



An African American holiday marking the end of slavery in the United States

at Durand-Hedden House & Garden, 523 Ridgewood Rd, Maplewood

Saturday June 14, 2025

12:00 - 5:00 p.m.





House & Garden

SCHEDULE of Events:

Opening	
12:00pm	Welcome
Performances / Speaker	
12:45	Gospel choir, First Baptist Church of South Orange
1:15	Poet Eric Shorter
2:00	Keynote Speaker - Lady Trisha Scipio, NAACP of the Oranges and Maplewood
3:00	African line dancing
4:00	Poet Heru Stewart
4:15	Kamate Drummers

All Afternoon

Historical Reenactors

- Daniel Carlton as Thomas Smallwood, Underground Railroad conductor
- Teretha Jones as Elizabeth Keckley, Mary Todd Lincoln's confidante

For Children

· Face painting, arts and crafts

Exhibits in the House

- Slavery in New Jersey: A Troubled History
- · Exhibit of works by local Black artists, curated by Onnie Strother

Information Tables

- League of Women Voters
- · South Orange Maplewood Community Coalition on Race

Food for Purchase

- Your Ultimate Patty Place Jamaican patties
- Cornbread Soul food
- Grandma Emma's Fruit cobblers and lemonade
- Magic Fountain Union Creamery Handcrafted ice cream

Shopping

- N'Ketiah Brakohiapa African-inspired clothing
- Source of Knowledge Bookstore
- Top Shelf Plus Shea natural beauty products
- Yvonne Onque Jewelry
- · Zakia Bags and jewelry
- And visit the Durand-Hedden Country Store

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