

FOR ANY OCCASION

The Museum of African American History invites individuals and organizations to enjoy the facilities and resources in both Boston and Nantucket. Our spaces offer the opportunity to make an event an enriching and historical experience. We provide rentals for (but not limited to):

- Breakfast/Dinners
- Ceremonies
- Concerts
- Conferences
- Holiday Parties
- Meetings
- Reunions
- Weddings
- Workshops



HERE IS ALWAYS A STORY TO TELL

A seamstress by trade from Massachusetts, Nancy Gardner had ambitions to improve her status in life and travel the world. She met Nero Prince who was a Grand Master of the Prince Hall Masonic Lodge and a guard for the Czar of Russia. Nancy and Nero married on February 13, 1824 in the African Meeting House and sailed to Russia where, along the way, the newlyweds were met and honored by dignitaries including the Czar and the Czarina. Nancy became proficient in six languages and acted as a translator. After observing the Decembrist Revolt of 1825, Nancy returned to Boston and led abolitionists. Upon hearing of her husband's death, she decided to travel alone to Jamaica where she worked with self-emancipated persons and established a school, journaling her travels along the way. Returning to Boston, she opened a dress shop where she employed local women. Nancy was a lecturer, author, and the first African American woman to write a travel log.

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

Nestled on Boston's Beacon Hill and at Nantucket's Five Corners are some of the nation's most important National Historic Landmarks. The Museum's two campuses feature the earliest churches and schools still standing in America that were built by and for black communities. Each is beautifully restored and worthy of any journey. Our historic sites, talks, tours, videos, collections, and programs are rooted in the past and connected to the present.

From the American Revolution to the Abolitionist and Niagara Movements, experience powerful American stories through a new lens. Come to the Museum, where Frederick Douglass and pioneering activists, entrepreneurs, journalists, educators, artists, and authors organized campaigns that changed the nation.

BOSTON



African Meeting House (b. 1806)
Abiel Smith School (b. 1835)
46 Joy Street, Beacon Hill

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NANTUCKET



African Meeting House (c. 1820)
Seneca Boston-Florence
Higginbotham House (c. 1774)
29 York Street, Five Corners
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RENTALS



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Experience the African Meeting House and Abiel Smith School on Boston's Beacon Hill for your next event. Sites may be combined for a light reception and/or small intimate dinner.

- Abiel Smith School, built in 1835 the nation's oldest public school for the sole purpose of educating African American students.
 - Features two levels
 - Accommodates 50 on each level
 - Includes a fully functioning catering kitchen
- African Meeting House, built in 1806 the nation's oldest existing black church building.
 - Features three levels, reception, sanctuary, and balcony space
 - Accommodates 100 standing on ground-level, 200 in top two levels, with pew seating

NANTUCKET

Visit a campus of five buildings, four of which are currently being restored, while the African Meeting House is available now.

- African Meeting House, built c.1820s is the only public building constructed and occupied by African Americans in the 19th century still standing in Nantucket.
 - Exhibit and reception space, accommodates 80, pew seating



- Seneca Boston-Florence Higginbotham House

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the costs for renting event spaces?

Rental prices are quoted upon requests and vary on event size and other factors.

Is there parking available for guests?

Parking is available for guests on Cambridge Street in the Charles River Plaza Parking garage on the lower level. Validation is provided.

Do you have any exclusive vendors?

A list of frequently used vendors may be provided upon request.

Are there limitations to where food and beverage can be served?

Food and beverages are only allowed in the ground level of the African Meeting House and the two levels in the Abiel Smith School.

Are there any rental requirements?

Rentals are only available for a minimum of four hours.