

## 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship Program to Focus on “Leadership: A Shankleville Heritage”

2016 marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Shankleville Memorial Scholarship Program. Through these last two and a half decades, the Society, with the help of your dollars and time, has given financial assistance to almost sixty heirs to our “Shankleville Heritage.” As in the past twenty-four years, each applicant for the 2016 scholarship competition will analyze this year’s attribute of “Leadership,” and reflect on how Leadership is an important aspect of the Shankleville legacy, that is essential for success in life.

In this year of the presidential election, we are faced with a choice about the leadership of our country. The applicants and attendees will explore what

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leadership traits are required to strengthen our communities, states, and country.

Please join the Historical Society at the Scholarship Program on Sunday, August 7, at 2:30p.m. to support our Scholarship Finalists as they explore these aspects of our 2016 theme.

### 2016 Scholarship Finalists

Angelica Christopher  
Camryn Odom  
Samantha Scott

## Society Hosts the Third Annual Texas Purple Hull Pea Festival

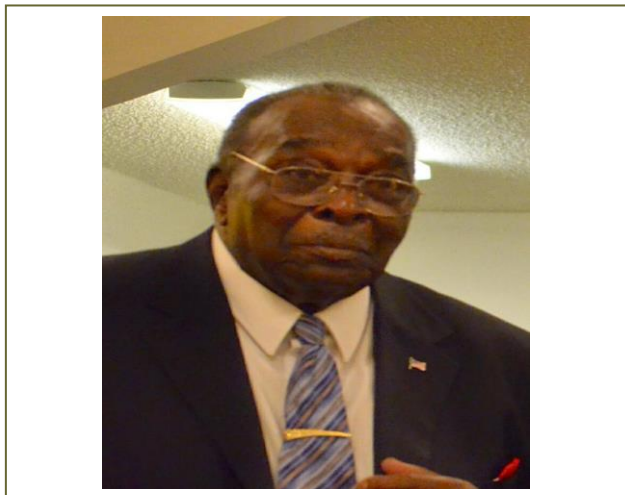
The Shankleville Historical Society welcomed people from all across Texas to the Shankleville Community on June 25<sup>th</sup> for the Third Annual Texas Purple Hull Pea Festival.

Festival activities kicked off at 9:00 a.m. with a number of pea-related contests including pea cooking and a pea shelling. Shankleville native, Lillie Shankle White took home the first place trophy for pea cooking. Dina Williams of Houston won first place in the pea shelling competition.



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## Moving Forward



*Anderson White, Jr. – June 21, 1926 – July 19, 2015*

Last July we lost one of the founding members of the Shankleville Historical Society. Anderson White left a legacy of love and service to the Shankleville community that will last for generations. We must continue to move forward with the Shankleville programs to continue the initiatives started by our founding members. All past scholarship recipients are requested to come back for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the scholarship and “pay it forward”. Please attend the meeting on Saturday, August 6, 2016 at the Mount Zion CME church so the program can be strengthened

**Each year, the deadline for mailing the written file for the Shankleville Memorial Scholarship** (application, essay, and letters of recommendation) is **July 1**. Please plan accordingly for 2017. Get details about scholarship rules and the application process at [www.shankleville.org](http://www.shankleville.org).

## Homecoming Activities All Set for 2016

Activities for the Annual Shankleville Homecoming will begin on Saturday, August 6, 2016 at the Church of God.

Saturday’s schedule includes the Annual Meeting of the Shankleville Historical Society at 2:00 p.m., where Society members and its Board of Directors discuss ongoing and upcoming projects. All interested parties are invited and encouraged to attend.

Saturday activities will continue with a Homecoming favorite – the Music program. Choirs from

surrounding communities have been invited to participate in this spirit-filled event that begins at 7:00 p.m.

Community-wide Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m., followed by the Homecoming Morning Service at 11:00.

A community lunch will be served at 1:00 on the grounds, followed by the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship Program at 2:00 p.m.

