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The Circle of Elders Conversations with Historical Trail Blazers to Feature Dr. James Newton

Wilmington, DE — **The Circle of Elders: Conversations with Historical Trail Blazers series**, jointly sponsored by the Delaware Historical Society's Center for African American Heritage and the Delaware Juneteenth Association, will feature *A Journey Through Art*, a presentation by Dr. James Newton on Thursday, September 24, 2015 from 5-6:30 p.m at the Christina Cultural Arts Center.

The Circle of Elders series is designed to build upon the historical knowledge of our community elders to empower and inspire the next generation of leaders. This program is held in conjunction with the **Voices of the Elders**, a film series produced in collaboration by the Delaware Historical Society's Center for African American Heritage, WITN22, and the City of Wilmington.

WHAT: The Circle of Elders: Conversations with Historical Trail Blazers. *A Journey Through Art*. Dr. Newton's presentation will focus on his life's journey through art. Characterizing himself as a "professional doodler," Dr. Newton will discuss balancing his passion as an artist with his career as a historian.

WHO: Dr. James Newton, Artist and Professor Emeritus, Black American Studies, University of Delaware

WHERE: Christina Cultural Arts Center, 705 N. Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware

WHEN: Thursday, September 24, 2015 from 5-6:30 p.m

HOW: This program is open to the public, but registration is requested at deinfo@dehistory.org or 302-655-7161. For more information, visit <http://dehistory.org>.

About the Delaware Historical Society:

The Delaware Historical Society owns and operates the Delaware History Museum; a nationally recognized Research Library; Old Town Hall; Willingtown Square, four 18th-century houses surrounding a picturesque urban courtyard located in Wilmington; as well as the Read House & Gardens located in historic New Castle, recognized as an "American Treasure" by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the National Park Service; and The Center for African American Heritage, which will be included as part of the expansion of the Delaware History Museum, expected to reopen in 2016.

For more information on the Delaware Historical Society, call (302) 655-7161 or visit www.dehistory.org.

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