

MEET LORRAINE TOMIC
& LAVERNE FORBES

Workshop Presenters

"Professional Development for
Home Educators"



Meet Lorraine Tomic, Pediatric Nurse and Family Advocate, and Laverne Forbes, Educator, Owners of The Homeschool Advantage, Inc.

Mrs. Tomic and Mrs. Forbes will present the workshop, "Professional Development for Home Educators". This workshop will discuss the different areas to develop and highlight the need for continual development as an educator. Learn how to start an action plan for self-assessment and how to create a year-round approach for utilizing strengths and seeking opportunities for growth.

Mrs. Tomic began her professional career as an Advisor to homeless pregnant teens and teen moms. Her success in that role confirmed what she had always believed: that her purpose is walking alongside families in transition. She has done so as a Community Birth Doula and Guardian ad Litem, assisted parents caring for medically complex infants and toddlers, and currently as a Family Support Worker educating parents in areas of healthy child development and safer parenting practices as a measure against child abuse. Lorraine homeschooled her children from grades 3 & 6 to high school graduation as a single parent and assists in the homeschooling of her grandchildren as well. She welcomes the opportunity to share what she has learned along the way with families struggling to find solid ground in their homeschools and achieve balance in their home/school life.

Laverne Forbes is an experienced and dedicated Educator who graduated from USF with a Master's in Educational Leadership during her 15 years in the classroom. Her belief in education as a means to enrich and improve lives led her to pursue the position of At-Risk Coordinator, in which she partnered with community agencies to reach disengaged students and strengthen their families. Her success in that role secured her a spot on a District-wide grant team responsible for researching, gathering and distributing the tools needed for fellow educators and school administrators to identify and manage at-risk behaviors. Laverne has recently identified the homeschool community as an ideal population with whom to share her knowledge as the parents have shown to be highly motivated teachers – and learners – when it comes to their children's success.

Come One, Come All to this wonderful workshop and find out how to learn and grow as a parent educator. For more information, visit our website at:<https://www.blackhomeschoolerscfl.com/event-information>

MEET NANCE CONFER

Workshop Presenter

"Deschooling for New Home Educators"



Meet Nance Confer of Florida Unschoolers at Community EXPO 2020!

Mrs. Confer will be presenting, "Deschooling for New Home Educators", a workshop that answers your questions of Where to Start?

This workshop will give you Home Education enrollment options, explain the traditional, relaxed/eclectic, and unschooling home education approaches, and provide you with unlimited resources, followed by a Question and Answer session.

Nance Confer runs Florida Unschoolers, a private umbrella school for over 7,000 home educators across the state.

Nance's two children were unschooled for most of their younger years. They are now wonderful young adults -- one a recent college graduate and one in graduate school.

She lives in Hobe Sound and enjoys a quiet, small-town life with her husband of 40 years. Website: www.floridaunschoolers.net

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MEET BELINDA W. WINDBISH

Workshop Presenter

"Homeschooling on a Budget"



Come out and enjoy this awesome homeschooling workshop at Community EXPO 2020 on February 1, 2020 at The Sanborn Center in DeLand, Florida!

Meet Belinda W. Windbisch, Motivational Speaker and Mentor. Mrs. Windbisch will be presenting the workshop, " Homeschooling on a Budget".

Belinda speaks at events too many, not only giving a good talk, but with actionable takeaways with motivation to put it into practice. As an accomplished entrepreneur, speaker, mentor, and yoga wellness coach, this homeschool mom combines insight, savvy, and strategies to motivate and inspire you to live on the rise.

MEET STEPHANIE LOVE

Workshop Presenter

"What is the Gardiner Scholarship Program?"



Meet Stephanie Love, of Step Up for Students at Community EXPO 2020!

Mrs. Love will be presenting "What is the Gardiner Scholarship Program?", a workshop that will introduce and explain this unique program established for children with Special Needs. There will also be a Question/Answer segment.

Stephanie Love serves as Manager, Community Outreach for Step Up For Students, a nonprofit that helps administer the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship for lower-income families, the Gardiner Scholarship for children with certain special needs, the Reading Scholarship Accounts for children struggling with reading, and the Hope Scholarship for victims of bullying. Prior, Stephanie worked in governmental/nonprofit financial management, first with the City of Detroit, and then the Youth Development Commission (YDC) teaching financial literacy and accounting courses. During this time, Stephanie developed her passion for collaborative community efforts that help transform families' lives. Now at Step Up, Stephanie enjoys providing opportunities for families to find the most appropriate learning environment for their children. Contact Information: slove@sufs.org – Office: 904-352-2250 – Cell: 904-742-4606

Come One, Come All to this wonderful workshop and find out about programs available to your Special Needs child! For more information, visit our website at: <https://www.blackhomeschoolerscfl.com/event-information>

MEET ADRIENNE JENKINS HUNT

Workshop Presenter

"Tracing Your Roots!"



