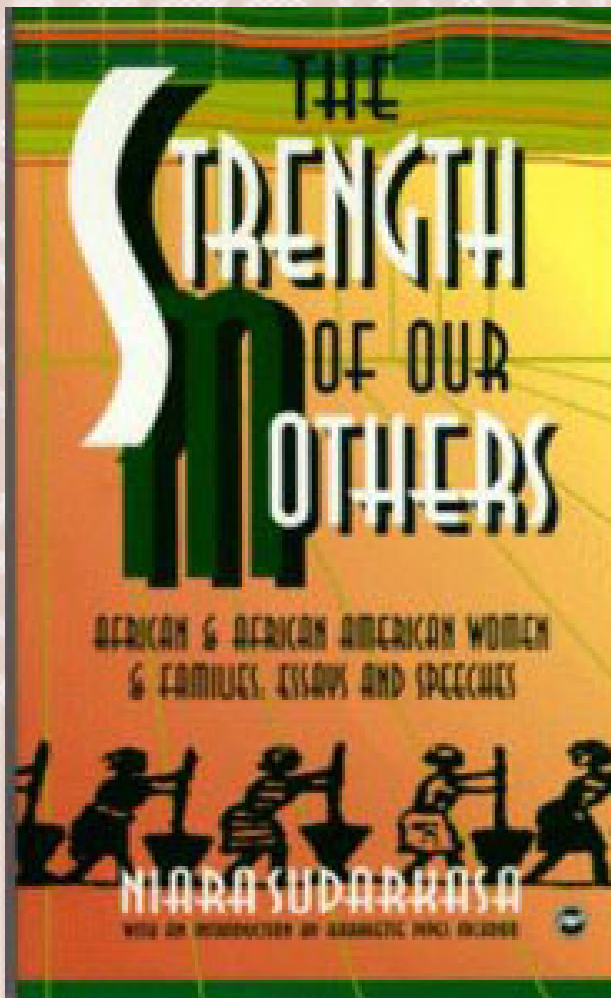


# OLD DILLARD MUSEUM

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## Strength of Our Mothers



Chronicles the essence of the Black family; both in the Americas and in the African motherland. The deep-rooted principles that ensured the survival of the far-flung "African-American Community," as it was uprooted from one continent and transported to another.

### Black History Month Special Event

Check our web site

(<http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/olddillardmuseum>)

for details on workshops, tours, distance learning events, and classroom visits that will feature the best of African-American culture in Broward County.

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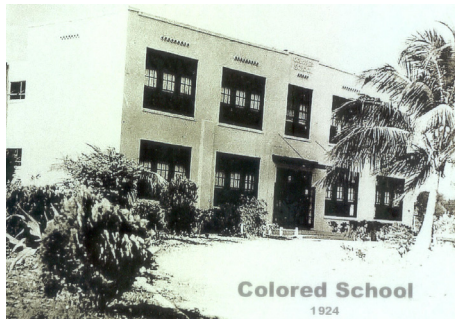
## OLD DILLARD MUSEUM



Old Dillard Museum in Fort Lauderdale highlights the significant contributions of the Black community in Broward County. The Old Dillard School renovations were made possible through a cooperative effort between the City of Fort Lauderdale, the School Board of Broward County, the Broward County Commission and the Black Historical Society. The thrust of this effort was to preserve Old Dillard and create a cultural arts

education center in which the Old Dillard Museum would be housed. In February 1991, the museum was placed on the National Registry of Historic Places.

Wander through the galleries and halls of the Old Dillard Museum (ODM) to be stimulated and inspired by its collections and exhibitions. It is a rich and important part of South Florida's history. One never leaves ODM without a better understanding and appreciation of its community's historic, cultural and artistic achievements, both past and present. It houses four galleries and a Resource Center. The artifacts and documents represent examples of a rich African-American heritage as well as that of other peoples of color.



