

DU BOIS CENTER AT GREAT BARRINGTON

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MISSION

To honor W.E.B Du Bois in a very meaningful wayfor decades he was known, but many residents remained unaware of his local roots and historical importance..

HUMANITIES EXPERTISE

After a long journey of memorializing W.E.B Du Bois in the Berkshires which included attempting to name a middle school after him, there was <u>fierce debates</u> against this due to the fear of "communism" in his ideas. This provoked the interest in opening a center to work through conversations of racism happening in the many debates. The center is a way to give well-rounded history of Du Boise's life and his impact. To underline the complexity in his time as something worth learning about.

CONTACT

HUMANITIES RESOURCES & PROJECTS

PROGRAM

- Regular hours to explore the museum and surrounding area.
- A yearly Juneteenth Celebration which is a historical community gathering that celebrates the emancipation of slavery day. The latest <u>program</u> featured the legendary band Magpie, who recently released The Civil War: Songs & Stories Untold.

EVENTS

 Upcoming events and gatherings are updated online

RESOURCES & EXISTING COLLABORATIONS

- Randy F. Weinstein directed a residential treatment center for challenged students in western Massachusetts, published several works on African-American history, founded North Star Rare Books, Great Barrington, and lectures on race relations throughout the county. He founded the Du Bois Center to provide the community with educational programs that honestly examine historical and contemporary aspects of social justice.
- Accepting <u>donations</u> as a way to support the nonprofit.