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Celebrate Black History Month at the Fort Lauderdale History Center

New River Inn
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Fort Lauderdale, FL— In honor of Black History month, The Fort Lauderdale Historical Society Inc. (FLHS), now doing business as the **Fort Lauderdale History Center (FLHC)**, has opened its new exhibit *Snapshots: Fort Lauderdale's Black History*.

The photography exhibit, consisting entirely of images from the FLHC Historic Photograph collection, offers a glimpse of every day life for Broward's African-American citizens during the 1890s through the 1960s. A special segment of the exhibit will recount the efforts of local blacks to acquire their own beach during the days of segregation when the Fort Lauderdale beach was off-limits to non-whites. The exhibit is timed to coincide with the dedication of a historical marker by the Broward County Commissioners on the "colored beach" now known as John U. Lloyd State Park.

The exhibit can be viewed from Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m-5 p.m. and Sunday noon-5 p.m. Admission to the Museum is \$10 per person and is free to Historical Society members. For more information, please call 954-463-4431 ext. 13.

Located on the New River, the Fort Lauderdale History Center tells the story of our community's history from the Pioneers of Fort Lauderdale to the present day through its four historic structures: 1905 New River Inn, which houses the Museum of History and was the first building in Broward County to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places; the 1905 Philemon Bryan House, a four-square Vernacular style house; 1905 Acetylene Building, which produced acetylene gas to light the New River Inn; and the 1907 King-Cromartie House Museum, which belonged to one of the pioneer families in Fort Lauderdale. The site also includes a replica of the first Broward County school house and the Hoch Heritage Center, a public research library that holds the largest collection of material related to greater Fort Lauderdale, including more than 250,000 historic photographs.

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The Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment Consortium is a cultural partnership between the Performing Arts Center Authority, Museum of Art | Fort Lauderdale, Florida Grand Opera, Concert Association of Florida, Inc., Fort Lauderdale History Center, and Historic Stranahan House Museum. It is supported by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners as recommended by the Broward Cultural Council and the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Photo Cutlines:

Colored Beach Photo and Cutline: African-Americans enjoy a leisurely outing at the Colored Beach in the mid-1950s. Gene Hyde Collection. (Must credit Gene Hyde Collection)

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