*Built in 1924, The Old Dillard School, originally called "The Colored School", was not only the first school constructed for Blacks in Broward County, but is also one of the oldest buildings in Fort Lauderdale.*

## EVENTS/PROGRAMS

The Old Dillard Museum's theme for the 2011-2012 school year is "Strength of Our Mothers," based on the 2012 National Black History theme, "Black Women in American Culture and History," and the book written by Dillard High School Alumna Niara Sudarkasa that chronicles the essence of the black family both in the Americas and the African Motherland.

Look for exciting events and cultural programs such as Cannonball Jazz Series, 20 Some' May, and Juneteenth in our continued efforts to keep celebrating Fort Lauderdale's rich cultural heritage.

The museum also offers yearlong cultural village workshops with visual artists like Nzingah Oniwosan, storytellers such as Sista Idya and professional dancers like Joseline (JoJo) Seraphin; jazz concerts with musicians such as Melton Mustafa and J. C. Cotmon; and with Museum Ambassadors from a variety of cultural and scholarly fields such as Bead Making, Photography, Motivation, Egyptian Yoga, African Dance, Spoken Word and African-American Folklore Crafts. Activities will highlight the contributions of black women in Fort Lauderdale and throughout the nation.

Sista Idya



Nzingah Oniwosan



Joseline Seraphin



Alexis Caputo



Also on the horizon, the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center is celebrating its 10-year anniversary in 2012. Festivities will begin in 2011 with the grand opening of an exhibit on *the black businesses of 5th Avenue*—the mecca of the black community of Old Fort Lauderdale.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Featuring local musicians from the South Florida Community:

- 9/15/2011 — Melton Mustafa/Cannonball Adderley Birthday Bash
- 1-2/2012 — Jazz/February Jazz Concert (Date TBA)
- 2/2012 — Black History Month Presentation (Date TBA)
- 3/2012 — Cannonball Jazz Series Concert (Date TBA)
- 5/19/2012 — Emancipation Day Celebration
- 6/19/2012 — Juneteenth Celebration
- 9/15/2012 — Cannonball Jazz Series Concert

## MUSEUM HOURS

Monday – Friday 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Check out our website or call us at 754-322-8828 to learn more about scheduled activities or booking a date.

Facility is available for rent. Kindly call for rental fees.

## BE A VOLUNTEER

The museum is seeking Volunteers and Docents. We invite you to be a part of a new and exciting opportunity. Partners in funding, time and services are all vital to the success of the Old Dillard Museum. We are also seeking personable men and women to help greet visitors. To request a Volunteer or Docent application, please call us at 754-322-8828. Get involved and join us in reconstituting a segment of a proud legacy!



## BE A MEMBER

- Up to \$25 - Certificate of Appreciation.
- Up to \$35 - Certificate of Membership & Listing on Musuem Web Site.
- Up to \$50 - Membership Certificate, Web Site Listing & Catalog Listing.
- Up to \$100 - Membership Certificate, Web Site Listing & Catalog Patron Listing.
- Up to \$200 - Membership Certificate, Web Site Listing, & Catalog Angel Listing.
- \$500 and above - Membership Certificate, Web Site Listing, Catalog Sponsorship Listing & Exhibit Sponsorship Listing.

(Donors of \$1,000 or more will be listed on our Lifetime Membership Roll)

## FOLLOW US ON TWITTER

For the average visitor the essence of the Old Dillard Museum is found in the great diversity of exhibitions displayed. We encourage multicultural patronage in order to bridge the gap and promote knowledge and understanding of a proud past and the impact that is felt on our present-day culture.



## REMEMBER YOUR ROOTS

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Following in the footsteps of those who came before us, our modern lives reflect the customs of the past. We appreciate the foundations upon which we build today.

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## OLD DILLARD HERITAGE GALLERY

*This project was made possible by JM Family Enterprises, Inc., along with support from the Blockbuster Entertainment Group.*

You are invited to join us on an historical voyage back in time, so that we can, together, appreciate the rich heritage and influence of the Old Dillard Community. Antique artifacts from Old Dillard Museum's evolving permanent collection are housed in this exhibit, showcasing a



comprehensive representation of the lifestyles and accomplishments of the local community. A number of its objects have been donated by community pioneers, elders, and Old Dillard School Alumni Association members. Their desire is that they may be enjoyed by present and future generations. The Museum is also committed to documenting the “oral traditions” of its peoples’ past, home and abroad.

