



KUUMBA STORYTELLERS

OF GEORGIA

Kuumba's 2024 Affiliate Report Submitted by President – Chetter M. Galloway

January 2024 – Virtual Story Swap opened up the year! Kuumba Ramblers, Deborah Strahorn, Christine ArinzeSamuel, Josie Bailey, Gwendolyn J. Napier, and Chetter Galloway begin sharing stories on Saturdays each month at The Wrens Nest Museum.

February 2024 – Kuumba's 23rd Annual Historical Black Portraits Program.

March 2024 – Tea and Stories was hosted by The Wrens Nest featuring Kuumba Storytellers sharing stories of powerful women during Women's History Month.

April 2024 – Earthday is Coming Virtual Workshop facilitated by Barry Stewart Mann and Christine ArinzeSamuel. Gwendolyn J. Napier and Josie Bailey featured at The Georgia Mountains Storytelling Festival.

May 2024 – Annual Kings and Queens Program honors Mothers, Fathers, and Juneteenth!

June 2024 – Chetter Galloway, Gwendolyn J. Napier, and Mama Koku, honored Ancestor Akbar Imhotep by sharing stories at The Great American Campout. Kuumba Members – Rosie Meadows, Brenda Griffin, and Carsie Mason travel to Accra, Ghana.

July 2024 – Kuumba participates in the Mayors Summer Reading Club. Kenny Green presented his Annual Variety Showcase at the South Fulton Library with Vincent Cheeks and Christine ArinzeSamuel. Kuumba receives The NSN Oracle Award for Regional Service and Leadership.

August 2024 - Teaching Tomorrows Tellers Workshop facilitated by Deborah Strahorn and Esther Culver had attendees from California, Kentucky, New Jersey, and India!

September 2024 – Kuumba members retell the stories of the Black Southview Cemetery Residents who survived the 1906 Atlanta Race Riots. Kuumba's Annual Membership Drive at Cascade Library. Kuumba President Chetter Galloway wins the Atlanta Moth Story Slam.

October 2024 – Kuumba Storytellers perform for Capturing the Spirit of Oakland at Historic Oakland Cemetery, portraying the lives of its prominent Black Residents buried there. Members plan on attending the Annual NABS Festival and Conference in Buffalo, NY.

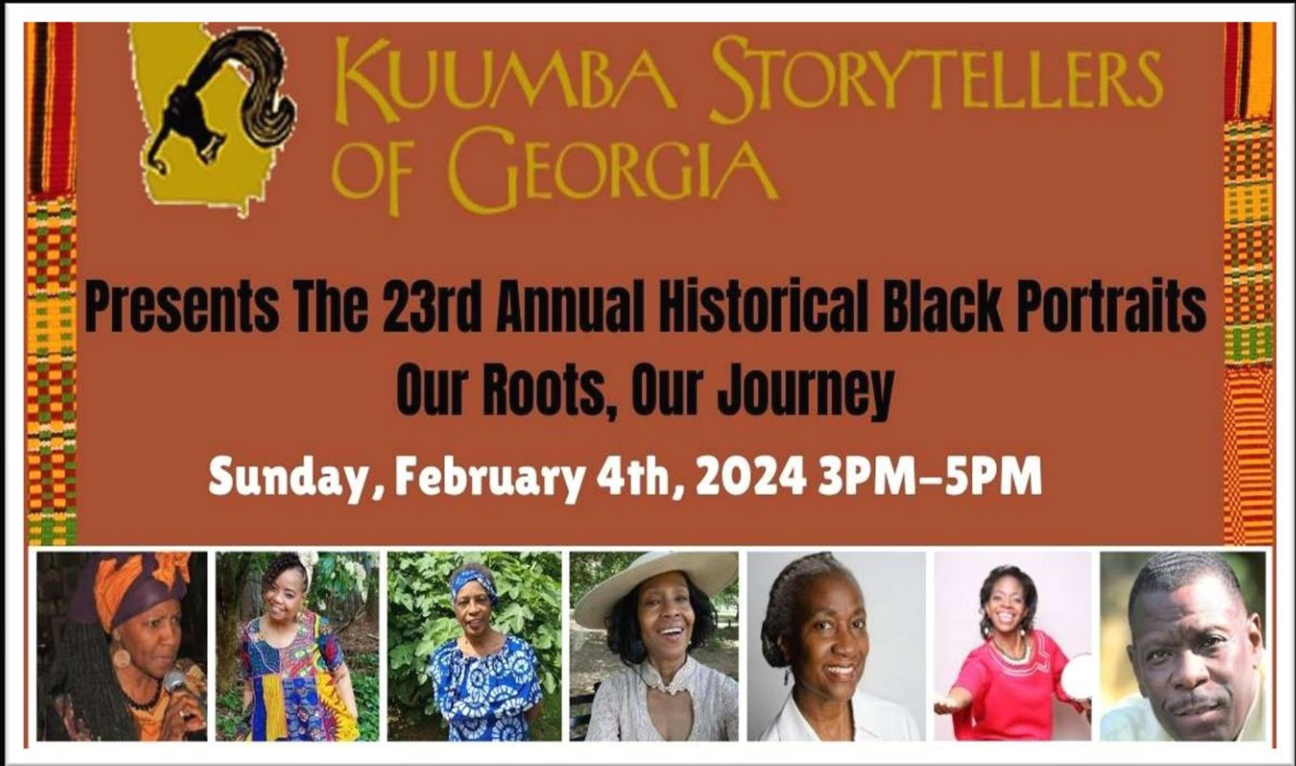
November 2024 – Kuumba partners with CDF Community Action for the 11th Annual Tell Me A Story Festival in Clarkston, Georgia.

