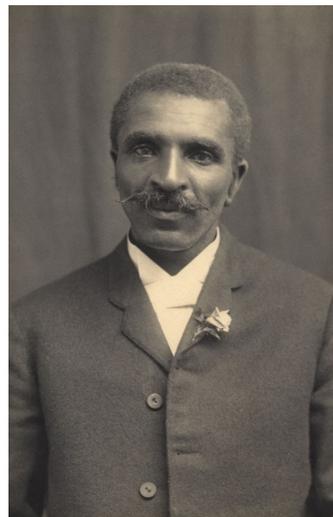
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New Exhibit: George Washington Carver

The Jimmy Carter Presidential Library & Museum opened a new exhibition regarding George Washington Carver on Saturday, January 14th, 2012. Organized by Chicago's renowned Field Museum, in collaboration with Tuskegee University and the National Park Service, the exhibition presents a complex and intimate portrait of one of America's best known names—and least-studied men—George Washington Carver. It follows Carver's entire life and career, revealing both his struggles and his remarkable achievements as scientist, conservationist, educator, and humanitarian. It brings together more than one hundred artifacts from Carver's personal life and work, along with animated and live videos, interactive displays, a diorama of Carver's childhood farm, and a re-creation of the Jesup wagon, his mobile classroom.

Many people today know George Washington Carver largely from the myths that have grown around him...none of them true.



The fact is, he did not invent peanut butter; it had existed in many cultures for centuries. Neither did he create 300 new

products from peanuts—though he created some, and collected many others. The truth about Carver is much more interesting than the myths—come check out the exhibit to learn more. The exhibit is open through Sunday, May 27, 2012.

Educators are encouraged to download our GPS-correlated Carver curriculum: GWC Educator's Guide, online at www.jimmycarterlibrary.gov/education/GWCcarver.pdf

The Museum is open Monday through Saturday from 9 am until 4:45 pm and on Sunday from noon until 4:45 pm. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors (60+), military, and students with IDs. Children 16 and under are free. (The Carver exhibit is included at no additional charge.) There is plenty of free parking.

Field Trip Sponsorship Program Reminder

This is a reminder for educators to take advantage of our field trip sponsorship program! The Jimmy Carter Library & Museum and the Coca-Cola Foundation have generously established funding for the Carter Library to provide transportation funds for Georgia schools to use when bringing students to our newly-renovated museum for educational activities.

After undergoing a major renovation in 2009, our Museum is now one of the most high-tech, energy and environment-friendly museums in the country. Come and visit an exact replica of the Carter oval office, spend "A Day In the Life of a President," conduct interactive Virtual Research in our stacks, or learn about the post-presidency work of the Carter Center.

For details, please visit us online at www.jimmycarterlibrary.gov/education/Field_Trip_Sponsorship_Program.pdf

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Combined Federal Campaign 2011



Chasity West and
Betty Egwenike



Combined Federal
Campaign: "50
Years of Sharing,
Caring & Giving"

The Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), an annual workplace charity campaign, strives to encourage and promote charitable giving through an effective, cost-efficient program that provides federal employees the chance to engage in philanthropy, thereby improving the lives of others. There are over 200 CFC campaigns worldwide with the goal to raise millions

of dollars annually. Pledges made by federal civilian, postal, and military donors during the campaign season support eligible non-profit organizations that provide health and human service benefits throughout the world.

The CFC team at the Jimmy Carter Library was recognized with the "Share the Care Award" in recognition of

achieving 87% of our targeted monetary goal. Betty Egwenike and Chasity West were the primary workers from the Library—Alneda McKnight, Youlanda Logan, and Sheila Mayo assisted with the CFC celebration breakfast. In honor of the 50th anniversary of CFC, the Victory Celebration for the Atlanta Metropolitan CFC was held at the Carter Center on December 8, 2011.

