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**Benson Museum of Local History Seeking Honoree Nominations for Eleventh  
Annual Black History Month Celebration  
February 27, 2022**

The Board of Directors of the Benson Museum of Local History is seeking nominations for an honoree for the 2022 Black History Month Celebration.

Do you know someone that has been a pioneer for the African American community in Benson? If so, please consider nominating them to be honored this year. The chosen winner will be honored for their contributions to the African American community, and Benson as a whole. This is also an excellent time for friends, relatives, and other community members to show the honoree how much their work and life has been appreciated. This could be a business owner, a civic leader, an educator, a tireless volunteer, or any other worthwhile citizen of Benson that has positively affected the community.

This year, the Museum Board will select the honoree using a set of weighted criteria:

- Nominee's impact in black community (30%)
- Nominee's impact in/for Benson (25%)
- Nominee's volunteer experience in Benson (15%)
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- Nominee has resided in Benson (10%)
- Nominee's impact on County/State/National Level (10%)
- Nominee's community and/or political engagement (10%)

*Past Recipients — 2021, Joyce White Warren, 2020, Cleo McKinnon, 2019, Nathan Alford, 2018, Fred Nelson, 2017 Peggy Alford, 2016 Harvey Johnson, 2015 Rosa Clark, 2014 Annie Pearl Clark Mack, 2013 Frances Williams, 2012 Johnnie Barfield Greene*

**Nominations are due by Wednesday, December 15, 2021.**

We will be accepting paper nominations as well as online submissions this year. Paper nominations are available at the Benson Museum of Local History, the Mary Duncan Public Library, and the Benson Town Hall. For our secure online nomination form, please click [here](#) to access the form or it can be found on the Town of Benson Website, the Town of Benson Facebook Page, or the Benson Museum of Local History Facebook Page.

If you have any questions about the online nomination form or the selection process please contact the Town of Benson Cultural Arts Director, Derrick Barefoot by phone at (919) 894-3724 or by email at [dbarefoot@townofbenson.com](mailto:dbarefoot@townofbenson.com).