December 2024 – Annual Kwanzaa Program planned and Kuumba honors Master Djembe Drummer Yusef Crowder at the Historic Apex Museum.

In the following pages, are photos of Kuumba Storytellers telling it well in the A-T-L!

Email: info@kuumbastorytellers.org Website: <https://kuumbastorytellers.org/>

Black History Month Program!



**KUUMBA STORYTELLERS
OF GEORGIA**

**Presents The 23rd Annual Historical Black Portraits
Our Roots, Our Journey**

Sunday, February 4th, 2024 3PM-5PM

Cast Members taking a final bow!



April Storytelling Workshop!

Earth Day is Coming

Environmental Storytelling through a Cultural Lens
Professional Development Workshop
Saturday, April 13, 2024 2pm-4pm EST ONLINE



Barry Stewart Mann

FACILITATORS

Christine ArinzeSamuel



Register for \$20 at - kuumbaearthday.eventbrite.com

GEORGIA MOUNTAIN
STORYTELLING FESTIVAL
"Claim Your Voice"



Gwendolyn J. Napier and Josie Bailey Featured Tellers!

Kings and Queens
Voices of Love, Strength, and Wisdom!

Featured Tellers

Deborah Strahorn Emcee
Brenda Griffin
Denise Chapman Acosta
Chetter Galloway
Gloria Elder
Gwendolyn J. Napier
Josie Bailey

A Virtual Storytelling Celebration!
Sunday, May 19th, 2024 3pm-5pm EST

More details and tickets for \$15 at kuumbakingsqueens.eventbrite.com
(Program subject to change)

Workshops and Storytelling at The Wrens Nest

SCRIBES WORKSHOP
THE HERO IN YOU!
WITH JOHN DOYLE

Saturday, May 11th
10:00AM

A creative writing workshop for middle-grade students that will explore sci-fi and futuristic writing!

For Grades 5-8

THE WREN'S NEST

Storytime at the Nest
with Christine

"Now Brer Rabbit doesn't hop anywhere!"

Kuumba Members Honored Akbar with Stories!



14TH ANNUAL *Great American Campout* SATURDAY, JUNE 22ND | 8:30PM - 10:00PM

THIS IS A SPECIAL BONFIRE TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE BELOVED ANCESTOR AHKBAR IMHOTEP. THE CAMPOUT HAS SERVED THE COMMUNITY WITH A SAFE SPACE TO CAMP FOR OVER 10 YEARS, AND THROUGHOUT THOSE YEARS, AKHBAR IMHOTEP LED OUR STORYTELLING PORTION.



