EVENT: REUSE, RECYCLE, REJOICE: HOLIDAY CRAFT CREATION NIGHT WITH AAMP

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On Thursday, December 4, the African American Museum in Philadelphia is holding an event called “reUSE, reCYCLE, reJOICE: Holiday Craft Creation Night!” The event is inspired by the museum’s current exhibit, Cash Crop by Stephen Hayes, which consists of a series of sculptures made of reclaimed wood that represent the horrors of the slave trade.

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The Resource Exchange is a nonprofit reuse center dedicated to promoting creative reuse, recycling, and resource conservation by diverting valuable materials from the waste stream and redirecting them to artists, builders, educators, and the general public. Participants are encouraged to arrive between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. to explore the Cash Crop exhibit.

The exhibit, which runs until January 5, 2015, also includes sculptures inspired by the infamous diagram of The Brooks slave ship and a life-sized installation of 15 chained forms that represent the 15 million men, women and children who endured the Middle Passage.

The exhibition will also include historic slave docket cards on loan from the Delaware County Bar Association and objects from the Lest We Forget Black Holocaust Museum of Slavery as well as a video by Dario Moore, Artistic Director of Moore Dance Project, comprised of a series of modern dance vignettes entitled “Sacred Slave Stories.”

Tickets are available for $20 for AAMP members, and $25 for non-members at http://www.aampmuseum.org/calendar.html.

The Resource Exchange is also hosting its 3rd Annual reJoice DIY Holiday Gift and Decoration Making Party, which will be a celebration of its new home and a fundraiser for a successful new year on December 7. Find more information on Facebook.

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