Lakeport Cemetery Preservation Project

A time to greet long lost family and friends from Lakeport, Ford and Redleaf Plantations that you’ve known all your life and to welcome brand new ones.

Bring your old pictures, obituaries or any documents to help us build a museum for the African Americans of Lakeport.

Tour the Old Lakeport Cemetery, (by the grudge ditch), Lakeport Cemetery (in the middle of the field), and Morning Star (Ford) Cemetery and help identify unmarked graves. Tour Mt. Pleasant and other surrounding communities.

Enjoy chronicles of the making of Lakeport, oral histories from the elders, building your family tree, heritage, cooking and soul food, quilting and meeting with old friends from Lakeport, Ford, Redleaf and other communities.

A time to catch up on news about your old friends, neighbors, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

I can’t wait to see you!!!

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Let's Celebrate

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July 3rd, 4th and 5th 2009

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Lakeport Reunion Celebration

Lakeport Creek

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"Memories of Lakeport"

The past is all around us. We live our lives against a rich backdrop formed by historic buildings such as the Lyngus Johnson “Lakeport Plantation” house, the landscapes and other physical survivals of our past such as the cotton fields, fishing holes, juke joints, churches, cemeteries and other significant landmarks. Historic landscapes or iconic buildings can become a focus of community identity and pride. Building materials and artifacts can define a region’s localities and communities.

However, our African American history and heritage and life style on Lakeport is more than just a matter of material remains. It is central to how we see ourselves and to our identity as individuals, communities and as citizens.

The African American History and Heritage on Lakeport is a physical record of what Lakeport is and how it came to be. But on a more personal level it is a testament to the people who lived, worked and died here. Our experiences here has helped to define a culture and has created a sense of local cohesion that has endured across generations of enslaved persons, sharecroppers, tenant farmers and freed persons, even until now.

The importance that we attach to our ‘heritage’ is the tie that binds us. That is why events such as the Lakeport Heritage Reunion Celebration is so important in enabling people to access our local heritage.

We encourage you to take this unique opportunity to visit, tour and experience the African Americans of Lakeport’s rich heritage and “Memories of Lakeport.”