

# The Correct Thing

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## Black History Month was a Grand Slam!

Groups from Charlotte, Raleigh, Durham, Winston-Salem and Greensboro, took advantage of learning more about Dr. Brown during Black History Month. We saw an increase in attendance from schools, parks and recreation groups, senior citizen groups, church organizations and youth groups.

Marian created and used several educational activities with some of

the schools. She, Barbara and Lauren worked with the children and the teachers. One activity, the scavenger hunt, was a hit! There was also an increase of "walk-ins" during the week.

Very few people who come here know the rich history of Charlotte Hawkins Brown and what she achieved. We enjoy informing others of Brown, her legacy and her lessons. Once they learn, they are always

amazed and want to learn more. For example, one Jack and Jill group, a youth organization, is interested in taking our Etiquette Class which is based on Brown's lessons in the social graces.

Many other groups just want to come back and enjoy the grounds. Some will use the Palmer Pavilion picnic shelter this spring and summer. Regardless of the reason why people visit, everyone leaves with big smiles on their faces.

## Thank you Greensboro Day School and Valeria!



A HUGE thank you to the Greensboro Day School for their very generous donation! The Greensboro Day School has always been an unwavering supporter of CHB.

These funds will support our annual African American Heritage Day, July 9th.

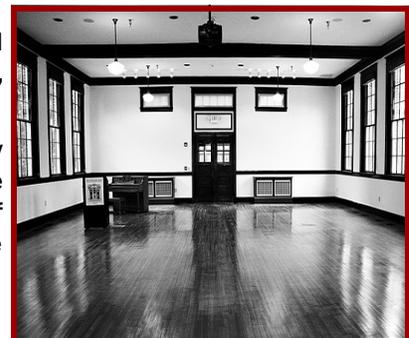
Valeria Osipova, a volunteer and very talented young lady donated her time to take interior and exterior photos of our renovated Kimball Hall plus photos of other rental venues. These photos will be used in marketing materials. **Thank you Valeria!**

**Donations come in many forms.**

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Summer is just around the corner. CHB is gearing up for our 2nd Saturdays Events. These events are a statewide initiative of the Department of Cultural Resources. All of our events are free and run from 10 am–4 pm.

You do not want to miss **THE** First Event in Kimball Hall- “**Dr. Brown’s Birthday Party**” on her birthday, **June 11!** We will have her cake and eat it, too! Kids will love the activities.

**July 9th** is CHB’s largest event, **African American Heritage Day!** It is always a fun filled day for the whole family! Drop by to purchase one-of-kind gifts, visit exciting exhibitors and demonstrators, eat good food and enjoy talented performers.

**August 13** is **Palmer Farm Day**– more fun and more farm this year!

Call 336-449-4846 if you are interested in participating at any of our events. We are looking for unique vendors, exhibitors, demonstrators and performers.

### **NO VENDOR FEE**

We also need volunteers to help us during the events.

**Volunteers get a free lunch!**

## Follow Us!



The Charlotte Hawkins Brown Museum uses its **Facebook** page to post information about events and daily activities. If you are logged in to **Facebook**, find our Page by typing Charlotte Hawkins Brown Museum in the Search Bar. We show up as Charlotte Hawkins Brown Museum State Historic Site- click the **Like** button to be connected to our Page.

By **Liking** our **Facebook** Page, our posts appear in your Profile’s News Feed! This means you will see what is happening at CHB without having to find the **Facebook** Page or go to our website. The information finds you.

Our website ([www.nchistoricsites.org/chb/chb.htm](http://www.nchistoricsites.org/chb/chb.htm)) is maintained through the Division of State Historic Sites and has more background and reference information about the Museum, Dr. Brown and Palmer Memorial Institute. Teacher Materials for download are also located on this website, and links directly to our address on Google Maps.

With the **Facebook** page, we can immediately post photographs of groups visiting the site, updates about our events, and special information that may occur on short notice. The **Events** section allows you to find out more about specific events at the Museum and allows people who Like our Page to post their own photographs of the event. Also within **Events**, anyone who confirms that they will be attending automatically gets our updates about the event. You will also be able to see which of your friends will also be attending.

The Rental Facilities section summarizes basic information about the facilities available to rent at CHB, and we will be creating a Photo Album for each space detailing the rental information with photographs.

The Photos section has several albums of the Museum’s photographs including photographs of groups visiting the site, special visitors, historical photographs, and two albums just for Palmer Memorial Institute alumni. The people who **Like** our Page can post comments on these photographs and can also post their own photographs to our Wall.

Also, we hope you will Share our posts which you find interesting on your own Profile Wall. You can Tag us in your own status posts, too, using the @ symbol and typing the Museum’s name. By doing so, others will see that you support the Museum or will learn about CHB through you.

As more people use social media and other technologies to get their information, we continue to learn about how to promote the Museum through these methods. In the future, we’ll be adding more fun details to our **Facebook** Page as well as continuing to provide important and useful information for those who want to visit or to learn more about the Museum.

