

**Press Release: For Immediate Release, February 8, 2018**  
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Bremerton's new Living Arts Cultural Heritage Center will launch its Weaving Histories Art Exhibit in Celebration of Black History Month on Thursday, February 22, 2018 from 10am to 6pm daily at the Bainbridge Island Museum of Art (BIMA), 550 Winslow Way East, Bainbridge Island, WA.

All are invited to this free exhibition. The event will include a Friday evening performance at 6-9pm and Sunday afternoon community celebration at 3:30pm. Events will include live music, cultural foods, living arts displays, music, dance, and spoken word performances. Museum visitors of all ages will enjoy visual art that draws on three distinct histories: African tribal art and artifacts, historical family photographs from Virginia, and panels depicting local history from the Kitsap County African American Historical Society.

Bishop Lawrence Robertson and Dr. Lillian Robertson will introduce plans for the development of the Marvin Williams/Birkenfeld Economic Empowerment Center and the New Life Community Development Center in Bremerton. John Paul Jones' rendering of the future Living Arts Cultural Heritage Center also will be displayed. The arts center will be located on the same central site. Donations will benefit both projects.

BIMA along with artists and cultural partners will host hands-on art activities from 11 am - 2 pm daily in the first floor gallery. These activities will be available on a drop-in basis.

The entire event is free and open to the public, but space is limited and reservations are strongly suggested. The exhibit continues through February 28.

Register for Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> Night of Cultures:

<http://mwcenter.ejoinme.org/WeavingHistoriesNightOfCultures>

Register for Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> Community Celebration:

<http://mwcenter.ejoinme.org/CommunityCelebrationWeavingHistories>

For additional information please visit <http://www.biartmuseum.org/calendar/weaving-histories/>

Donations can be made directly to Living Arts Cultural Heritage, a project of New Life Community Development at <http://mwcenter.ejoinme.org/donation>

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