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Remembering Rosewood - Wreath Laying Ceremony

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The Descendants of Rosewood will honor lost souls with a wreath dedication. Keynote by Gainesville City Commissioner, Dr. Cynthia Chestnut

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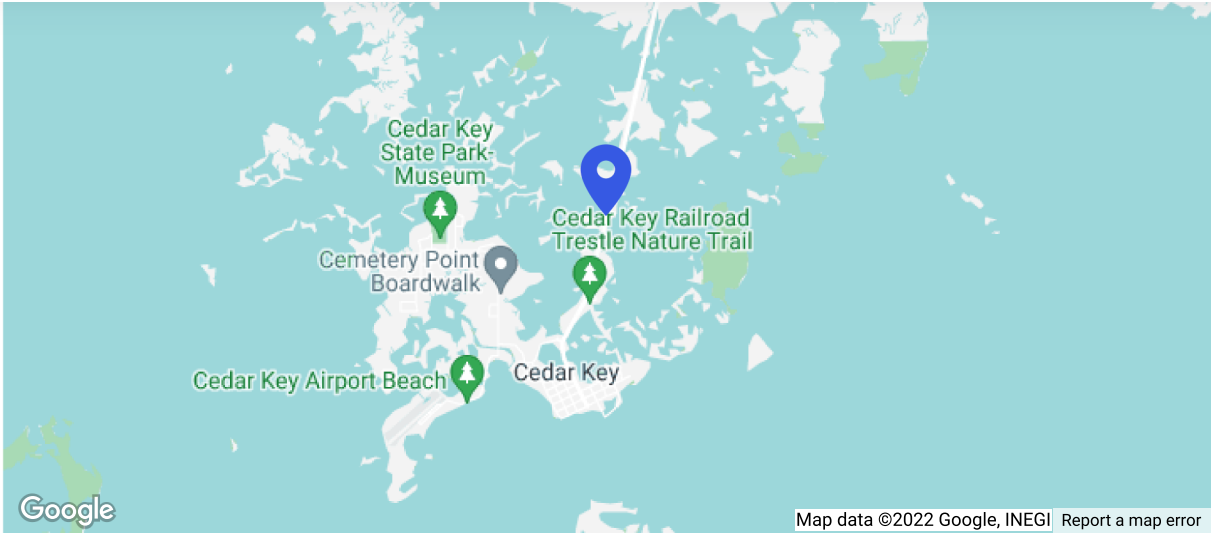
Sun, Jan 8, 2023, 2:00 PM EST



Location

Free

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About this event

 2 hours

 Mobile eTicket

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WREATH LAYING

CEREMONY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2023
 ROSEWOOD, FLORIDA

Visit **GAINESVILLE** Alachua County, FL
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 UF UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA
 SPLC Southern Poverty Law Center

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Converging on the land which was once the prosperous community of Rosewood, Florida; the descendants of the eight surviving families will honor lost souls with a heartfelt wreath dedication hosted on the 5 acre property of Professor Marvin Dunn. The keynote will be

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The Wreath Laying Ceremony is an outdoor event. We cannot predict weather or other environmental conditions such as insects, wildlife, uneven terrain, wet grass, puddles, dirt, or other unpredictable, unknown natural factors that occur in outdoor facilities. *We recommend that you **wear casual attire and comfortable sneakers or boots** to ensure maximum safety.* High heels and sandals are not recommended. Insect repellent is suggested.

Meet our Host Sponsor



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Professor, Historian and Owner of the Dunn Property located in Rosewood, Florida

A former naval officer, Marvin Dunn is a Professor Emeritus, Department of Psychology at Florida International University, retiring as chairperson of the department in 2006. He has published numerous articles in leading newspapers on race and ethnic relations including the New York Times, the Los Angeles Times, the Orlando Sentinel and the Miami Herald. He is the author of the following books: The History of Florida: Through Black Eyes, CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform (2016), Black Miami in the Twentieth Century, University Press of Florida (1997). He is the coauthor of This Land is Our Land, California: University of California Press. (2003) and The Miami Riot of 1980: Crossing the Bounds, Lexington, Massachusetts: D.C. Heath (1984).

