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Frederick Douglass Day set for May 5 at CBMM

Members of the Frederick Douglass Day committee recently gathered at the Talbot County Courthouse in preparation for the second Frederick Douglass Day celebration, set for Saturday, May 5, 2012 at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum (CBMM) in St. Michaels, MD.

The event is jointly sponsored by CBMM and the Frederick Douglass Honor Society (FDHS), with proceeds benefitting the Frederick Douglass Scholarship Endowment Fund.

The May 5 event will feature exhibits about Frederick Douglass' life and work, a genealogy workshop, dance and live music, regional foods, and activities for children to learn about the diversity of cultural traditions established in our early heritage. Shipbuilding techniques used by Douglass will also be demonstrated at the boatshop.

The first Frederick Douglass Day was held at CBMM in October 2010, drawing more than 500 people to the museum's waterfront campus and raising \$10,000 for the Frederick Douglass statue that was unveiled at the Talbot County Courthouse in Easton in June 2011.



From left: CBMM Director of Education Kate Livie; FDHS President Eric Lowery; Easton Town Councilwoman Megan Cook; Benjamin Cook; Frederick Douglass Day (FDD) Co-Chairs Harriette Lowery and Karen Shook; Outreach Committee Co-Chair Clairdean Black; CBMM Director of Events and Volunteer Programming Melissa Spielman; and CBMM Events Coordinator Ida Heelan. Not pictured from the FDD committee: Doreen Getsinger, Marie Thomas, Childlene Brooks, Richard Potter, Michelle Zacks, Brenda Wooden, Trappe Commissioner Rosalee Potter, and Phyllis Hubbard.

Sponsorships are available to the event by contacting Frederick Douglass Day Co-Chair Karen Shook at 410-745-3307 or at karenhshook@yahoo.com. For more information about Frederick Douglass Day, visit the Frederick Douglass Honor Society at www.frederickdouglasshonorsociety.org or CBMM at www.cbmm.org.