



KUUMBA STORYTELLERS OF GEORGIA

Kuumba 2022 Affiliate Report

Submitted by Kuumba President – Chetter M. Galloway

Kuumba Storytellers of Georgia Mission Statement

To preserve the African oral tradition, provide awareness on the cultural history of African and African American people, and to serve as an educational resource for the community.

The year of 2022 continued to be another productive one for Kuumba Storytellers of Georgia. We were fortunate to take part in many activities and partnerships for its duration. While the majority of our events were virtual, we did have some live engagements throughout it. In the following pages, you will find the highlights from our year of storytelling in the community.

Other activities included:

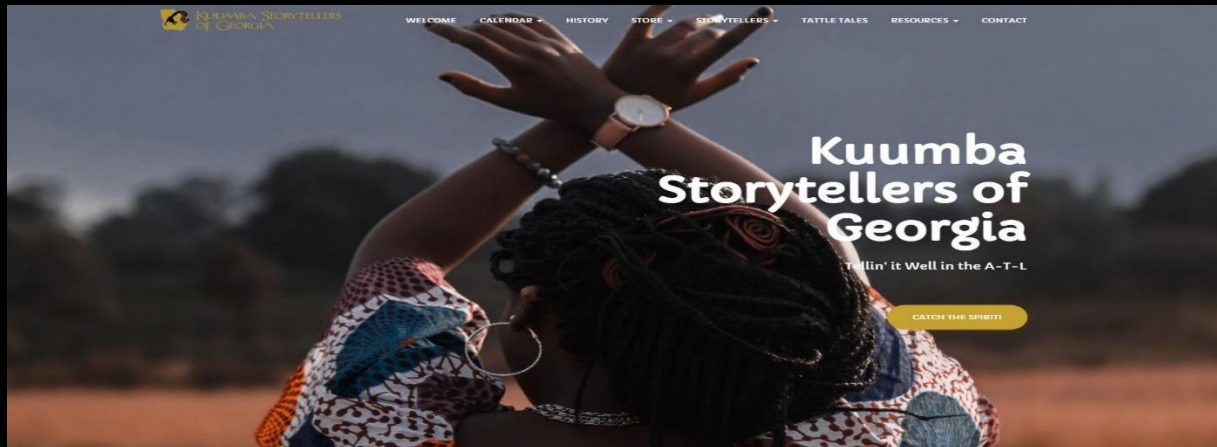
- Two Kuumba tellers, Deborah Strahorn and Gwendolyn J. Napier were chosen to attend the Wilmington Black Storytelling Residency.
- Deborah Strahorn conducted a youth storytelling workshop with one of our local partners, The Wrens Nest. This is also where the Kuumba Ramblers – Akbar Imhotep, Josie Bailey, Gwendolyn J. Napier, and Chetter Galloway share stories with listeners every Saturday.
- Kuumba Members Deborah Strahorn and John Doyle participated in Southview Cemetery Commemoration of the 1906 Atlanta Race Massacre by the sharing stories of Black Atlanta residents impacted by this horrible travesty.
- Kuumba Tattle Tales will have its annual Triple Tales Festival and participate in the Easterseals of Georgia Fall Festival telling stories.
- In November, many Kuumba Members plan on attending the annual NABS Conference.
- December is Kuumba's annual Pre-Kwanzaa celebration.

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Web: www.kuumbastorytellers.org

Facebook: Kuumba Do-Tell

Kuumba is always Telling it Well in the A-T-L!



KUUMBA STORYTELLERS OF GEORGIA
THE INFLUENCE OF AFRICAN CUISINE IN THE AMERICAS

Sunday February 20, 2022
3pm - 5pm EST

Storytelling Menu

Head Chef - Brenda D. Griffin
Maitre d Emcee - Marsha Holden

Appetizers
African Drumming

Libations
Enama Arinze and Jerell Smith

Main Course
John Doyle
Sistah Olufemi
Brenda D. Griffin
Gwendolyn J. Napier
Esther Culver
Vincent Cheeks

Dessert
Kenneth Green

Get Tickets For \$10 at:
kuumbastorytellers.org/portraits2022
Email - info@kuumbastorytellers.org
Facebook - Kuumba Do-Tell

Virtual Event

KUUMBA STORYTELLERS OF GEORGIA

Story Swap
Saturday March 12, 2022
2pm - 4pm (EST)
Stories of all genres are welcome!
5 to 7 minutes
Register at:
kuumbastorytellers.org/kuumba-story-swap/
Kuumba Storytellers of Georgia are always
telling it Well in the ATL!

