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 had 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 tells, 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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Facebook: Kuumba Do-Tell
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.

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.
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 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.
August Professional Development Workshop with facilitator Dr. Caroliese Frink-Reed!

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 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

9th Annual
CLARKSTON TELL ME A STORY! FESTIVAL

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

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Kuumba Members at the Festival!

Gwendolyn J. Napier  
Ladoris Bias-Davis & Chetter M. Galloway  
Deborah Strahorn
Kuumba’s Kickoff Event for The Big Read!

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

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

DISCOVER MORE AT: WWW.GWINNETTPL.ORG/ADULTSERVICES
Kuumba partners with The Moth for its Pop-Up Porch Tour!

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

10/26 - 10/30
The Moth Pop Up Porch at the
Ponce City Market
11 AM - 7 PM
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

10/27
Moth StorySLAM at
7 Stages Theatre
Doors Open 7:00 PM
Stories Begin 7:30 PM

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

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