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Wilmington, DE –In celebration of the 40th anniversary of the landmark television mini-series *Roots*, the Delaware Historical Society will host *Reconsidering Roots, a lecture* on Saturday, January 21st, followed by screenings of the 2016 adaptation of *Roots* (as featured on The History Channel).

As part of our Family Saturday program, families are also welcome to enjoy *Roots*-inspired West African games and crafts beginning at 12 p.m. Learn how to play mancala, an ancient count-and-capture game played in different versions across the African continent, and make your own kente cloth design while learning the meanings of patterns and colors used by the Ashanti people of Ghana and the Akan of Côte d'Ivoire. Recommended for children ages 6 to 12 and accompanying adults. Free admission.

At 2 p.m., Dr. Kellie Carter Jackson, Hunter College, New York will give a presentation on the cultural impact of the mini-series *Roots* and how it has shaped popular interest in African American history in the present day. Dr. Carter Jackson specializes in the study of slavery and abolition in the U.S. has authored many publications, and is one of the principle editors for *Reconsidering Roots: Race, Politics, and Memory*. Free admission.

Watch the 2016 adaptation of *Roots* in four parts at the Delaware History Museum over four consecutive Saturdays. Dates are: January 28, February 4, 11, and 25, from 1 pm-3 pm. Free admission.

About the Delaware Historical Society

The Delaware Historical Society owns and operates the Delaware History Museum; the Jane and Littleton Mitchell Center for African American Heritage; a nationally recognized Research Library; Old Town Hall; Willingtown Square, four 18th century houses surrounding a picturesque urban courtyard located in downtown Wilmington; and the Read House & Gardens located in historic New Castle, a National Historic Landmark.

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