He has produced three documentary films including, "Rosewood Uncovered," documenting the Rosewood Massacre of 1923, "Murder on the Suwanee: The Willie James Howard Story," the story of the lynching of a fifteen year old black child in Live Oak, Florida in 1944 and "Black Seminoles in the Bahamas: The Red Bays story" which documents the flight of slaves from Florida escaping to the Bahama Islands in the 1800s and "The Black Miami" based upon his book, Black Miami in the Twentieth Century. He was born and raised in Florida and currently lives in Miami, Florida.

In the wake of the killing of George Floyd, Dunn and other community advocates for racial justice founded the Miami Center for Racial Justice. According to Dunn, "The Miami Center for Racial Justice will be a beacon in our community. We seek to foster a safe space for dialogue on racial issues, to promote unity, and allow for frank confrontation of the history of racial terror through the examination and preservation of stories of racial terror in Florida."

For more information about the work of [Dr. Marvin Dunn](#)



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03:02

Opening Prayer By

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Rabbi Robyn Fisher, Temple Beth Or

Rabbi Robyn Fisher is the Spiritual leader of Beth Or in South Miami where she shares her passion for transforming sacred gatherings and drawing from ancient Jewish wisdom in order to bring healing to the world in which we live. She is driven to use her Jewish tradition's moral and prophetic call to the pursuit of justice and protection of vulnerable people in our local and global communities. She is building bridges of peace and collaboration among diverse faith communities in Miami through her involvement in PACT (People Acting in Community Together), serving on the Housing & Environment Steering committee, as a Co-Chair of MCCJ's Multi-faith Coalition of Miami, empowering local clergy to act together for the social good, and as the 2nd Vice-Chair of the Miami Dade County Interfaith Advisory Board. She works closely

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engagement. Before joining Beth Or in 2017, she served for 10 years as the Hillel Director of Student Engagement and as the Jewish Chaplain on campus at the University of Miami, where she also attended graduate school and received her Juris Doctor Degree. She is a retired member of the Florida Bar Association and received her rabbinic ordination from Mesifita Adas Wolkowisk Rabbincal Academy, a post-denominational rabbinical program promoting inclusivity and flourishing in Jewish community. Robyn is long time member of the Board of Directors of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation and currently serves as the secretary of the Rabbinic Association of Greater Miami. She is married to Randy Fisher and is the proud mother of Evan (& Hannah), Ally, and Kara, and soon to be grandmother in the Spring!

To learn more about the work of [Rabbi Robyn Fisher](#)

Keynote Speaker



**Dr. Cynthia Moore Chestnut, first Black woman on
Gainesville City Commission**

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She began her political career in Gainesville, becoming the first African American woman elected to the Gainesville City Commission as mayor-commissioner; first woman and African American elected to serve in the Florida House of Representatives, House District 23; first African American woman elected to the Alachua County Commission and to serve as chair. In January 2022, Dr. Chestnut was re-elected to the Gainesville City Commission, serving in the seat where she began her political career as an at-large commissioner.

In 2014, Chestnut was elected to fill an unexpired term as chair of the Alachua County Democratic Executive Committee, and appointed as vice chair of the Florida Democratic Party. She was elected to a full four-year term as chair of the Alachua County Democratic Executive Committee in 2016, becoming the first African American to serve as party chair. In 2019, Chestnut was elected to chair the Democratic County Chairs Association of Florida.

In 2020, Dr. Chestnut became one of the founding members and first chair of the Florida Democratic Black Women's Consortium, a grassroots organization dedicated to voter empowerment, voter education and building a bench of candidates for appointed or elected office in the state of Florida.