Thank you, Marian

Please Welcome....



Frederick Harrelson, Maintenance Mechanic II to our staff. Frederick joined us on January 4th, 2011. He and Mike are getting ready for a busy spring and summer season.

With the opening of Kimball Hall, the picnic shelter plus the regular maintenance of the site, they are going to be jumping.



**ASK DR. BROWN**

Dear. Dr. Brown,

What are some characteristics of a gentleman?



**Answer:** A true gentleman always maintains and exhibits respect for women. He stands when a lady enters the room (unless this would be disruptive to an ongoing event). He also shows respect towards family and people in general.

Please email your etiquette questions to Dr. Brown at [chb@ncdcr.gov](mailto:chb@ncdcr.gov).

Reprints of *The Correct Thing to Do, to Say and to Wear* are available in the gift shop for \$16.95 + tax. To have one mailed to you, call Barbara, 336-449-4846. Cost will be \$16.95 + tax and postage.

**COOL Ideas for Summer Camps and Day Care Centers**

CHB is a lot of fun in the summer! We offer:

- \*Free tours of the campus and Canary Cottage
- \*Free age appropriate activities
- \*Free place setting lessons
- \*Bring your lunches and have lunch in the picnic shelter
- \*Bring bats and balls and play on the ball field
- \*Ice Cream Parties- minimum fee of only \$2 per child!

Reservations are required. Payment for the Ice Cream Party must be made in advance.

Call 336-449-4846 to reserve your time!!!!

**Reserve the Picnic Shelter- We LOVE Family Reunions!**

Barbara is waiting for your call. April 1 is the opening day.

Bring your grills, delicious food and plan to have a good old fashioned picnic day at our site. There is plenty of room to spread out and play cards and bridge, etc.

The staff loves the smell of burgers and hotdogs! We know that means our guests are enjoying themselves.

So, call Barbara now at 336-449-4846 to reserve your party today! And, let her know if your group would also like a tour of the museum when you make your reservation . The gift shop is also open for you and your guests.



## Straight Talk with Frachele

April prepares her green traffic light and the world thinks Go. ~Christopher Morley, *John Mistletoe*

April 29 marks the opening of a restored Kimball Hall. I know there are many others who have been awaiting the restoration of Kimball much longer than I, but I am an impatient soul. The time between awarding the project to the general contractor and final inspections has seemed an eternity. This past winter—with its rain, snow-filled days, bitter cold and construction delays—seemed especially long.

The wet winter which made CHB a clay mud bowl has given way to green grass growing. As every day passes, our anticipation for the opening grows as well. This April, the staff at CHB gets the green light. We've been on the mark and set for months. Now, we get to GO!

Just as spring signals rebirth and renewal, the restoration of Kimball marks the rejuvenation of CHB. We are excited to showcase Kimball at the opening. We are equally excited about how the completion of this project improves the site overall.

CHB staff is ready for all the opportunities Kimball's restoration brings. For example, the restoration of Kimball enhances the "Student Life" interpretation of Palmer Memorial Institute.

Thoughtful consideration has been given to future interpretive exhibits. Programs and special events can now be expanded to a venue which both allows us to serve a larger audience and offer audio-visual elements. Plans for incorporating Kimball Hall into this year's 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays events and Holiday Open House are underway. We will also be able to generate revenue as this impressive facility will be available for rental. In fact, even without distributing our final marketing materials, staff is fielding inquiries about rental of the facility.

I hope you will all take time to join us April 29, 2011 at 1 o'clock in the afternoon for the ribbon-cutting ceremony. As part of the program, we will take a trip down Memory Lane as we reflect on the progress of the site. Following the program, guests will be free to view the building from top to bottom while enjoying refreshments. The ribbon-cutting for the restored Kimball Hall has been a long time coming, but I can assure you, the result was worth waiting for.

See you all at the opening. (*I'll be the one with the cheesy grin.*)

*Frachele*

## In Time of Silver Rain by Langston Hughes

In time of silver rain  
the earth  
puts forth new life again,  
green grasses grow  
and flowers lift their heads,  
and over all the plain  
the wonder spreads

Of Life,  
Of Life,  
Of life!

In time of silver rain  
the butterflies  
lift silken wings  
to catch a rainbow cry,  
and trees put forth  
new leaves to sing  
in joy beneath the sky  
as down the roadway  
passing boys and girls  
go singing, too,

in time of silver rain When spring  
and life  
are new.

### Kimball Hall



Beautiful and historic Kimball Hall is now available to rent for your next meeting, seminar, or special occasion!

Amenities include: Magnificent 2400 square foot room with original hardwood floors, soaring paned windows, beamed ceiling and original moldings.

Catering kitchen includes a microwave, sink, warming cabinet, ice maker, work tables and refrigerator.

Call 336-449-4846 for more information!