

BCRC Newsletter



Black Community Resource Centre

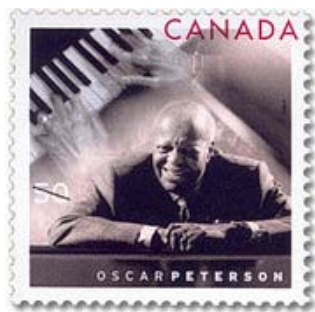
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Special points of interest:

Black History spans 365 days of every year -

ENJOY



**“When you learn, teach.
When you get, give”**

-Maya Angelou

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Executive Director’s Message

Black History Month started on a somber note with the passing of ‘our lady peace’ Mrs. Coretta Scott King, two weeks after her husband’s commemorative birthday and one day before the launch of Black History Month. This issue remembers Mrs. King in a reprint of two brief eulogies from her memorial service.

Mrs. King’s story is one of inner strength and perseverance in the face of great challenge. We are hopeful that this issue is successful in giving recognition to Mrs. King’s work, and the work of many others, both Black and non-Black, who have helped to bring about greater equality and integration in North America.

In celebration of these efforts we bring attention in this issue to the political arena where there has been some progress nationally. To commemorate this progress we have highlighted the Black Senators and Members of Parliament who will be present in the upcoming session of Parliament, which officially opens on Monday, April 3rd. In this issue we also showcase our Black History Month calendar laureates, Black community artists and many upcoming events.

We hope that all of our readers are able to carry the spirit of this month with them throughout the rest of year. Let us nurture our youth with the positivity and clarity of purpose that has ensured our communities’ continuing survival and strength throughout history.

Sharon Springer - Executive Director

CORETTA SCOTT KING



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We remember a visionary leader who battled through the civil rights movement alongside her husband, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

We remember the danger her family lived in along with countless others for being on the ‘front lines’ of a movement; a movement feared by the private and public sectors of American life that wanted to maintain the ‘status quo’. We remember after her husband’s death, her commitment to improving global civil liberties and human rights fueled a continuous movement to fight injustices within the American ‘deep South’ and beyond.

Regardless of disappointments along the way there were triumphs. She took up causes worth fighting for and dedicated her life’s work to helping strangers.

Mrs. King, the humanitarian whom others should model themselves after, leaves behind an era of struggle not soon forgotten.

As we start another chapter in the history of human evolution, we also remember the many activists around the world who continue the task - dangerous at times - for being on the ‘front lines’ of a movement.

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The 39th Parliament



Top left: Senator Donald Oliver (Conservative)
 Bottom left: MP Hedy Fry (Liberal)

Top right: Senator Anne Cools (Conservative)
 Bottom right: MP Maka Kotto (Bloque)

Centre left: MP Vivian Barbot (Bloque)
 Centre right: MP Marlene Jennings (Liberal)

Black History Month Laureates

February
Ethel Bruneau

March
Lutumba Ntetu

April
Marie Michèle Amédée Volcy

May
Violet Grant States

June
Emmanuel Dubourg

July
Readith Mwila Muliyunda



August
Jean Moore

September
Gina Thésée

October
Mwimda Lezoka

November
Inobe Stanislaus

December
Lemarec Destin

January
Muna Mingolé

BHM image by: Painter Myriam Piquion

“Black History Month is always a special moment to underscore the advances made by our community and, above all, to remind ourselves of the challenges we face. In this regard, it seems appropriate to recall that these challenges are not ours alone in terms of a single group in society and a single community; to see our destiny as collective, in a future that must be assumed by the entire society”

- Élisabeth K. Dembil (President, BHM Round Table)

<http://mhn.bhm2005.tripod.com>

KING cont...

Excerpts from eulogies for Coretta Scott King in Lithonia, Georgia:

*Former President Jimmy Carter

This commemorative ceremony this morning and this afternoon is not only to acknowledge the great contributions of Coretta and Martin, but to remind us that the struggle for equal rights is not over. We only have to recall the color of the faces of those in Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi...

(APPLAUSE)

...those who were most devastated by Katrina to know that they are not yet equal opportunities for all Americans.

(APPLAUSE)

It is our responsibility to continue their crusade.

I would like to say to my sister, Coretta, that we will miss, you but our sorrow is alleviated by the knowledge that you and your husband are united in glory.

Thank you for what you've meant to me and to the world.

