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Tubman Journey To Freedom Statue

The Menare Foundation Inc. and Heritage Montgomery are honored to host *Harriet Tubman: The Journey to Freedom* from April 1 to May 30, 2023 at the Button Farm Living History Center in Germantown, MD. The statue, created by sculptor Wesley Wofford, is a dramatic 9-foot tall depiction of the legendary self-liberator as she guides a child to freedom on the perilous Underground Railroad. This residency will mark the first visit of the statue to the Washington, DC metro area since it was launched on a nationwide tour in 2020.

Harriet Tubman: The Journey to Freedom will be viewable to school groups and educators during weekdays and to the general public on weekends during its residency. Special themed weekends will include *Earth Day* featuring “Nature’s Role” in Tubman’s journeys; a *Mother’s Day* tribute to inspirational women, and a *Memorial Day* weekend celebration honoring Tubman’s service as a Civil War spy and scout among other events. Guided and self-guided tours will be offered along with educational presentations and exhibits. Performances, music, food and fun will round out an array of family-friendly activities.

To date, tens of thousands have experienced the inspiration and majesty of the sculpture, which has ignited the same spirit of freedom for viewers that embodied Tubman’s bold and powerful missions. According to artist Wesley Wofford, “*She is leaning into the wind with her shoulder, chin down, and bracing herself against the elements. Her eyes are cut formidably up, anticipating the next part of the journey. The wind illustrates the peril of the journey but is also a metaphor for the intense opposition she faced.*” Menare founder Anthony Cohen says Button Farm is proud to host the statue. “Harriet Tubman was a force of nature and her spirit is still felt more than a century after her passing. Many will pilgrimage to see the statue for its powerful symbolism of our ongoing quest for freedom.”

The Details

Button Farm—home to the Menare Foundation, Inc.—is partnering with Heritage Montgomery, and other community sponsors, to make the Journey to Freedom Experience available to the widest audience. For media inquiries visit <https://buttonfarm.org/the-tubman-journey-to-freedom-experience.html#press-kit> for more information.

About the Menare Foundation:

The Menare Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving Underground Railroad history & historic sites. Through assistance and training, Menare works with individuals and organizations to use the legacy of the Underground Railroad as a spark for human potential.

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