From West Palm Beach to Harlem
Augusta Savage: Sculptor & Civil Rights Activist

Monday, February 28, 2022 @ 7-8pm EST via Zoom
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Born in Green Cove Springs, Florida, artist Augusta Savage developed her talent in West Palm Beach. Her first big break came when her mentor, Palm Beach County Fair superintendent, George Graham Currie, invited her to exhibit her works, breaking both color and gender barriers. She made her way to New York in the early 1920s, and graduated from the Cooper Union School of Art.

Ms. Savage became an accomplished sculptor in the 1920s and a core figure in the Harlem Renaissance. Savage as an artist is best known for The Harp, a sculpture commissioned for the 1939 World’s Fair in New York. She originally called her piece Lift Every Voice and Sing – modeled to homage the poem penned by NAACP leader James Weldon Johnson and set to music by his brother John Rosamond Johnson.

Professor Janet Naughton, immediate past president of the Boynton Beach Historical Society, is an author, historian, librarian, researcher, and professor at Palm Beach State College. She holds master’s degrees in Information Science and in History. Janet’s research specialties include Florida history, women’s history, African American history, library history and Palm Beach County history. She has published over a dozen books and articles on Florida’s history and promotes historic scholarship by delivering lectures and conducting history tours. She has researched for news, television and film productions, playwrights, exhibits, organizations, municipalities, and individuals.

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The Historian
The Historian, the newsletter of the Boynton Beach Historical Society, is usually sent six times a year, October through April (except December), to dues-paid members (one per paid membership). Previous issues are posted to our website. Issues were not published Apr ’20 to Oct ’21 due to COVID-19. The first line on your mailing label has your dues expiration date – are yours current? Yes? THANK YOU! If not, please mail the membership form with your dues or pay online at www.boyntonhistory.org. Dues paid at/after the last meeting of the season will be credited towards the following season.

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2021-2022 Season Mondays @7pm EST Via Zoom
Feb 28 Augusta Savage: Sculptor/Civil Rights, J Naughton
Mar 28 Art Deco Egypt, Sharon Koskoff
Apr 25 Annual Meeting, Elections, Excellence Award & More

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Volunteer Opportunities
The Society is run entirely by Volunteers. We have just the right opportunity for you, too! We have an immediate need for a promotions coordinator and a Zoom/video support person. If interested, email us at bbhspograms@gmail.com.

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SPECIAL NOTE
Thank you to those who have stepped up your memberships level this season. Warm welcome to our new members. And a HUGE Thank You to the anonymous donors who “have been very pleased by what we are doing.” We strive to meet the high expectations you’ve set for us!
Dorian Beck Trauger

Dorian Beck Trauger, a longtime resident of Boynton Beach and Delray Beach, passed away in September 2020. Dorian had been a Life Member of the Boynton Beach Historical Society. The Society is greatly appreciative of Mrs. Trauger’s generous bequeathment.

Excerpts From the October 2015 issue of The Historian:

A POWER TEAM-DORIAN AND MARTY TRAUGER

An Army Colonel, a college professor and administrator, and a Boynton Mayor are all roles Walter Martin Trauger filled. His wife, Dorian Beck Trauger was equally versatile in the roles she held, but many of them occurred in a time when women’s roles were downplayed in favor of their responsibilities as wives and mothers. Dorian and Marty Trauger were married for 47 years. Dorian, too, was born in Ohio, Cleveland Heights, and received her BS from Ohio University. Later she attended graduate school at New York University. She arrived with her parents in Delray Beach in 1944 to spend the winter. The family has owned a winter home in South Florida since 1950. Dorian has been a permanent resident of Delray Beach and Boynton Beach since 1969.

Dorian’s interests are many. In college she was on the swimming team, the field hockey team, and the rifle team. Later her swimming ability led her to a role in “Billy Rose’s Aquacade” in Cleveland, Ohio. During her life with Marty, she lived in Ohio; Hollywood, California; Virginia; New York; New Orleans, Louisiana; Hawaii; Japan; Alaska and Florida. She has been an analytical chemist, a payroll accountant, a teacher, a model, and a store manager and owner. In 1991 she and Marty were chosen to be Grand Marshalls for the Boynton Beach Christmas parade.