For More Information:
Website: <http://kuumbastorytellers.org/>
Email: info@kuumbastorytellers.org
Facebook: [Kuumba Do-Tell](https://www.facebook.com/KuumbaDoTell)

February began Kuumba's calendar year with our annual Historical Black Portraits Program, which was held virtually for the second time. In 2023, we will host the event live!

In March, Kuumba had a virtual storyswap which included attendees from across the country, Canada, & NABS Festival Director-Dylan Pritchett.

Kuumba hosted Elizabeth Ellis for our April Professional Development Workshop on personal narrative. In May, we had our annual Mothers Day Program, Mama Tales with guest tellers NABS President-Elect Dr. David Fakunle and his mother Dr. Deborah Pierce-Fakunle.

KUUMBA STORYTELLERS OF GEORGIA

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP
ON PERSONAL NARRATIVE WITH
INTERNATIONAL STORYTELLER - ELIZABETH ELLIS**



Elizabeth Ellis grew up in the Appalachian Mountains. Invariably hilarious and poignant, she is a repeat favorite at the National Storytelling Festival. Elizabeth was a children's librarian at the Dallas Public Library before becoming a professional storyteller.

Author of *From Plot to Narrative*, she is a recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Storytelling Network. The "Divine Miss E" is a versatile and riveting teller of Appalachian and Texas tales and stories of heroic American women, though her personal stories are arguably her best.

Attendees will learn best practices, techniques, and experience expertise coaching on crafting personal narratives in addition to collaborating with one another in breakout sessions through written and spoken activities.

Learn more about Elizabeth Ellis at www.elizabethellis.com

Saturday April 9, 2022 - 2pm - 5pm (EST) Price - \$50.00

Registration on Eventbrite!

For more information go to kuumbastorytellers.org

Email: info@kuumbastorytellers.org

KUUMBA STORYTELLERS OF GEORGIA



All Because of You

15th Annual Mama Tales
Sunday, May 15th, 3pm - 5pm EST
Thank you for all your unconditional love and support!

Featured Tellers

Ladell Bliss Davis, Akbar Imhotep, Kuumba Tattle Tales
Joanna Maddox, Deacon Alfred Mitchell, Cynthia Watts

Special Guests - Dr. David Fakunle and Dr. Deborah Pierce-Fakunle

Musical Performance - Sherah Oluferi
Librettist - Yara Bailey
Dancer - Gwendolyn J. Napier

TICKETS \$10.00 ONLINE EVENT
kuumbastorytellers.org/mama-tales/
info@kuumbastorytellers.org
Facebook: Kuumba Do-Tell

Also in May, we had Kuumba tellers Brenda Griffin, Gwendolyn Napier, and Carsie Mason tell at the 45th Annual Atlanta Jazz Festival sharing stories from books as part of the Mayors Summer Reading Club.

KIDZONE
MAY 28TH - 30TH
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

JAZZ 101
ATLJAZZFEST.COM




1PM
**SISTAH BUTTERFLY
AND
QUEEN STORYTELLER**

**MISS LUV DROP
2:30PM**



GEEARS **MEETUP** **KUUMBA STORYTELLERS OF GEORGIA**



In June we honored father's with Father Tales: Hearing the Voice of a Strong Man. Our guest tellers included NABS Founder Mama Linda Goss and Bunjo Butler.



