

february is national black history month

The Association for the Study of African American Life and History has selected themes for the National Black History Month since 1926, reflecting changes in how people of African descent in the U.S. have viewed themselves, the influence of social movements on racial ideologies, and the aspirations of the black community. This year's theme, "*Black Women in American Culture and History*," celebrates the contributions of Black women in the making of America and testifies to the everyday labors, struggles, and sacrifices of all women.

Please join Co-Sponsors - **YWCA of Kalamazoo and the Southwest Michigan Black Heritage Society** – as we celebrate the love, art and skill of African American women and quilt making.

stitching together black culture: african american women and the quilting tradition

who: All are welcome!

what: The **YWCA and the Southwest Michigan Black Heritage Society** are hosting an exhibition of some of our talented local black women's work and a panel discussion featuring local quilters, scholars and artists. The panel is moderated by Donna Odom of the Southwest Michigan Black Heritage Society with confirmed panelists: Quilters: Dolores Armstead, Bette Boulding, Paralee Harris, Delores Myers; Shryl Daniel of the African American Quilt Guild of Kalamazoo; and Beth Donaldson of the Michigan Quilt Project, Michigan State University Museum.

where: YWCA of Kalamazoo, 353 E. Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49007.

when: Tuesday, February 28, 2012
Quilt Exhibition: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Lunch/Panel Discussion: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

cost: The event is free of charge. Participants are welcome to bring a lunch; beverages and dessert will be provided by the YWCA.

rsvp: Please RSVP by Friday, February 24, 2012.

For additional information or to RSVP for the event, please contact Pamela Brown Goodacre, YWCA Racial Justice Program Area Supervisor at 345-5595 or pasrj@ywcakalamazoo.org.

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