## JAZZ: LANGUAGE OF THE SOUL

*This project has been financed in part with Historical Museums Grants-in-Aid Program assistance provided by the Bureau of Historical Museums, division of Historical Resources, Florida Department of State, Jim Smith, Secretary of State.*



This latest addition to the museum's permanent galleries is dedicated to Cannonball Adderley – former music instructor at the Old Dillard School. This permanent exhibition houses an interesting collection of photographs and memorabilia of Florida's jazz greats. One may observe the history of jazz, its composition, arrangement

and impact on other cultures. The education programs and interactive components are tailored to enhance students' knowledge of music and the music industry. They are designed to give the students a feel for the rich and proud heritage of jazz.

**LIBRARY RESOURCE ROOM**

Our Resource Center offers ethnic reference materials such as books, documents, artifacts, art catalogs, films, audio and video tapes, which are at the disposal of museum visitors. Students, teachers, historians and researchers engage in intergenerational and interactive research projects on a variety of topics related to peoples of color. The Library Resource Center provides resource/research opportunities in history, culture, and the arts, and complements the museum’s education programs.

*Substantial contributions towards development have been made possible by the A.D. Henderson Foundation with subsequent support from the Broward Community Foundation, Broward County Libraries Division, Broward Cultural Affairs Council, City of Fort Lauderdale and the Sun-Sentinel.*



**MINDS-ON, HANDS-ON INTERACTIVE GALLERY**



Many visitors choose to spend their time in the Minds-On, Hands-On Interactive Gallery; the only gallery in the museum that allows visitors to touch a wide range of museum objects from many cultures of color. The hands-on experiences allow visitors to engage in experimental learning as well as reinforce

the information shared in the other galleries. It is an entertaining opportunity for youngsters to utilize their personal observations. The participants are able to gain a more complete understanding of ethnic art, music, dance, literature and many aspects of daily life by participating in activities involving musical instruments, dancing, fabrics, basket weaving, adinkra stamping, chalk drawing, creative writing, story telling, masquerading, and hair braiding, among others. Here, the young will be able to explore the creativity of varying cultures and the heritage of their local community.

## ROTATING EXHIBITIONS

Additional Galleries are reserved for rotation exhibitions/installations. Since Old Dillard's Grand Opening in 1995, temporary exhibition have included: "Lift Every Voice," "Young Gifted and Black," " Separated Waters," "The Quest for Kuumba," "Portrayals", "Un-Murdered," "Promises from the Palmetto Bush, Travellers' Emporium, Negro League Baseball, Fun Generation Carnival Costume Exhibit;" all representing the works of international, national, regional and local artists.

## STRENGTH OF OUR MOTHERS PROJECT

The Strength of Our Mothers project will highlight local influential women like Sylvia Aldridge, Eula Johnson, Estella Pinkett, Mary Laramore Smith, Kathleen C. Wright, and current day prominent women like Dr. Dorothy Orr, Dr. Brenda Snipes, Dr. Niara Sudarkasa, Lucretia Welters and many others. These women have all faced many challenges, inspired many, and succeeded in making Fort Lauderdale's and Broward County's African-American community what it is today.

## OUTREACH

Ancillary and outreach projects include guided tours, films, lectures, workshops, classes, conferences, collaborative museum exhibitions, distance learning, displays and ethnic celebrations. These educational activities serve school children, community members, and patrons from all cultural backgrounds. Many of these programs are supported through



the Old Dillard Foundation with its enthusiastic Board of Trustees who give direct support to the development of this unique museum. The galleries are also readily accessible to the physically and mentally challenged. The museum participates in ongoing collaborations with other cultural organizations in South Florida.

## EDUCATIONAL TOURS

Gallery Tours are offered to school groups on Monday – Friday from 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Reservations are required for all groups and must be made at least two weeks in advance. For further information and to schedule group visits, please telephone the museum at 754-322-8828.

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