

AMERICAN BLACK BEAUTY DOLL ASSOCIATION

Hello Dolly Artists and Attendees!

We hope you are **safe** and in **good health**.

Due to COVID-19, ABBDA is exploring ways to stay in touch with everyone.

Some of the ideas we're considering doing are **Webinars** and **Online Doll Workshops**. This would be a way of staying connected, engaged and learning new things together.

In these uncertain times ABBDA is committed to keeping you informed on our upcoming events.

THE AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM AND LIBRARY AT OAKLAND (AAMLO)



The Festival of Black Dolls Show and Sale for 15 years has been hosted by The African American Museum and Library at Oakland (AAMLO).

The African American Museum and Library at Oakland is dedicated to the discovery, preservation, interpretation and sharing of historical and cultural experiences of African Americans in California and the West for present and future generations.

As of Monday, March 16, 2020 the Oakland Public Library closed all Library locations including AAMLO. These closures will remain in effect until further notice. This action was taken as a precaution to help limit the spread of novel coronavirus (COVID-19). OPL will be in continued contact with public health officials to evaluate our facilities with this timeline. This decision was made in consultation with the City Administrator's Office.

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ABBDA is in contact with AAMLO regarding news and updates on reopening the museum for events. We are looking forward to the re-opening of AAMLO and seeing you at this year's show!

2019 FESTIVAL OF BLACK DOLLS SHOW AND SALE

ABBDA was delighted with the amazing success of last year's Festival of Black Dolls Show and Sale!

Over 700 people came through to experience many beautiful dolls of color. It was a sight to behold.



We were thrilled to host our honored Guest **Speaker, Stacey McBride** owner and creator of "I AM U DOLLS"! Stacey gave a wonderful presentation and sold many of her exquisite dolls.



Last year our **"Adopt-A-Doll"** an ABBDA first, was a tremendous success. At the end of the day's event, over **30 dolls** were adopted and the table was empty!



Another first was our Barbie Photo booth. It was a hit with young and the young at heart alike!

Delicious Soul Food was provided by local Oaktown caterer "Kenyatta's Sweet Spot".

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2019 RAFFLE DOLL ~ EMMETT LOUIS TILL

ABBDA's 2019 Raffle Doll was Emmett Till, who went by the nickname Bobo, grew up in a thriving, middle-class black neighborhood on Chicago's South Side. Congratulations go out to the winners of the 6" Porcelain raffle doll, Mr. and Mrs. G.A. Osborne of Aurora, Colorado!



FESTIVAL OF BLACK DOLLS SHOW AND SALE 2020

This year's Festival of Black Dolls Show and Sale date is set for **Saturday, November 7, 2020!**



Our "Special Guest Speaker" this year is Author and Scientist **Bukola Semide**! Bukola wrote the wonderful book "Princess can Code". She also has a beautiful doll of color **Somi**, which accompanies her book!

This year's raffle doll is "Harriet Tubman". She is 24" tall porcelain and dressed

in an exquisite 18th century costume!

Raffle tickets are available **NOW \$5.00/EA** for your chance to win Harriet on November 7th, 2020.

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