THE BLACK BELT CONNECTION

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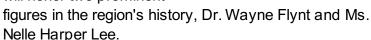
Black Belt Hall of Fame recognizes Flynt and Lee

Friday, Jan. 29

Noon-2 p.m.

Bell Conference Center

The Black Belt Hall of Fame will honor two prominent



Admission: \$15

Sponsor: UWA's Black Belt Archives in the Center for the Study of the Black Belt.

For more information, contact Amy Christiansen at 205.652.3655/email achristiansen@uwa.edu. Click here for event information and registration.

OPEN MIC NIGHT Wednesday, Jan. 27

6-8 p.m.

The Grove in the Black Belt Garden

Relax in the beauty of nature at The Grove and with lots of talented folks who keep the arts alive and growing for all to enjoy. Share music, poetry, readings-or simply observe!

Bring a blanket or chair and follow the signs to the clearing. Click <u>here</u>

to view the event information flyer.

Applications now accepted for UWA Career Exploration Summer Camp

Deadline - Feb. 1

The Division of Economic Development and Outreach at The University of West Alabama is now accepting applications for the 2016 Career Exploration Summer

FACEBOOK LINKS

Center for the Study of the Black Belt Black Belt Garden

Black Belt Archives

Black Belt Museum

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Alabama Black Belt Heritage Area

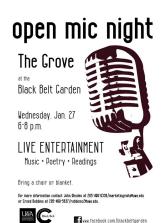
Alabama's Black Belt: Where the Culture is as Rich as the Land. The Alabama Black Belt Heritage Area comprises 19 counties in central and western Alabama that are working together to attain designation as a National Heritage Area. Visit them on Facebook here.

Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation

The Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation is the voice for the future of Alabama's historic places. Visit them on Facebook here.

DEDO STAFF Where We Are

Saturday, Jan. 23



Camp. The on-campus residential camp is for rising sophomore and junior high school students. The program will be held June 11-22, 2016. The application deadline is Monday, Feb. 1, 2016. Click here for more information and an application; or contact Sanqueneta Thompson at 205.652.3408/email sthompson@uwa.edu.



2015 Career Exploration Summer Camp participants at the Alabama Fire College in Tuscaloosa.

Chocolate: Food of the Gods Feb. 11-12, 2016

Noon-1 p.m.

Young Hall Cafeteria

Chocolate is a delicious

sweet treat we enjoy in many forms year round. However, do you know where this "Food of the Gods," better known as cacao, comes from? Did you know it is not sweet, but a bitter substance originally used to allow soldiers to march further on less food. Chocolate was also whipped into a frothy beverage drunk ceremoniously or even used as currency? Join the Black Belt Museum to learn about the surprising history of chocolate. Special molded chocolate bars will be available to purchase.

Sponsor: Black Belt Museum For more information, contact Brian Mast at 205.652.5528/email bmast@uwa.edu.

Brian Mast, James
Lamb and Dr. Tina
Jones will present at
the Black Belt
Community
Foundation's
"Stronger Museums in
Alabama's Black Belt"
workshop at Wallace
Community College in
Selma.

Saturday, Jan. 30
Gena Robbins and Dr.
Tina Jones will
present at the Black
Belt Community
Foundation's
"Stronger Festivals in
Alabama's Black Belt"
workshop at Wallace
Community College in
Selma. Click here to
register.

DEDO Career Readiness for Future Success workshop in Choctaw County

Click <u>here</u> for the information and registration flyer.





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