Her memberships include Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Gainesville Chapter of the Links, the Visionaries Club, Democratic Women's Club of Alachua County, the Opinionated Ladies Book Club (founder) and Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church.

She is married to Charles S. Chestnut III, mother to Christopher and stepmother to five, including Charles "Chuck" Chestnut IV.

For more information on [Dr. Cynthia Chestnut](#)

Special Guest

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Dr. Tony Hill

Meet former State Senator, Dr. Tony Hill. Dr. Hill is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. (Theta Phi Chapter) and the Chair of the NAACP Florida State Conference Labor Roundtable. He is also the Founder of the Achieve, Instill & Inspire Foundation, which provides scholarships for African American and Latino males to attend college in the field of education. He has a B.A.

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A dedicated humanitarian and community advocate, Senator Hill sponsored a bill to create the first-ever State Capitol Civil Rights Hall of Fame, making Florida the first state in the nation's history to have such a Civil Rights Hall of Fame.

Dr. Tony Hill's legacy of service began long before entering the office of the State Senate. His political career began in 1992 when elected to the Florida House of Representatives, District 14 and continued when subsequently re-elected, running unopposed, for three consecutive terms. Following his election to the Senate, he fought to secure the implementation of Florida Constitutional Amendment 9, which requires smaller class sizes in schools and ensuring greater success for our children.

He was the first African American to represent Volusia County (Daytona Beach) in the State Senate. Senator Hill also served as the former Senate Democratic Floor Leader, the third-ranking member of the Democratic Party leadership in the Senate.

Dr. Tony Hill is the middle child of Mrs. Cordelia & Mr. Ernest (deceased) Hill, Sr., and is married to long-time love Patricia. He is the proud father of four children and grandfather to ten grandchildren. A man of commitment and service, Dr. Hill also inspires and leads those in the household of faith as long-standing member of the Greater Macedonia Baptist Church, where he served as a Deacon, teaches Sunday School and is the founder and chair of the Men's Usher Board.

Soil Ceremony By

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Chaplin Elvin Lee Jr

Dependent

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grandson. His academic credentials include a B.S. and a Masters of Divinity from Minnesota Graduate School of Theology.

Realizing that the vision is greater than himself, this end-time leader acknowledges that the next generation will continue to carry the torch. His interest is in leading the people of God into the next move of God, by way of relationship with Him. "We have a lot of work to do and I'm committed to doing my part."

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Descendants of Rosewood Foundation

Organizer of Remembering Rosewood - Wreath Laying Ceremony

Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Doctor were inspired to create the The Descendants of Rosewood, Inc. to host the centennial commemorative events to mark the 100th anniversary of Rosewood. In cooperation with the Rosewood Family Reunion, Inc., The Rosewood Foundation, The Real Rosewood Foundation, and the Rosewood Heritage Foundation, the mission of the centennial committee is to propel the Rosewood legacy into the future.

The Remembering Rosewood Centennial Committee has a carefully curated week of events designed to educate, enlighten, and encourage attendees. We will also honor the lives impacted by the fateful events in January 1923 and set the stage for the future leaders to fulfill the legacy of resilience and renewal established by the survivors and heroes of Rosewood. The events are a week-long commemoration of the past with a

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Remembering Rosewood - Rosewood Docudrama
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Thu, Jan 12, 7:00 PM

University of Florida - Levin College of Law Advocacy Center - Court Roo...
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Remembering Rosewood - Where Do We Go From Here?
Fri, Jan 13, 10:00 AM

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Remembering Rosewood - The Legacy Forum &
Reception
Fri, Jan 13, 12:00 PM

University of Florida - Levin College of Law Advocacy Center Chesterfield...
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Other events you may like



Remembering Rosewood - A Conversation with the Next Generation

Fri, Jan 13, 6:00 PM

University of Florida - J. Wayne Reitz Union (Rion Ballroom - 3rd Floor) • Gainesville, FL
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