Meet A Library Volunteer: Lyn Kirkland

The Carter Library values the work of its volunteers. We wanted to give one of our longtime volunteers, Lyn B. Kirkland, a chance to write about her time at the Library. Thanks for all that you do, Lyn!

As an assistant principal in a Gwinnett middle school, when I retired people asked me what I planned to do. Without hesitation I answered: 1) volunteer for a charity; 2) be a docent at the Carlos Museum; and 3) work at the Carter Center. My mother was always a fan of the Carters. One of our unfulfilled goals before she died was to go to Plains when President Carter was teaching Sunday school. Now, when asked, "What are you doing in your retirement?" I answer, "Exactly what I said I would." Well, with an exception! I walked into the Carter Library to volunteer thinking I was at the Carter Center. It was only later that I found out that the Carter Center and Library are not the same organization, but by then I was hooked, so I stayed on at the Library.

Why do I volunteer here? For

one, it's those times when I feel like I am at a crossroads of history, such as when I was organizing the file of the Social Secretary and came across RSVPs to White House events from Barbara Streisand and the Cheneys... When Mr. Carter was planning his book about Miss Lillian he wanted to go through the letters she had written Gloria from India. I had the job of taking them out of envelopes and organizing them for Mr. Carter's perusal. Based on the letters, I was amazed at Miss Lillian's stamina as she went through the rigorous training for the Peace Corps. I understood her longing for southern food while she was in India. When you read someone's letters or listen to their voice on tape, there is an immediacy and intimacy.

Now our volunteer time is spent transcribing oral interviews. Tapes deteriorate over time, so it is important to put them into digital format, but so much is missed when an oral interview becomes written. Changes in inflection, the cadence of speech, the

emphasis on certain words—they all tell much more than the actual words do.

It is interesting to play "where are they now?" with some of the people whose interviews I have helped to transcribe: Chris Matthews has his own TV show; Marcy Kaptur is now the longest-serving woman in the House. I feel like I know these people; I spent so much time listening to them on tapes. For example, there was the reverential tone in Katherine Cade's voice as she spoke of Rosalynn Carter, her accounts of the First Lady's trip to Thailand to the Cambodian refugee camps. It's emotional stuff—about as "frontline" as you can get. Hearing the awe in Travel Arrangement Coordinator Carol Ann Rambo's voice as she describes the loving relationship between Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter, well, that's why I keep showing up. It is truly a privilege and pleasure to work here. I enjoy the staff, the work, and the insight it has given me into life in D.C. on the President's staff.



Lyn B. Kirkland

Recipe of the Quarter: Plains Baked Beans

The following recipe is a favorite of the Carter Family. A great addition to any event or barbecue!

Serves 10-12.

Ingredients: 1 8oz. salted pork piece; 3 cups dried white beans; 1 large onion, chopped; 1 cup boiling water; 2 cloves garlic, chopped and peeled; 3 tbs. brown sugar, 1/2 cup ketchup; 1/2 cup chili sauce; 1/4 cup molasses

Directions: Wash the beans and then cover with cold water. Let soak overnight. In the morning, drain the beans, cover with fresh water. Cook over low heat until slightly tender. Rinse immediately with cold water and transfer to a 4- or 5-quart casserole dish.

Pour 1/2 cup of boiling water over the piece of salt pork and score the pork in several places. Add water

and pork to the beans. Take remaining ingredients and mix together with the remaining boiling water and pour over beans. Cover and bake for approximately 6 hours or until tender.



Baked Beans
Great for a BBQ!

Recipe featured in *The Carter Family Favorites Cookbook* (1977) by Ceil Dyer. ClipArt courtesy of www.culinarschools.org

Meet A Staff Member: Ryan Rutkowski

Each issue we like to feature a staff member. The employee in the spotlight this quarter is our new employee: Ryan Rutkowski, Archivist. We have invited Ryan to share a little about himself:

I was born and raised in Orange County, California. My interest in history was fostered as a child by both my parents and grandparents. I was also fortunate to have teachers who piqued my interest in reading and studying history.

