



2025 New Year Greetings

Dear Members and Friends,

Welcome to 2025, a year when BHS recommits to ongoing collective community archiving that preserves, interprets, and shares history of Black people from across Washington State.

Collective archiving means "you" are instrumental in how and what makes the BHS archive an important and significant resource for how the stories of NW Black people contribute to the full story of our region and America.

Collecting and preserving are critical - sharing is essential.

We can share collections by creating and investing in different modes for how users access and receive the resources. Growing from what we heard and learned in 2024 with focus on emerging technologies for managing collections, we'll embrace the new while remaining true to core archival principles.

The truth in our stories and the history we make are built on the legacies that came before us. Let's keep building for the generations ahead as stewards who safeguard and disseminate our collective memory, culture, and heritage.

Valuing and validating lived experiences of the community.

**BHS is a DOORS
OPEN
SUSTAINED
SUPPORT
RECIPIENT 2025-
2027**

Thank you King
County 4Culture for
awarding BHS a



three-year Sustained Support Grant. The funds contribute to the day-to-day operations at the archive and supports community programs. Want to know more about this amazing opportunity awarded to arts and cultural organizations across King County? ...tap the link.

**DOORS OPEN
HERE.**

MORE 4Culture Good News!

We are excited to report that we've completed a 2022-2024 4Culture Collections Care funded project that converted a selection of oral histories to mp3 files...*AND*...our refurbished website is being prepared to launch with capacity to share more images and history from the archive.

Download & **LISTEN** to well-known saxophonist Barney Hilliard describe his lessons with jazz icon Frank Waldron.

*our refurbished website will improve your access to listen.

SAVE THE DATE

~ **Monday, January 20, 2025 10am-5pm BHS at KING DAY**
Northwest African American Museum, Seattle,WA

~ **Thursday, January 30, 2025 5pm-7pm BHS at Edwin T. Pratt Day**
Shoreline Community College, Shoreline,WA

~ **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025 11am - 1pm**

*photo booth until 2pm

***Celebrating BHS with Guest Comments by
Brian Carter, Executive Director/King County 4Culture***



**When the Past
Meets Your Future:
A Celebration of BHS**

Saturday, February 22, 2025
11 am-1 pm
Microsoft Lakefront Pavilion
Free with admission

PRESENTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
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Ethelmarie D. Hubbard

February 8, 1955 - November 23, 2024

**Mourning the Loss of Our Beloved
Friend, Fellow Board Member, and
Steward of BHS Collections.**

Conveying heartfelt condolences to the family of Ethelmarie for their loss, the words alone cannot express our deep sadness at BHS. Ethelmarie's passing touches all who knew her for the passion she exuded for Black History and preserving it. She was particularly proud of her own roots and as a genealogist, she helped others in finding theirs. For more than twenty- years Ethelmarie was steward of the legacies that are held in trust at BHS, she gave her all. We miss her.

Memorial Service

Saturday, January 11, 2024

Lutheran Church of The Good Shepherd

2116 E Union St, Seattle, WA 98122

Visitation: 2pm Funeral: 3pm

Become a BHS Member

Your Membership New or Renewing Matters!

When you show your support as a member of BHS, you are helping to preserve Washington State Black legacies and history. Your membership sustains the archive and assures its safety for generations ahead.

In 2024, BHS welcomed new Life Members and Donors.

THANK YOU!

Renewing Members, we need you!

Make an appointment to visit the archive. A must see in 2025.

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