 **KUUMBA** STORYTELLERS OF GEORGIA

FATHER TALES

Hearing the Voice of a Strong Man

SUNDAY JUNE 26TH 3P-5P EST

FEATURED TELLERS
Jerell Allen Smith, Christine ArinzeSamuel,
LaDoris Bias-Davis, John Doyle,
Barry Stewart Mann, Bunjo Butler,
Mama Linda Goss, Libations - Brenda Griffin,
Emcee - Akbar Imhotep

TICKETS \$10.00 ONLINE EVENT
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Kuumba Storytellers had a booth at the Annual Juneteenth Parade and Festival at Centennial Park in Atlanta, GA with President–Chetter Galloway sharing stories on the Juneteenth Stage.





KUUMBA STORYTELLERS OF GEORGIA

**Storytelling Workshop by
Dr. Caroliese Frink-Reed**

**Saturday, August 13th 2pm EST - \$25
ONLINE EVENT**



Blackstorytelling: Its origins, its present, and its future

This workshop will explore and explain the African connections, historical, political and social development in the United States and the future continuation of this art form.



**To register and pay go to
kuumbastorytellers.org/black-storytelling-workshop/**

**For any questions contact
info@kuumbastorytellers.org**

Kuumba Board of Directors August 2022 Board Meeting
Our first live BOD Meeting since February 2020!



Kuumba participated in the Give 8/28 Campaign with the Young, Black, and Giving Back Institute to raise money for our matching grant with The NEA Big Read. We raised \$1500 on our initial campaign and are still counting!



Kuumba and Community Partner CDF Action



FREE! 9th Annual CLARKSTON TELL ME A STORY! FESTIVAL

Children's Stories from Around the World

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2022
1 PM - 5 PM
GEORGIA PIEDMONT TECHNICAL COLLEGE
CONFERENCE CENTER
495 NORTH INDIAN CREEK DRIVE



FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

STORYTELLERS
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES & GAMES
FREE CHILDREN'S BOOKS & TOTE BAGS!
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Festival Guides who speak:
 Somali, French, Arabic, English,
 Swahili, Pashto, Dari, Chin & more!

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 Michael E. Carlini Museum - Emory
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 Refugee Family Assistance Program
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Make a Donation today!
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For more information
 contact CDF Action at (404) 736-6602 or info@cdfaction.org
www.clarkstontellmestory.org

Kuumba Members at the Festival!



Gwendolyn J. Napier



**Ladoris Bias-Davis
&
Chetter M. Galloway**



Deborah Strahorn

Kuumba's Kickoff Event for The Big Read!

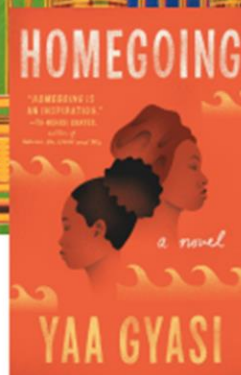


GWINNETT COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Big Read Kickoff



A Community Celebration with Kuumba Storytellers of Georgia



Join Gwinnett County Public Library and Kuumba Storytellers of Georgia for a community Big Read Kickoff centered around Yaa Gyasi's award-winning novel, *Homegoing*.

Come experience storytelling, music, dance, and food that highlights *Homegoing's* cultural foundation. Participants will have the opportunity to receive a complimentary copy of the book (while supplies last).

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8 | 11 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Norcross Branch: 5735 Buford Hwy, Norcross, GA 30071

Presented in partnership with



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*NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in a partnership with Arts Midwest.

DISCOVER MORE AT: WWW.GWINNETTPL.ORG/ADULTSERVICES

www.gwinnettpl.org | 770-978-5154 |     

Kuumba partners with The Moth for its Pop-Up Porch Tour!

[THEMOTH.ORG/POPUPPORCH](https://themoth.org/popupporch)

Atlanta, GA

OCT 26 - OCT 30

SHARE TRUE STORIES
AT THE MOTH'S STORYTELLING POP UP



Learn to craft your own stories - Listen to Moth stories -
Take part in storytelling workshops - Attend a Moth storySLAM

<p>10/26 - 10/30 The Moth Pop Up Porch at the Ponce City Market 11 AM - 7 PM FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC</p>	<p>10/27 Moth StorySLAM at 7 Stages Theatre Doors Open 7:00 PM Stories Begin 7:30 PM</p>
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