I received my B.A. in History from the University of San Francisco and my M.A. in Public History from Loyola University Chicago. After

graduate school, I worked as a contract archivist at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago and did contract work with a local historical society there.

Over the last two and a half years, I was the Director of Archives and Records for the Catholic Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, where I managed the preservation, security, and access of records that cover the one hundred and sixty year history of the institution. Some of my notable accomplishments included writing a book, *Catholic West Virginia*, and installing a permanent exhibit at St. Peter's

Church in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia.

I am excited to work at the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum. For someone in the archives profession, this is truly a dream job.

Besides work, I like to travel, anything outdoors, sports, and cooking. On November 11, 2011, I married my wife, Marina.



Welcome to the team, Ryan! We are very glad to have you on board!

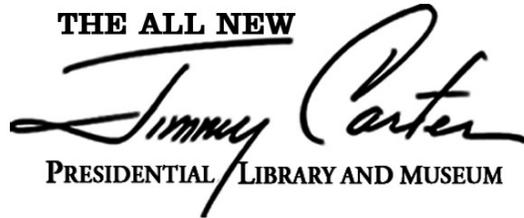
Farewell Party for Mr. Paul McCoy



On Thursday, February 16, 2012, Carter Library & Museum staff said farewell to Paul McCoy. Mr. McCoy had served over 11 years as a contractor with the Library, assisting staff with Mandatory Declassification Review work. Thank you, Paul, and best wishes for the future!



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Located in Atlanta, Georgia, the Jimmy Carter Library & Museum is part of the Presidential Library system administered by the National Archives and Records Administration, a Federal government agency.

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The Jimmy Carter Presidential Museum will be participating in the Blue Star Museums program again this upcoming summer. The Library has previously participated in the program in 2011.

The Blue Star Museums program is a partnership of the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, and many museums across America with a mission to offer free admission to all active duty military personnel and their families.

Stay tuned for details as Summer 2012 approaches!

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, March 27, 2012 — **Yangzom Brauen**, author of *Across Many Mountains* (Reading/Book Signing.)

Wednesday, April 11 at 7pm — **Winston Groom**, author of *Shiloh, 1862* (Reading/Book Signing.)

Thursday, April 12 at 5pm — **Robert Pastor**, author of *The North American Idea: A Vision of a Continental Future* (Reading/Book Signing.)

Tuesday, April 17 at 7pm — **Mark Updegrove**, author of *Indomitable Will: LBJ in the Presidency* (Reading/Book Signing.)

Thursday, April 26 at 6:30pm — **Jarreth Merz**, producer of *An African Election* (Documentary Screening and Discussion.)

Monday, April 30 at 7pm — **Rheta Grimsley Johnson**, author of *Hank Hung the Moon...And Warmed Our Cold, Cold Hearts* (Reading/Book Signing.)

Wednesday, May 23 at 7pm — **Steve Coll**, author of *Private Empire: ExxonMobil and American Power* (Reading/Book Signing.)

Thursday, May 24 at 7pm — **Nancy Gibbs & Michael Duffy**, authors of *The Presidents Club* (Reading/Book Signing.)

Thursday, May 31 at 7pm — **Samuel Popkin**, author of *The Candidate* (Reading/Book Signing.)

Events are located at the Carter Presidential Library & Museum Theater and are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. For the latest and most up-to-date information, visit us online at: www.jimmycarterlibrary.gov/events/

Staff Celebrated Black History Month on February 23rd, 2012 with a delicious luncheon and said farewell to departing Facilities Manager, Dexter Anderson. Best of luck with your future endeavors, Dexter! Thanks to all who made this luncheon happen!



Special thanks to the following for the luncheon: Youlanda Logan, Bettie Joe Brown, Betty Egwenike, Alneda McKnight, Sheila Mayo, & Chasity West (and anyone else we forgot to mention!) Thanks to ALL who brought food and helped!

It was a great success.