



Legacy Festival

Racial Equality • Economic Justice • Civil Rights • Progressive Education

8th Annual Du Bois Legacy Festival

February, 2025

Saturday, February 22nd

Freedom Moves: Embodying the Legacy of W.E.B. Du Bois

First Congregational Church
Great Barrington, 2pm

A dynamic and playful workshop led by award-winning dancer/choreographer Gesel Mason and TED Fellow & "scholartist" Dr. Amma Gharthey Tagoe-Kootin, explores the core values championed by W.E.B. Du Bois and asks, "Who would you be and what would you do, if you were completely free?" All ages & abilities welcome; space is limited.

Sponsored by Jacob's Pillow, BRIDGE & the Town of Great Barrington Du Bois Legacy Committee.

Du Bois Freedom Center Reception
Great Barrington, 6pm

The W. E. B. Du Bois Center for Freedom and Democracy welcomes Festival goers & Du Bois Legacy partners to a birthday eve reception at their Main Street location.

The W. E. B. Du Bois Center for Freedom and Democracy celebrates the opening of their field office and to meet their new board members and interim Director, Dr. John Lloyd at 309 Main Street, Great Barrington, MA, 01230 from 6:00-7:30 pm.

W.E.B. Du Bois Legacy Day

Sunday, February 23rd

Service & Convocation

Macedonia Baptist Church
Great Barrington, 9am
Processional Legacy Walk, 9:45 AM

Join BRIDGE, Reverend Conway & the Macedonia congregation to welcome all to a special convocation honoring Dr. Du Bois, with guest Pastor Traci Jackson to launch the birthday of our native son. Following the convocation the Festival continues and all will proceed from the church on a Legacy Walk through the neighborhood in Great Barrington at 9:45 landing at the birthday celebration.

Du Bois Birthday Celebration
"Imagining Du Bois through the Arts: Past, Present, and Future"

Mason Library
Great Barrington, 11 am

Join us for a morning in the exercise of commemoration and imagination with activist scholars and artists exploring Du Bois' legacy.

Best-selling novelist **Victoria Christopher Murray** will read from her latest work, *Harlem Rhapsody* (Ventfort Hall at 3pm tea). **Gesel Mason** will share creative embodied practice from the Freedom Moves workshop, and **Dr. Amma Y. Gharthey-Tagoe Kootin** and **Dr. Khalil Sullivan** of the *At Buffalo* Project will present *"Imagining Du Bois on the Stage: AT BUFFALO, A New Musical"*

A facilitated community discussion will follow, including reflection on Du Bois's *Black Reconstruction* in it's 90th anniversary year.

Participants will be able to view a special artifact copy of *Black Reconstruction* from Du Bois's personal library.

Harlem Rhapsody book signing & reception with lunch to follow.