

Gala Restaurant & the Orchards Hotel hosts
Black History Luncheon featuring Key-Note speaker Dr. Frances Jones-Sneed

Williamstown, MA-Gala Restaurant & Bar at the Orchards Hotel of Hay Creek Hospitality LLC is hosting a luncheon to celebrate Black History Month on February 22, 2010 from 12:00pm-2pm in private function space at the Orchards Hotel. Keynote speaker, Frances Jones-Sneed, professor of history (PhD, University of Missouri) at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts in North Adams, MA. Buffet lunch and discussion is \$15.95 per person plus taxes and gratuity.

Dr. Frances Jones-Sneed has taught and researched local history for over twenty-five years and is co-director of the Upper Housatonic Valley African American Heritage Trail and will speak on “The Heritage of African Americans in Berkshire County”.

Dr. Jones-Sneed is the co-director of the Upper Housatonic Valley African American Heritage Trail, a board member of MassHumanities and the Samuel Harrison Society. She has directed two National Endowment for the Humanities grants entitled “The Shaping Role of Place in African American Biography”; in 2006 and “Of Migrations and Renaissances: Harlem/NY & South Side/Chicago, 1915-75” in 2008 both “*We the People*” projects.

Dr. Jones-Sneed spearheaded a national conference on African American biography in September 2006. A 2008 NEH Summer Fellow at the W.E.B. DuBois Institute at Harvard University, Dr. Jones-Sneed is currently working on a monograph about W.E.B DuBois.

Reservations are strongly recommended. For reservations or more information, contact Brian Flagg, Gala Restaurant & Bar, (413) 458-9611 ext. 531 or brian@galarestaurant.com