Tribute Honoring Akhbar Imhotep



Kuumba Storytellers of Georgia



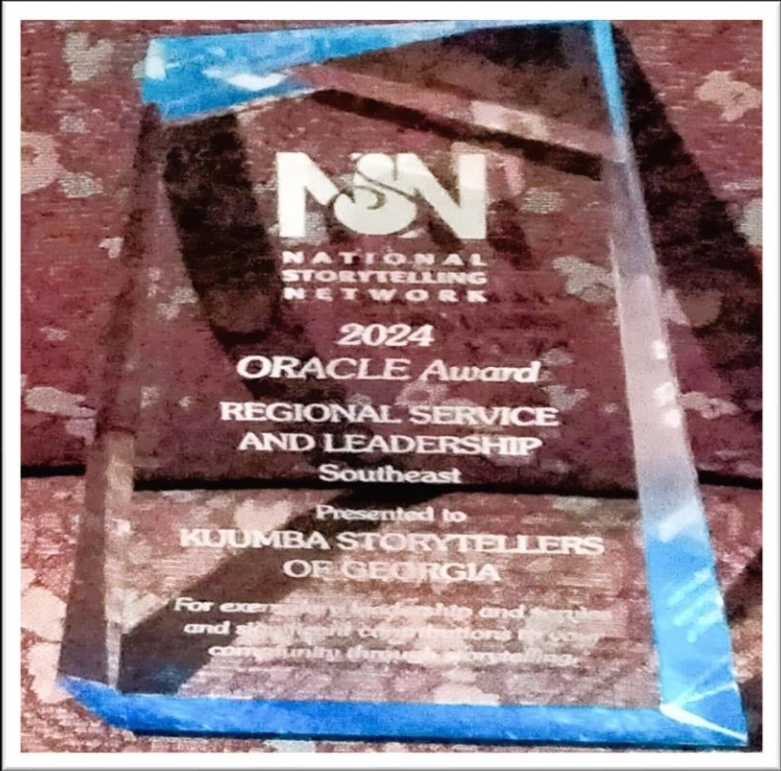
SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER OR VISIT WWW.WAWA-ONLINE.ORG

THE OUTDOOR ACTIVITY CENTER
1442 RICHLAND ROAD SW ATLANTA, GA 30310

Carsie Mason, Brenda Griffin, and Rosie Meadows in Ghana!



Kuumba receives the 2024 NSN Oracle Award!



Gwendolyn J. Napier accepting award at the NSN conference!

**Regional Service & Leadership Award
Kuumba Storytellers of Georgia**



In 1995, four Atlanta storytellers decided to form an affiliate of the National Association of Black Storytellers (NABS) after attending the (NABS) Festival for several years and Kuumba Storytellers of Georgia was born. Kuumba means "Creativity" in Swahili. The sixth day of Kwanzaa celebrates Kuumba, the ability we have putting our imaginations to work while using our creative talents to build and maintain a strong, vibrant community. Kuumba Storytellers of Georgia mission is to preserve the African oral tradition, provide awareness on the cultural history of African and African American people, and serve as an educational resource for the community.

Kuumba In The Community For The Mayors Summer Reading Club!




Brenda Griffin (Above-Center) and Carsie Mason (Below-Center)



Mr. Kenny's Variety Showcase with Kuumba Members and Friends at the South Fulton Library




August 2024 Professional Development Workshop




KUUMBA STORYTELLERS OF GEORGIA

Presents

"Teaching Tomorrow's Tellers"




Esther Culver



Deborah Strahorn

A Train the Trainer Workshop

Workshop Attendees



Attendees shown in the grid:

- Esther Culver
- Esther Kuumba Pres.
- Deborah Strahorn
- Erenda Griffin
- Gloria Elder
- Gwendolyn Napier
- Koku
- Barry Stewart Mann
- Marsha Holden
- Rosie Meadows
- Kenneth Green
- Angela Lloyd

Attendees shown in the bottom row:

- Hannah Helm
- **Kuumba Tech 2
- Craig Bradley

September 2024 Annual Membership Drive

Membership Committee
Marsha Holden
Kenny Green

Tellers
Christine Arinze Samuel
and
Jerrell Allen Smith



Kuumba Members at Historic Southview Cemetery sharing stories of Atlanta Residents who lived through the 1906 Race Riots.