(APPLAUSE)



Catherine Ursillo / Getty Images

*Former President Bill Clinton

So what will happen to the legacy of Martin Luther King and Coretta King? Will it continue to stand for peace and nonviolence and anti-poverty and civil rights and human rights?

What will be the meaning of the King holiday every year?

And even more important, Atlanta, what's your responsibility for the future of the King Centre?

(APPLAUSE)

....This is the first day of the rest of our lives. And we haven't finished our long journey home.



Corbis / Bettman

The one thing I always admired about Dr. King and about Coretta when I got to know her, especially, is how they embraced causes that were almost surely lost right alongside causes that they knew if they worked at [it] hard enough, they could actually win..

****They understood that the difficulty of success does not relieve one of the obligation to try.** So all of us have to remember that.

What are we going to do with the rest of our lives? You want to treat our friend Coretta like a role model? Then model her behavior.

*source: CQ Transcripts Wire: Washingtonpost.com

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YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

BCRC is proud to announce that the Quebec Pluriel program has been renewed until June 2006. This employment and mentoring program helps Black Anglophone youth ages 16-30 integrate into the job market.

During the first year that Quebec Pluriel was a pilot project, 77% of participants found jobs and/or returned to school.

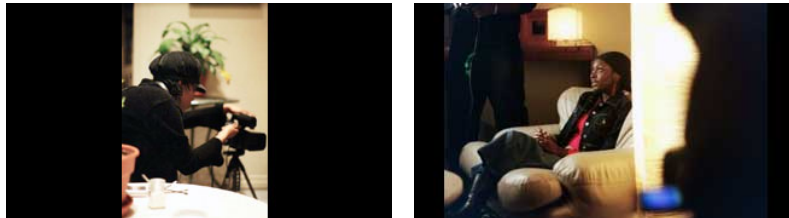
The program will continue to operate through workshops and individual counseling. Likewise, Quebec Pluriel coordinators offer school visits to provide secondary and adult education students with workshops on pre-employability skills (CV and Cover Letter, Interviewing Skills and Job Search Strategies) and career exploration.

Another aspect of the program is career mentorship; where participants are paired with mentors from the black or visible minority community in their career field of interest. For more information on the Quebec Pluriel program please contact Sharone Callendar or Suzanne Babb at 514.342.2247.

'REVOLUTION UNDERGROUND'

A bold film by eleven youth from The Black Community Resource Centre, BCRC. These filmmakers ask the question "What is revolution?".

"The answers are bold and nuanced and come from a variety of young social activists, artists and organizers. Revolution Underground is a portrayal of resistance, a challenge to apathy and a testament to the power of solidarity. Discover how the making of this film destroys any notion that Black youth are powerless to effect change in their lives" - <http://citizen.nfb.ca>



Photos: Jack Sanford

BCRC RECOMMENDED READING LIST

Afua Cooper (2006) - [The Hanging of Angélique: The Untold Story of Canadian Slavery and the Burning of Old Montreal](#) (Harpercollins).

Gil Courtemanche (2003) - [A Sunday at the Pool in Kigali](#) (Knopf, 1st United edition; ISBN: 1400041074).

Po Bronson (2003) - [What Should I Do With My Life? The True Story of People Who Answered the Ultimate Question](#) (Random House; ISBN:0375759894).

Myrna Lashley, et al (2005) - [Student Success: The Identification of Strategies Used By Black Caribbean Youth To Achieve Academic Success](#) (FQRSC; No. ref: 2003-PRS-88151).

U.S. House of Representatives (2006) - [A Failure of Initiative: Final Report of the Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina](#) (Report 000-000. GPO. ISBN: 0160754259).

“Sistas in the Arts” - A celebration of woman-hood

*The Salon Daome in conjunction with Afrocentriik
presents...*

“Sistas in the Arts” - a presentation of the works of captivating female artists. From Zimbabwe to Vancouver, Haiti to Cote-des-Neiges, the diversity and vast life experiences of these talented women come together to reflect the rich cultural fabric of Afro-Canada

Artists: Cheryl Daniel, Joycelyn Dotting, Jacqueline Day Gautier, Naeldi Jackson,

The exhibition will show until February 28, 2006



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The Salon Daome: 141 Mont-Royal E.—514.282.8777*

Atwater Library & Computer Centre: Lunchtime Program Series

Slavery in Canada: 17th-19th Centuries

Speaker: Historian Dorothy Williams

Thurs. Feb. 23 @ 12:30pm

Friends of the Earth: Respecting Mother Earth and Each Other

Speaker: Sky Bellefleur of the Native Friendship Centre

Wed. Mar.1 @ 12:30pm

International Women’s Day Talk by Margaret Gillett

McGill professor emeritus, women’s studies pioneer & author

Wed. Mar.8 @ 12:30pm

1200 Atwater @ Tupper, metro Atwater

free admission

Contact: Tanya 514.935.7344

YOUTH IN MOTION

presents...

