

The Culture Keeper

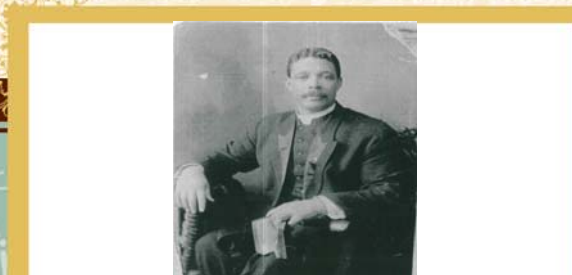
Uncrowned Queens Institute Launches New Newsletter



Welcome to the first edition of the Uncrowned Community Builders e-newsletter, "The Culture Keeper". "The Culture Keeper" provides a monthly report of the most current information on UCB activities and events. We hope that you will share this newsletter with family and friends and encourage them to join our mailing list. We also invite you to send in articles related to cultural and historic preservation. We welcome and encourage submission of new biographies, photos and documents of Uncrowned Community Builders. Visit our website at www.uncrownedcommunitybuilders.com and log on to our Biography Tool. Contact us at uqinstitute@gmail.com if you have questions and/or comments.

KeyBank Steps Up as the UCB Key Sponsor

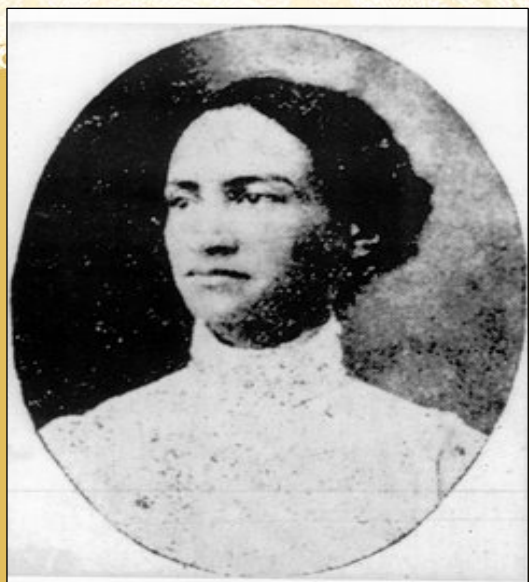
We are pleased to acknowledge the support of Key Bank Foundation for the funding to establish the interim website, uncrownedcommunitybuilders.com. Without this invaluable support, the Institute would have faced the possibility of closing and potentially losing ten years of historical preservation of the histories of the women and men who built this community. Thank you Key Bank for recognizing the importance of preserving the cultural and historic assets of the African American community.



View the Featured Biographies of: Drusilla Dunjee Houston, Rev. W.B. Seals, Mary Burnett Talbert and Rev. James Henry Stansil (at right)

Uncrowned Community Builders Webpage Debuts!

The Uncrowned Queens Institute for Research & Education on Women, Inc. is proud to announce the launch of our new webpage at www.uncrownedcommunitybuilders.com. This site is the work of the co-founders, Drs. Barbara Seals Nevergold and Peggy Brooks-Bertram, in collaboration with 15FingersLLC. The new site brings together the historic biographical archives of Uncrowned Queens, Uncrowned Kings and Uncrowned Queens & Kings in the Wings under one banner. In fact, note our new logo. Fantastic! Thanks to Greg Neundorfer for this inspiration. While the new site features only four of the nearly 2,000 biographies that comprise the Uncrowned Community Builders, the plan is to expand the site in the very near future. However, we need financial support. Please make a donation today to help us get to the next stage of our development. Donations can be made through PayPal or directly to the Institute from the webpage.



*We have issued a new call
For letters to First Lady
Michelle Obama for Book 2
“Go, Tell Michelle”
Visit our webpage at
www.15fingers.com/survey/*

***DEADLINE** Date for letters
March 1, 2011*

Uncrowned Queens Institute Leaves University at Buffalo

Since the establishment of the Uncrowned Queens project in 1999, the launch of our webpage, www.uncrownedqueens.com in 2001 and the subsequent founding of the non-profit Uncrowned Queens Institute the following year, we have had a close, supportive, mutually contributive partnership with the University at Buffalo. In fact, the University has been the only home of the Institute's historic digital archive. However, recently in an unprecedented decision, the University has informed us that the Institute does not align with the University's core mission and it will no longer support or affiliate with the Institute. The relationship is slated to end in early 2011.

A Decade of Progress

The impact of the University's decision on the Institute and its programs is significant. Most importantly and immediate, has been the need to move the Uncrowned Queens and Uncrowned Kings WebPages to a new host. Far from being a simple task, we have worked over the past three months to create a new, updated Uncrowned Community Builders Webpage.

We have been fortunate to work with a group of creative, young people who have a company called 15FingersLLC. As a result the new Webpage, while interim for the time-being, will offer an up-to-date platform to house all of the data from the current site. We are also indebted to KeyBank Foundation for the generous donation they provided to underwrite this interim site.



2011 Culture Keeper Awardees Named

On February 27, 2011, the Institute will observe the 10th anniversary of the premier launch of its website: uncrownedqueens.com. In recognition of this milestone, the Institute will host a celebration on this date at the Buffalo Museum of Science. The Institute will also recognize three organizations that have been instrumental the Institute's mission and vision over the past decade. Each will receive special recognition as recipients of the Culture Keeper Award.

This Award was established in 2002 and presented to its first recipients during the Institute's Second Annual Conference. The award is given to organizations and/or individuals who have been instrumental in preserving the cultural and historical assets of the African American community. Previous awardees have included: Mrs. Eva Noles, the Afro-American Historical Association of the Niagara Frontier, Inc., Jesse and Hortense Nash, about ...time magazine, the Buffalo Criterion, the Buffalo Challenger, Dr. Juanita Pitts, M.D., Lillion Batchelor, Wilma Morrison, John Brent (posthumously) and Robert Traynham Coles.

We are pleased to recognize: Key Bank Foundation, The Buffalo Teachers Federation and Tops Markets for on-going and outstanding support of the Uncrowned Queens Institute for Research & Education on Women, Inc.

SAVE THE DATE: "A DECADE OF PROGRESS: Preserving Community History in a Digital Age"

Presentation and Reception: Sunday, February 27, 2011 – Buffalo Museum of Science of Science - 4:00-7:00pm

About Us

The Uncrowned Queens Institute for Research & Education on Women, Inc.



Barbara A. Seals Nevergold, Ph.D. and Peggy Brooks-Bertram, Dr. P.H., Ph.D. founded the Uncrowned Queens Institute for Research and Education on Women, Inc. in 1999. Initially established as a project of the Women's Pavilion Pan Am 2001, the goals of Uncrowned Queens were to commemorate the history of African and African American involvement in the Pan American Exposition of 1901 and to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments and contributions of African American women during the period of and in the one hundred years since the fair.

Read More on our website.

A Decade of Progress: Preserving Community History in a Digital Age

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