

Join us for an Exhibit and a Discussion

“Reckoning with the Past: Slavery, Segregation, and Gentrification in Austin”

In 2020, the Neill-Cochran House Museum mounted an exhibit that examined elements of Austin’s racial history at their site, where they are stewards of the only Slave Quarters building surviving in Austin.



The exhibit of 16 panels is the result of a collaboration between the Neill-Cochran House Museum and students and faculty of the University of Texas at Austin (UT), seeking to understand the history of enslavement in Austin and the ways in which race and inequity have played a significant role in the city’s history. In addition to tracing the history of the museum property, the exhibit explores slavery in Texas and in Austin, the areas of Austin in which freed slaves lived, how the demographics of Austin changed in the 19th and 20th century (including the 1928 Austin Plan), churches founded by the freed slave of the founder of St. David’s Episcopal Church, race at UT, race in AISD, and more. Visitors to the exhibit may be surprised by the size of Austin’s enslaved population and how the diversity of Austin’s population has changed.

St. Matthew’s will mount the exhibit in Huffman Hall, open to the public at no charge, on two afternoons: January 16, 2022, and January 30, 2022. Please join us to view the exhibit and hear from its curators about the exhibit.

Presentation on the Exhibit

**Rowena Houghton Dasch, Executive Director, Neill-Cochran House Museum
Tara A. Dudley, School of Architecture, University of Texas at Austin
Sunday, January 16, 2:00 PM**

Exhibit Open to the Public

Sunday, January 16, 2022, and Sunday, January 30, 2022, 1:00 – 5:00 PM

*St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church, Huffman Hall, 8134 Mesa Drive, Austin, TX 78759
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Speakers on January 16th will have copies of a book for sale which covers much of the content of the exhibit.