Dorian has been active in the community during her many years here. She has been a member of the Boynton Beach Chamber of Commerce since 1978. She served on the Boynton Beach Recreation and Parks Board for 17 years. When Boynton Beach sponsored its annual GALA, she served as its Activities Chairman for 17 years. She has been a Board Member and Secretary for the Delray Beach Playhouse. She is a life member of the Boynton Woman’s Club and a life member of the Boynton Beach Historical Society. She served on the Board of Directors for the DeVoss-Blum Family YMCA for 9 years. She has been a generous donor to many organizations, yet she still has had time to engage in some interesting personal leisure activities including entering Scottish Terriers in dog show competitions, politics, and hula dancing.

Herbert Zobel

Longtime Historical Society member and owner of The Garden Store on E Ocean Ave in Boynton Beach (now the location of East Ocean Café), Herbert Zobel, recently relocated to Tennessee with son, Richard, and daughter-in-law, Jill. In a note to the Society, Herbert writes -

I moved to Boynton in 1956 from NY State with my wife, 1-year-old son and a cat. We stayed at Seaview Trailer Park. At first, I had several jobs at $1.00 an hour. Then I started mowing a few yards. That led to having a truck and four employees. As that grew, I went into landscaping and started a garden store from scratch. Thanks to Boynton and its residents, I had a successful business and a nice place to raise a family. Thanks Boynton and the Historical Society!

Herbert’s second wife, Betty Law, the daughter of Oscar and Eunice Magnuson, was town treasurer. We wish Herbert well in his new home, a very happy birthday, and many happy returns!
Woodland Moonlight Cemetery Tours by City of W Palm Beach Parks & Recreation

The Woodlawn Moonlight Cemetery Tour is a unique, historical, and colorful look back about the community’s past. The tours of Woodlawn Cemetery, located at 1301 S Dixie Hwy, W Palm Beach, are FREE. This is not a haunted tour. This is an historical and informative look at our pioneers and people of the past. The tour lasts 90 minutes. You should plan on walking atop uneven ground and listening to stories that will open a door to a fascinating past. Dates for upcoming tours are Feb 18, and Mar 18, 2022. Prior registration is required. See https://www.facebook.com/WoodlawnTours. For Tickets, search for “Moonlight Cemetery Tour” on Eventbrite.

Photos Courtesy J Naughton

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2022 Florida Highwaymen Art Show

Thank you to our co-sponsors the Boynton Woman’s Club, our partners, the City of Boynton Beach, the Honorable Mayor Steve B Grant, City Commissioners, and to all involved in planning, participating, exhibiting, baking, entertaining, attending and donating! Check out the Art Show video on YouTube at “BBHS Programs” and while you’re there, Like and Subscribe to be notified when we post new videos.

Photos Courtesy: S Anton, A Gill, A Rimler

Congratulations to our Raffle Winners!
Florida Themed Basket: Lori Hennick (top right)
Scheurer’s: Jim (bottom left) & (not pictured) Peggy Calhoun
Archivist’s Corner  by Georgen Charnes, Library Archivist, Boynton Beach City Library
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The Archives recently received the donation of an interesting photograph from Herbert Zobel, featuring himself and his father-in-law at that time, William Maul, in front of Herb Zobel’s Garden Store in about 1966.

I’ve often wondered about the curious building stretching behind this store, at the southwest corner of the intersection of E. Ocean Avenue and the railroad tracks. At the front is a lovely little café, East Ocean Café, with outside seating and great food, and down the side, facing the railroad tracks, are what look like small garages. Now empty, this photo documents that it used to be filled with vibrant small businesses. Visible here are Barbour’s Lawn Mower Service, Summers Electrical Warehouse, and Telstar Products. Barbour’s was replaced by Parkinson Mower Shop in 1967. Telstar Products, managed by George Monahan, apparently made lamps. Other businesses I’ve found that operated there over the years are Philcraft Woodworking, John’s Furniture Refinishing, and Murl Volberg’s barber shop. The Garden Store moved to this location in 1966 and was there until 1977.

The building was constructed and began renting space in 1953 as the “Boynton Trading Center” for $25 a month. It was, at that time, 414 E. Ocean Avenue. Now, it’s 412 E. Ocean Avenue for the front building, and 414 for the back building. In this photo, the back section looks so much smaller than it is now, I checked some aerial views, where it seems to be the same size it is now.

I wonder what’s inside these little garages and what condition anything inside might be. I’m sure none of them would be within modern codes – no bathrooms or water or fire exits, much less air conditioning. Still, I wonder what the world would be like if we were able to have a small business for only $25 month in rent.

H Zobel, W Maul, 1966

Aerial View

Images courtesy Zobel Family and Boynton Beach City Library