Come One, Come All to this wonderful workshop and find out how to trace your roots! Meet Adrienne Jenkins Hunt, of Hunt's Business Solutions. Mrs. Hunt will be presenting the workshop, "Tracing Your Roots"!

Are you interested in finding your family history but don't know how to begin? Have you begun your research and now find yourself stuck and don't know what to do next? This workshop will show you how to get started and provide you with resources to continue your genealogical research. There will be hands-on activities and a Question and Answer period.

Adrienne Jenkins Hunt is an author, blogger, speaker, business coach and an amateur genealogist. She is a past Vice President of the Orlando Chapter of the African American Historical and Genealogical Society. Adrienne has successfully navigated many of the challenges that Black Americans face when tracing their family trees. By using oral histories and available records she has traced her family back to the late 1700s. She primarily conducts her interactive workshops in churches and community centers. Adrienne believes that by uncovering our family roots, we are able to draw on the strength of our ancestors to build a legacy for our children. Adrienne has been married to Rob, the love of her life, for 38 years. Together, they are the proud parents of two sons, Robbie & Ray, daughter-in-love Shaleah and three adorable granddaughters, Ayanna, Amaya and Kyrie. She also serves as an Associate Pastor at her church.

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MEET REV. DAYA DEVI-DOOLIN

Workshop Presenter

"Breathing Is Your Way OUT!"



Meet Rev. Daya Devi-Doolin of Doolin Healing Sanctuary Int'l.

Rev. Daya Devi-Doolin will present "Breathing is your way OUT!", a workshop geared towards our youth to teach them some positive ways they can relieve stress through breathing techniques.

Rev. Daya Devi-Doolin is known as a "Doctor of Thought." She is the Co-founder, along with her husband Chris, of The Doolin Healing Sanctuary Int'l, a center that offers alternative modalities of healing and teaches Gentle Hatha Yoga. She is a Registered Yoga Teacher E-RYT 500. She is a Certified Reiki Master Teacher and trains students in the Usui Reiki method of self-healing and healing of others. They established their center in 1989. She is an Ordained Minister, Spiritual Healer & Counselor, Speaker on TV/Radio. She has assisted thousands of clients through workshops, lectures, radio shows, books, interviews, personal coaching and healings globally for nearly 30 years. Rev. Doolin is the author of nine award-winning, best-selling books. Her most recent books are, I AM POWER, Grow Thin While You Sleep! and Yoga, Meditation and Spiritual Growth for the African American Community: If You Can Breathe, You Can Do Yoga and Find Inner and Outer Peace, a yoga book for beginners and the young at heart. She is a wife and the mother of two beautiful sons.

Come one, Come All to this wonderful workshop. Bring your children, your teens, and let's learn how to breathe together! For more information, visit our website at:

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MEET NKAMA PAN-AFRICAN DRUM AND
DANCE ENSEMBLE

Workshop Presenter

"African Dance/Rhythms"



Make sure to come out and experience this wonderful workshop consisting of an educational lecture and demo of traditional Mandingue rhythms, audience interaction, and performance!

A Jacksonville based dance, drum, and performance troupe with a concentration in West African (Mande) music, dance and culture. Majority of traditional rhythms performed by the group come from Guinea, Mali, and Senegal. Community classes have been in effect since September of 2003 with the troupe (formerly known as Culture Moves 101) making the debut performance at the World of Nations Festival in April 2005 in Jacksonville, FL. Since then the group has performed at the Kuumba Festival, Susie Tolbert Elementary's Black History Month Program, St. Francis House Benefit Performance (St. Augustine), Downtown Art Walk, Alltel Stadium's World Day, FCCJ Downtown Campus International Festival, and many others. 90% of the troupe was featured in the local musical Majigeen, written by Jennifer Chase and choreographed by Nan Nkama director, Christa Sylla. Nan Nkama also has an original production called Mande! The Evolution from Bare Feet to Blue Jeans. Mande! is written and directed by Ms. Sylla and uses narrative scenes to link West African traditional culture to modern day American culture. The production features the choreography of Ms. Sylla and Dance Captain, Stacie Ross. Mande! The Evolution celebrated its 10-year anniversary in May 2016 at Lavilla School of the Arts with an expanded script featuring three acts of diverse forms of afro-dance. Nan Nkama has appeared on the Channel 4 Morning Show, local talk show, The Chat, and featured in the Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville's website.

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