THE 1906 ATLANTA RACE MASSACRE

GUIDED WALKING TOUR

Saturday, September 21, 2024 @ 4:30pm



URSULA REESE SPRATLING



IRENE DOBBS
EDUCATOR/ACTIVIST

Ellis St

VINCENT CHEEKS



DAVID T. HOWARD
PHILANTHROPIST/BUSINESSMAN

DEBORAH STRAHORN



ADRIENNE HERNDON
EDUCATOR/ACTRESS

LADORIS DAVIS



MABEL WHITMAN
MANAGER/PERFORMER

JOHN DOYLE



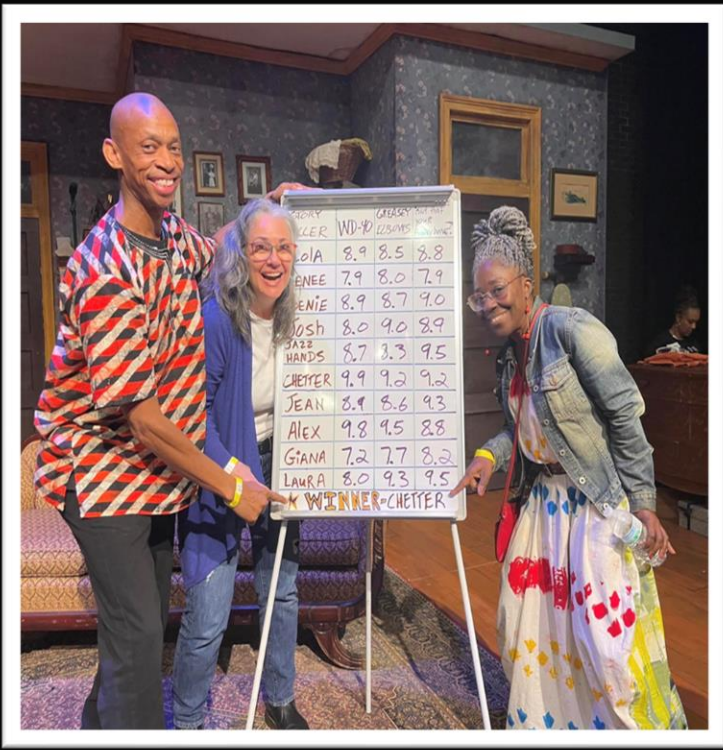
GEORGE WILDER
CIVIL WAR SOLDIER

Arbun Ave



Tour Location:
1990 Jonesboro Rd. S.E., Atlanta, GA 30315
For more information, call: 404.622.5393

Kuumba showing out at The Moth! Marsha Holden, Renee Brown, Vincent Cheeks, Chetter Galloway, Mama Koku, and Debbie Weston From!



ATL Moth Host Al Wiseman (of Kuumba) and Renee Brown





WCEG Media “Conversations In Education” host Vincent Cheeks interviews Kuumba Member Deborah Strahorn



Acworth Book and Storytelling Festival Featuring Kuumba Members!

ACWORTH BOOK & STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

VERN BAILEY



Vern Bailey, storyteller, writer, podcaster, and retired educator is a member of Southern Order of Storytellers, Southern Crescent Storytellers, and KUUMBA Storytellers of Georgia. She holds a Specialist degree in Educational Leadership from Central Michigan University, a master's, and undergraduate degree from Georgia State University in Education. Ms. Bailey's love for literature and storytelling has been demonstrated through her writing and telling stories on her Podcast named "Story Holder's Podcast", at early learning centers, senior centers, Teacher's associations, and various storytelling organizations.

WEBSITE
WWW.STORYHOLDERPODCAST.COM

ACWORTH BOOK & STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

GWENDOLYN J. NAPIER

AKA "MISS LUYDROP"

Native of Atlanta, Georgia. Retired Educator from Fulton County Schools. Founder of Luydrop Productions - The "Heart of Storytelling" sharing One Story at a Time. Fun Educational Entertainer, Storyteller, Singer, Poet, Drummer, Workshop Facilitator and more. She has been performing as a Storytelling Artist for over 15 years. Performing and Teaching Artist for the Georgia Council Of the Arts Registry. Performing Year-Round Storytelling Artist for the Wrens Nest House Museum in Atlanta, and an Atlanta Ambassador for the Georgia Early Education Alliance for Ready Children.

Children. She has participated in many Venues celebrating Juneteenth as the Historic Portrayal of Harriet Ross Tubman in "The Annual Atlanta Parade" for the last 8 years, Clarkson Georgia Juneteenth Events including Schools, Churches, Libraries, Performing Arts Theatres, Conferences and Festivals. Miss Napier has portrayed many other historical Women in History as Harriet Tubman, Bessie Coleman, Mahalia Jackson, Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, Shirley Chisholm and others. Member of Kuumba Storytellers of Georgia, National Associations of black Storytellers, Inc. including the Adopt-A-Tellers Program, and President of the Georgia Storytelling Network.

FACEBOOK
WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/GWENDOLYNNAPIER9

ACWORTH BOOK & STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

DENISE DES SOYE MOUNT




Denise Mount grew up in Western New York and has lived in Georgia now for the past 34 years. She tells personal stories, tall tales, Appalachian lore, and more at events all over, including the Georgia Storytelling Festival, Taste of Storytelling in LaGrange, Haunts and Harvest in BlueRidge, Hagood Mill Lears Contest in South Carolina, the Peacock Playhouse in Haywoodville, North Carolina, various events at the John C. Campbell Folk School, and more. This is her third year telling at the Acworth Literary Festival. Denise and her husband, Mike, host Stories on the Square Gwinnett, an online, open mic, storytelling event now in its twelfth year where all storytellers, story listeners, and story lovers are welcome.

Coming up next!




11TH ANNUAL CLARKSTON TELL ME A STORY! FESTIVAL

Children's Cultural, Language, and Literacy Celebration

SAVE THE DATE

NEW

Saturday,
November 2nd, 2024
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Clarkston Community Center Inc
3701 College Ave, Clarkston, GA 30021

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