



2020 Black History Month Events

SANTA BARBARA, CA - Several organizations are coming together in February 2020 to celebrate Black History Month (BHM) in the Santa Barbara community. Santa Barbara Young Black Professionals, Coffee with a Black Guy, Black Rock Coalition (NYC), El Centro, Endowment for Youth Committee, African American Women in Santa Barbara County, Martin Luther King, Jr Committee of Santa Barbara, Black Lives Matter Santa Barbara, Juneteenth Santa Barbara, and the Santa Barbara Public Library are providing and supporting a series of culturally enriching programs, including a newly launched BHM Culture House on State Street as a central location, to celebrate and display black culture.

The community-at-large is welcome to come and enjoy the events listed below:

- February 1, 11:00 A.M. | Kick-Off Brunch presented by Santa Barbara Young Black Professionals - Bren School UCSB (2400 Bren Hall, Lot 1)
 - \$35 tickets | Purchase tickets at SBYBP.com
- February 1, Noon - 4 P.M. | Community Organization Meet & Greet - Black History Month Culture House, 1219 State Street
 - Free
- February 2, Noon - 2 P.M. | Film Screening: 'Standing In the Shadows Of Motown' - Black History Month Culture House, 1219 State Street
 - Free
- February 5, 5:30 P.M. | Crime Book Club: Bluebird, Bluebird by Attica Locke, Santa Barbara Public Library, 40 E. Anapamu Street
 - Free
- February 7, 2:00 P.M. | Friday Matinee: The Last Black Man in San Francisco, Santa Barbara Public Library, 40 E. Anapamu Street
 - Free
- February 8, 2:00 - 4:30 P.M. | Coffee with a Black Guy - Black History Month Culture House, 1219 State Street
 - Free, Music by Comfort Food
- February 9, 1:00 P.M.- 2:30 P.M. | Live Music Performance by singer/songwriter/composer Maritri - Black History Month Culture House, 1219 State Street
 - Free
- February 11, 5:30 P.M. | Fiction Book Club: Washington Black by Esi Edugyan, Santa Barbara Public Library, 40 E. Anapamu Street
 - Free
- February 12, 6:30 P.M. | Black Table Talk presented by Santa Barbara Young Black Professionals - Location TBD

- Free
- February 13, 5:30 P.M. | Exploring Art: Celebrating Black Artists in the United States, Santa Barbara Public Library, 40 E. Anapamu Street
 - Free
- February 15, 10:30 A.M | Chocolate Baby Story Time presented by El Centro, 629 Coronel Place
 - Free
- February 15, 12:30 P.M. | Black History Month Culture House Talk with District 1 Supervisorial Candidates, Das Williams and Laura Capps - 1219 State Street
 - Free
- February 16, Noon - 3 P.M. | Film Screening “Wattstax” - Black History Month Culture House, 1219 State Street
 - Free
- February 16, 3:00 P.M. | The Measure of Her Life: A Tribute to Toni Morrison, organized with Sojourner Kincaid, Santa Barbara Public Library, 40 E. Anapamu Street
 - Free
- February 16, 3:30 P.M. | Visions of Hope, 10th Annual Worship and Celebration Service - Marjorie Luke Theatre, 721 East Cota Street
 - Free
- February 19, 12:00 P.M. | Civic Forum: The Untold Story of Women of Color in the League of Women Voters, with speaker Carolyn Jefferson-Jenkins, Santa Barbara Public Library, 40 E. Anapamu Street
 - Free
- February 22, Noon - 1 P.M. - 4:30 P.M. | Live Music Performance by The Cookies - Black History Month Culture House, 1219 State Street
 - Free
- February 22, 7:00 P.M. | Black Art Now! Paint & Sip - Paseo Nuevo (Next to Nordstroms)
 - \$35 tickets | Purchase tickets at SBYBP.com
- February 22, 7:00 P.M. | Black Art Now! Exhibition “The View From Here” - Paseo Nuevo (Next to Nordstroms)
 - Free
- February 23, Noon - 4 P.M. | Album launch/listening event for Mandrill, featuring Dr. Ric Wilson and Carlos Wilson- Black History Month Culture House, 1219 State Street
 - Free
- February 23, 6:00 P.M. | All Aboard Black History’s Country Soul Train, featuring Petrella and Mixed Influence, Santa Barbara Public Library, 40 E. Anapamu Street
 - Free
- February 28, 2:00 P.M. | Friday Matinee: Harriet, Santa Barbara Public Library, 40 E. Anapamu Street
 - Free
- February 29, 2:00 P.M. - 4 P.M. | Screening of ‘I Promise To Remember’ Documentary On Jimmy Castor, talk with Jimmy Castor Jr. and Jayson Castor - Black History Month Culture House, 1219 State Street
 - Free

About the Community Organizations

African American Women in Santa Barbara County - African American Women in Santa Barbara is an effort for a luncheon to provide a space and a place for African American Women to “*Come Together*”, “*Being together*” in the form of networking, and supporting each other and to build a strong well-connected community of women of color. Learn more at aawsbc.com/.

