



## MESDA Offers Special Tours for Black History Month

### **Hidden Legacy: The African American Influence in Southern Decorative Arts**

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WINSTON-SALEM, NC (JANUARY 19, 2015) — The Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts (MESDA) at Old Salem Museums & Gardens is offering a special tour during February in honor of Black History Month. The tour, entitled “A Hidden Legacy: The African American Influence in Southern Decorative Arts,” will be offered on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays throughout the month of February. **On Wednesdays and Fridays (February 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25 and 27), tours will take place at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Saturday tours (7, 14, 21 and 28) will be held at 11 a.m., with an additional 2 p.m. tour on February 21. The tour is also available** by advance appointment during regular museum hours by calling 336-779-6140 at least one week in advance. **Tours will take place at MESDA in the Frank L. Horton Museum Center at 924 South Main Street in Winston-Salem.**

“A Hidden Legacy: The African American Influence in Southern Decorative Arts,” is a 45-minute tour focusing on the African American stories behind some of MESDA’s most iconic objects, including works by North Carolina cabinetmaker Thomas Day; the Edgefield, South Carolina, potter David Drake; and the Baltimore, Maryland, painter Joshua Johnson.

The tour is included with the purchase of an All-in-One ticket (\$23 for adults and \$11 for children ages 6-16) and free for current Friends of Old Salem and current Friends of MESDA. All-in-One tickets can be purchased at the Visitor Center. Tickets for the tour only are \$11 for adults and \$5 for children ages 6-16. Tickets for the tour may be purchased at the Frank L. Horton Center Desk.

For more information please visit [oldsalem.org/hidden-legacy-tours](http://oldsalem.org/hidden-legacy-tours).

### **About MESDA**

The Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts (MESDA) is the preeminent center for researching, collecting, and exhibiting decorative arts made and used by those living and working in the early South. MESDA is one of three museums at Old Salem Museums & Gardens. The Web site address is [MESDA.org](http://MESDA.org).

### **About Old Salem**

Old Salem Museums & Gardens is one of America's most comprehensive history attractions. Its museums—the Historic Town of Salem, the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts (MESDA), and the Gardens at Old Salem—engage visitors in an educational and memorable historical experience about those who lived and worked in the early South. Old Salem Museums & Gardens is located at 600 South Main Street in Winston-Salem. For more information call 336-721-7300 or visit [oldsalem.org](http://oldsalem.org).