*Shankleville Historical Society, Inc.  
Annual Meeting  
Saturday, August 6, 2016  
2:00 p.m.  
Church of God*

**CALLING ALL PAST  
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!**

*Join the  
25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration!  
2:00 p.m.  
Sunday, August 7, 2016*

## In Memoriam

In keeping with the “Memorial” in our Shankleville Memorial Scholarship Program, sixteen Shankleville families collectively donated more than \$100 to commemorate their loved one. Find out more about their lives and legacies at [www.shankleville.org](http://www.shankleville.org).

Thomas Amons  
 Maeola and Preston Bliuett  
 Katie Ella Holmes Booker  
 Artie and Geneva Brailsford  
 Matthew Honer and Larutha Odom Clay  
 Jim and Almada Holmes  
 A.T. and Addie Odom  
 James E. Odom  
 Lee E. Odom  
 Booker T., Sr. and Exie Lee Riggins  
 Thelma and Trogie Shankle  
 Doretha and Homer Traylor Family  
 Anderson, Sr. and Surfronie White  
 Anderson White, Jr.

**Brookshire Brothers**  
**Carter Design Associates**  
**Coleman Mortuary**  
**Coolridge Coleman, Jr. D.D.S.**  
**Millwork Construction**  
**PRM Consulting**  
**Re-New Construction**  
*Thanks to our  
 Corporate Supporters!*

**REMEMBER . . .**

- Make checks payable to “Shankleville Historical Society, Inc.”
- All donations are tax-deductible
- Donations also accepted via PayPal at [www.shankleville.org](http://www.shankleville.org)
- Checks payable to “Shankleville Homecoming” in support of the community cemeteries may also be mailed to 3150 Dorothy Ave., Beaumont, TX 77705

## “Coming Back, Giving Back” – A Shankleville Heritage

The purpose of the Shankleville Homecoming is two-fold:

- **“Coming Back”** to build and maintain relationships with family and friends who have a connection to Shankleville.
- **“Giving Back”** to Shankleville so that its two Historic Cemeteries – Jim Shankle and Shankleville Community – are maintained in the manner worthy of our ancestors and loved ones.

“Coming back” is very important, in that it feeds the soul and stirs ancestral pride. But the “Giving back” is just as important. So, even if you can’t “Come back,” be sure to “Give back” by sending your “dimes and dollars” to support our efforts.

Help us continue the work of the Shankleville Historical Society!

**GIVE BACK NOW! NO AMOUNT IS TOO SMALL!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

*Please indicate how you would like to help:*

- I can contribute details about my family tree.
- I have enclosed a “Mailing List Update.”
- I will make a donation at the Homecoming
- I have enclosed a check for \$\_\_\_\_\_

*Please detach and send to:* Lareatha Clay; 3150 Dorothy Ave; Beaumont, TX 77705

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The 2016 Symposium speakers included author, Michelle Mears and Andrea Roberts, Ph.D. Ms. Mears spoke about *“Rural Texas Freedmen’s Communities”* and Dr. Roberts shared the results of her research of Freedom Colonies (or Freedmen’s Communities) in Jasper, Newton and Tyler counties. Pat Sharpe, Food Editor for Texas Monthly Magazine share her insights into “The Story of Corn.”

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*We’re on the Web!*

*Visit us at:*

[www.shankleville.org](http://www.shankleville.org)



Live entertainment was provided by the gospel trio, *One Heart* and the acoustic folk and blues group, *E-Flat Porch Band*.

Other festival activities included story-telling and face-painting for the kids. Shankleville descendent, Harold Odom, Jr. and Dr. George Avery of Stephen F. Austin State University hosted community walking tours highlighting the restoration/rehabilitation of the A.T. and Addie J. Odom Homestead and the ongoing archeological exploration on the property.

Big *“Thank yous”* to all the TX PHP Fest volunteers, and to Brookshire Brothers, Newton County Government and State Representative James White for your support! For more pictures of TX PHP Fest 2016 and up-to-date information about TX PHP Fest 2017, be sure to “Like” the festival Facebook page.

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