Black Lives Matter, Santa Barbara - Formed in the summer of 2016 and inspired by the closest chapter Black Lives Matters, Los Angeles, this grassroots community organization helps to consider what Santa Barbara would be like if Black Lives Matter. Learn more on Facebook at @BlackLivesMatterSB.

Black Rock Coalition - The Black Rock Coalition, founded in 1985, is the nation’s only 501c3 nonprofit dedicated to championing the work by progressive/alternative artists of color whose work goes largely underrepresented by mainstream media outlets and the music industry. The BRC was co-founded by Vernon Reid, Greg Tate, and Konda Mason and is headquartered in New York City. Learn more at blackrockcoalition.org/.

Coffee with A Black Guy - Coffee with a Black Guy (CWABG) is an innovative social impact movement launched in July 2016 by Santa Barbara-resident James Joyce III. In these community conversations, Joyce facilitates candid cross-cultural dialogue to help counteract much of the racial tumult going on in the world, particularly the United State. These sessions are a time to share stories, have conversations, impart perspective or just listen and learn from fellow citizens of the world. CWABG seeks to merge the tactile and digital worlds to bring greater understanding, compassion, empathy, and love in our shared global community. Simply put: Coffee. Connection. Conversations. Learn more at www.cwabg.com

Endowment for Youth Committee - Since its start in 1986 the Endowment for Youth Committee (EYC) has been one of the largest organizations on the California Central Coast that remains dedicated to the educational success and advancement of Black/African American youth.

Co-founded by Cliff Lambert and Melvin Richey, the organization provides educational, cultural, social and recreational programs for young African-American men and all other segments of our youth. Now more than thirty years later EYC is adapting to the dynamic youth of today to more accurately address their needs and concerns. EYC is committed to our youth, to their success, and putting forth all our resources to help them thrive. Learn more at endowmentforyouth.org.

El Centro - El Centro, also known as the Santa Barbara Lower Westside Community Center, is a volunteer-activist-led grassroots community space located in the lower Westside of Santa Barbara that centers people working towards the liberation and uplift of people of color, womxn, youth, indigenous and queer communities. El Centro was established for these groups to exercise artistic expression, fundraise, and host meetings and educational events, building local networks that connect folks to a collective struggle toward self-determination, self-empowerment, self-expression, and liberation. El Centro is run by committed volunteers and organizers of this community who together work to build critical dialogue and action for justice and equity. El Centro actively builds toward financial autonomy on a membership-based model. Learn more at <http://www.elcentrosb.org/>.

Juneteenth Santa Barbara - Juneteenth is an annual event, where we bring community members together to celebrate the freedom of slaves in the United States. Two years after the Emancipation Proclamation was signed, slaves in Galveston, Texas were informed of their freedom and immediately danced in the streets. Today we honor our ancestors and celebrate our freedom, showcasing black joy and culture in Santa Barbara, California. Our community event also honors local black artists, performers, and organizations as well as providing free food, dancing, and singing. Join us for our 2020 event on June 19. Learn more at juneteenthsb.com.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee of Santa Barbara – The mission of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee of Santa Barbara is to foster positive relationships between the many diverse groups in the Santa Barbara Community and the surrounding areas; to sponsor programs and events which exemplify the teachings of Dr. King; and to observe, and celebrate the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. Learn more at mlksb.org.

Santa Barbara Public Library - The mission statement of the Santa Barbara Public Library System is to provide information services, reading materials, and educational resources to residents of all ages from the Santa Ynez Valley to Carpinteria. Educate, Captivate, Connect. Learn more at santabarbaraca.gov/gov/depts/lib/default.asp

Santa Barbara Young Black Professionals - Santa Barbara Young Black Professionals' goal is to create and foster positive relationships that empower young Black professionals in the Santa Barbara area by creating and participating in opportunities for professional development, social enrichment, and community service. This group is intended to create a space for young black professionals in the Santa Barbara area to; build community, establish roots, network, and excel personally and professionally. Learn more at SBYBP.com