



Maggie L. Walker National Historic Site News Release

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Maggie L. Walker National Historic Site to celebrate the 148th Anniversary of Maggie L. Walker's Birthday

RICHMOND, Va. -- On Saturday, July 14, 2012, the Maggie L. Walker National Historic Site, in partnership with the Maggie L. Walker Historical Foundation, will celebrate and honor the life and legacy of Mrs. Walker on the 148th anniversary of her birth.

The celebration will take place at Maggie L. Walker National Historic Site, located at 600 N. Second Street, from noon to 4:00 p.m. Programs, ongoing throughout the afternoon, will include tours of Mrs. Walker's historic home, a children's craft area, and a Junior Ranger "Hunt for History" program for kids. For car enthusiasts there will be a rare opportunity to see on display a luxury 1932 Pierce Arrow car, similar to the one Mrs. Walker owned.

Special programs recognizing Mrs. Walker's devotion to young people and her community are scheduled as well. At 1:00 p.m., the site, in partnership with the Maggie L. Walker Civic Society, will honor the 2012 graduates of the Maggie L. Walker Youth Summer Leadership Institute. After the 30-minute ceremony, visitors will enjoy birthday cake and ice cream as they listen to some of the Walker family's favorite music, performed by Barbara Williams. Music was selected from the Maggie L. Walker family papers. The afternoon of programming concludes with student presentations by the Leadership Institute graduates (at 2:00 p.m.), a dramatic reading of Maggie Walker's speeches by Tiffany Jana (at 3:00 p.m.), and a 35-minute guided walking tour of Historic Jackson Ward (at 3:45 p.m.).

The event is free and open to the public. Additional information is available on the web at www.nps.gov/mawa or at the site's visitor center at (804) 771-2017 x24.

About Maggie L. Walker National Historic Site

Maggie L. Walker National Historic Site, home of the first African American woman in the United States to become president of a chartered bank, has been a National Park site since 1978. The National Park Service preserves the home of Mrs. Walker, who was the leader of the Independent Order of St. Luke, an important benevolent association. In addition, she was a philanthropist, a feminist, and an early advocate of civil rights, becoming active in many national organizations. Guided tours of her restored home, located in historic Jackson Ward, are given by National Park rangers. The park visitor center at 600 N. Second Street is open Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The site is closed Sundays, New Year's, Thanksgiving and Christmas Days. Admission is free.



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