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Heritage Center Chief Historian and longtime Westside advocate Fairolyn Livingston enjoying the front porch of the Hannibal Square home she was born in, Winter Park, Florida - 2025 (Photograph and Silver Gelatin Print by Peter

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The Sage Project Phase III Opens September 19 at the Hannibal Square Heritage Center

Powerful Portraits and Living Legacies from Winter Park's Historic African American Community

Winter Park, FL — The Sage Project Phase III: Hannibal Square Elders Tell Their Stories opens Friday, September 19, 2025, with a community reception from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Hannibal Square Heritage Center (642 W. New England Ave., Winter Park, FL). Free and open to the public, this compelling exhibition marks the latest chapter in a 13-year project honoring the long-standing residents of Winter Park's historic African American west side.

Now in its third installment, the exhibition adds newly created portraits to a collection of 42 powerful environmental photographs captured between 2012 and 2025. Each portrait preserves the face and story of a community pillar, building a living archive of the people who helped shape Hannibal Square across generations.

This year's milestone includes the first-ever portraits of Chief Historian **Fairolyn H. Livingston** and Docent Historian **Mary R. Daniels**. These two women have spent decades documenting the stories of others. Their inclusion marks a poignant moment in the project's arc—recognizing not only those who have shaped the neighborhood but also those who have tirelessly preserved its history.

Award-winning documentary photographer Peter Schreyer created the portraits using vintage film cameras and traditional darkroom techniques. Each image is taken with natural light and printed by hand using archival processes, making every portrait a lasting and deeply personal tribute.

Launched in 2007 and first exhibited in 2012, the Sage Project is a collaborative effort of the Hannibal Square Heritage Center team—Livingston, Daniels, and Schreyer—whose decades of oral history collection, community leadership, and storytelling continue to bring to life the cultural fabric of Winter Park's African American heritage.

"I grew up with a profound love and respect for the wise members of my west side community. I still stand on their shoulders."

—Fairolyn H. Livingston, Chief Historian, Hannibal Square Heritage Center

“As a long time resident in a community I love and being a member of the Sage Project team, it has been so rewarding to hear the wisdom of our Sage residents while allowing them to share their true story. It is absolutely educational and priceless.”

—Mary R. Daniels, Chief Docent & Field Assistant, Hannibal Square Heritage Center

“The Sage Project is one of Crealdé’s most meaningful exhibitions—an act of preservation and love. It brings forward the lived histories of Hannibal Square’s elders, whose strength and service helped shape Winter Park. These portraits are more than images; they are bridges between generations, ensuring that future community members will remember these legacies and be inspired to build upon them.”

—Emily Bourmas-Fry, Executive Director, Crealdé School of Art

This year’s featured Sages:

1. Fairolyn H. Livingston, Chief Historian
 2. Mary R. Daniels, Chief Docent & Field Assistant
 3. Albert T. Anderson
 4. Martha Bryant Hall
 5. Otelia Banks
 6. Jane Lee Turner
 7. Ernest Manning
 8. Ernestine Manning Ingram
 9. Phylis Moore, First Manager of the Hannibal Square Heritage Center
 10. Mrs. Minnie B. Davis, Second Principal of Hannibal Square Elementary
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The Sage Project Phase III: Hannibal Square Elders Tell Their Stories

Exhibition Dates: September 19, 2025 – January 24, 2026

Location: Hannibal Square Heritage Center

642 W. New England Ave., Winter Park, FL 32789

Opening Reception: Friday, September 19 | 7–9 p.m.

Free and open to the public. Refreshments and light bites will be served.

Media Inquiries & High-Resolution Images

To request interviews, access high-res images, or learn more about programming related to this exhibition, contact:

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About Crealdé School of Art

Crealdé School of Art is a nonprofit community arts organization in Winter Park, Florida. Since 1975, Crealdé has provided hands-on, community-based visual arts experiences across Central Florida. This year marks the organization's 50th anniversary—a celebration of five decades of inspiring creative expression and community engagement.

In 2007, Crealdé partnered with the City of Winter Park to open the **Hannibal Square Heritage Center**, a cultural facility honoring Winter Park's African American community's past, present, and future contributions. The center has become a hub for cultural preservation and public history, particularly in West Winter Park.

Crealdé offers over 125 visual arts classes and humanities-based programs annually at two Winter Park campuses and the Jessie Brock Community Center in Winter Garden. The Crealdé mission is to stimulate the creative process inherent in every individual through hands-on visual arts education, and to cultivate a lifelong aesthetic appreciation through exhibitions, lectures, community outreach, and cultural preservation.

Become a member, attend a gallery event, take a class, and celebrate community arts with us all year long—because at Crealdé, we believe that **art is for everyone**.

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