




27th ANNUAL AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

“The Roanoke River Underground Railroad History in Bertie County”


	<p>Roanoke Chowan Heritage Center Hope House Road Windsor North Carolina info@hopeplantation.org Saturday, February 1, 2020 9:30 am – 1:00 pm Free and Open to Public</p>	
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9:30 am – 10:00 am
REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

10:00 am – 11:00 am
“The Roanoke River Underground Railroad Trail”
Carol Shields and Rose Railey

	<p>Two presentations will be given about a rural development initiative that embraces the abundant natural and rich heritage of the Roanoke River Region. Shields, Executive Director, Roanoke River Partners, Inc. and Railey, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, will inform the audience about an enhanced regional trail map that features the African American experience to the Roanoke River’s Underground Railroad and showcase some books and other materials. This project was made possible through a generous Ribbon of Hope Grant from the <i>NC GlaxoSmithKline Foundation</i>.</p>
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11:00 am – 12:00
“The Bondswoman’s Narrative, by Hannah Crafts, A Bertie County Slave”
Angela Thorpe

	<p>Angela Thorpe, director of the NC African American Commission, will provide an overview of the book written by Hannah Bond under the pen name, Hannah Crafts, that follows her journey as a slave in Virginia and North Carolina before her escape to New Jersey. The book is likely the first and only novel written by a female African American slave in the United States. The 1733 Moseley Map of Bertie County will be used to show the location of the original Wheeler Plantation where Hannah was enslaved and started her escape by the Roanoke River to freedom. A “250th Anniversary of the Birth of David Stone” program.</p>
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	<p>https://aaahc.nc.gov/programs/freedom-roads NC network of roads, rivers, ports and sites crucial to enslaved African Americans seeking freedom</p>
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12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
SPECIAL FEATURE
LUNCH BUFFET \$15.00
Please register for lunch by January 27, 2020
To register for lunch or for more information
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