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120th Anniversary of the Founding of African-American Resort Commemorated in Program Hosted at the Hampton History Museum September 22

Hampton, Virginia- Event organizer Reginald Robinson presents the 4th Annual “Bayshore at Buckore Beach” event, celebrating the 120th Anniversary of the “Vacation Paradise of the South,” a special evening with nostalgic displays of memorabilia and plenty of memories of Bayshore Beach, once the premier resort for African-Americans to relax on the Chesapeake Bay during Jim Crow segregation, at the Hampton History Museum on Saturday, September 22, 6:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public.

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In honor of the event, cake and ice cream will be served. There will be an oyster and clam shucking demonstration with hot sauce available for those wanting to sample. Four special guest speakers will share their own personal stories about time spent at Bayshore.

Scheduled to appear are Gwen Watts and Glennie Daniels from Richmond Va.; Darryl Randolph, Hampton Institute class of 1961; and Dr. Mary T. Christian from Hampton Va.

Following their talk will be the latest inductions into the Bayshore at Buckroe Beach Hall of Fame 2018. This year's inductees are Thomas W. Turner, biologist, educator, civil rights pioneer and Vice President of the new Bayshore Corporation; John "Johnny" Graves former lifeguard at Bayshore Beach credited with saving two lives during the 1960's; Reuben V. "One Shot" Burrell, legendary Hampton roads and Hampton Institute photographer; Alma Williams, wife of Charles H. Williams, Vice President, President and Manager of Bayshore Hotel Co/New Bayshore Corporation; Chauncey Brown, longtime Hampton resident and local historian; Hampton music legend Chuck "Guitar" Chavis referred to as the "Black Johnny Cash" working with music greats such as Chuck Berry, Little Richard and Otis Redding.

Each person entering the museum will receive a free ticket, (one ticket to a person and tickets are limited) for a chance to win an autographed guitar by Chuck Guitar Chavis and Ves Artist. Winner must be present to win.

The festivities continue with the unveiling of three portraits by Richmond artist Kenneth Shelton, followed by the 2nd presentation of the Charles H. Williams award of leadership. This year's recipient is the Hon. Dr. Mary T. Christian. Her academic career beginning at Hampton Institute (Now Hampton University) later becoming Director of the School of Education, Dean of School of Liberal Arts and Education and Professor Emeritus, and serving nine consecutive terms representing Virginia's 92 House District.

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According to event organizer Reginald Robinson, “It is an honor to present the Charles H. Williams award of leadership for 2018 to the Hon. Dr. Mary T. Christian. This will be a night to remember, with entertainment, fun, and memories. And all are welcome!”

The Hampton History Museum is located at 120 Old Hampton Lane in downtown Hampton. There is free parking in the garage across the street from the museum. For more information call the Hampton Visitor Center at 757/727-1102 or follow Bayshore Memories on Facebook.

Partially bordered by the Hampton Roads harbor and Chesapeake Bay, Hampton, with the 344,000 sq. ft. Hampton Roads Convention Center and the award-winning Hampton Coliseum, is located in the center of Coastal Virginia and the Hampton Roads metropolitan area. Hampton is the site of America's first continuous English-speaking settlement, the site of the first arrival of Africans in English North America, and is home to such visitor attractions as the Virginia Air & Space Center, Fort Monroe National Monument, Hampton History Museum, harbor tours and cruises, Hampton University Museum, The American Theatre, among others.

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Undated Bayshore photos from the collection of Reginald Robinson and Bayshore Memories