STAY FREE 2

Our annual talent show held at the elegant Corona Theatre

April 13, 2006

Last year’s show was SOLD-OUT!!!

TO PERFORM IN THE ‘STAY FREE 2’CALL FOR AN AUDITION

514.931.5510

Community Calendar

BHM PLANNING COMMITTEE OF BATSHAW YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES

Fashion Show: Friday, Feb. 17 @ 3:30pm

Auditorium - 6 Weredale Park

Sponsored by the Foster Family Association

BOROUGH MEETINGS: Côte-des-Neiges / Notre-Dame-de-Grâce

A healthy community promotes healthy living. Be informed on what is going on in your community.

For information on date, time and location contact:

Bureau Accès Montréal NDG: 514.872.6731

Bureau Accès Montréal Côte-des-Neiges: 514.872.6403

COCO CAFÉ - SPOKEN WORD

With host **Jason Joseph**

Jello Bar: 151 Ontario E. (corner de Bullion)

Metro: St. Laurent or Berri UQAM

For more info: www.inobeproductions.com

EXPLORING CONFLICT AND ITS RESOLUTION ON THE AFRICAN CONTINENT

A Series of Films: Winter Session

February 9 @ 6:45PM - 'Night Stop' (Mozambique-2002)

March 2 @ 8:30PM - 'Faat Kine' (Senegal-2001)

March 30 @ 6:45 - 'Quartier Mozart' (Rwanda/USA-2002)

For more info: www.peace.concordia.ca

SHOW CHOC CULTUREL

Théâtre Capitoile de Québec

Thursday, Feb. 23 - doors open at 6pm, shows start at 7pm

Invited artistes: Jérôme-Philippe & Senaya

For more info: 514.524.5609

SOUNDS OF COLOUR—A LESSON IN HISTORY LIKE NO OTHER

An evening of poetry, songs, scenes, and dance, all in celebration of Black Achievements in History

Sat. Feb. 25 & Sun. Feb. 26 @ 8pm

Montreal School of Performing Arts Theatre—3480 Decarie Blvd., 2nd Fl.

Admission: \$5 (purchased at the door or reservations)

For more info: Josa Maule 514.483.5526; info@msopa.com

TYNDALE ST. GEORGES COMMUNITY CENTRE

March Break Camp—March 6-9

8:30am-5:30pm

Participants: Grade 1 to 6 - Family rates available

For more info: Anthony 514.931.6265 x37 (space is limited)

VUES D'AFRIQUE - RALLYE EXPOS 2006

Discover ludic art from African and Creole artistes. This new edition will present **16 expositions until**

June 30th. **For more info:** info@vuesdafrique.org or www.vuesdafrique.org

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*Supporting Youth, Building Communities
A "Holistic Approach"*

WWW.BLACKYOUTHPROJECT.ORG

The Centre takes a comprehensive approach to meeting the needs of Black youth aged 0-30 and their families; this approach is called the "Holistic Project." Through a multi-intervention (holistic) approach, the Black Community Resource Centre helps young Black, English-speaking individuals fully participate in mainstream society.

The adoption of this approach recognizes that youth can have many needs (e.g., social cultural, health, education, economic, ect.) and that all these needs must be addressed in order for the youth to reach their maximum potential.

The Centre provides information and resources to both organizations and individuals within Montreal. In addition, we provide programming to Black youth in a manner which takes into account their many and complex needs.

PLEASE NOTE:

- **We encourage our readers to visit BCRC's website for upcoming events in Montreal, BCRC publications, and much more.**
- Please do not hesitate in letting the BCRC team know what events are taking place within your organization. You can email or fax us.
- **Also check out our Black History web links and see what history holds.**

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