



Off The Pews Newsletter

Winter 2022



Registration is Open for the Winter Program!

The program is open to 25 middle-school to high-school-aged participants on a first-come, first-served basis to participate in a fun winter program for creative expression through the creation of paintings and drawings, strategic skills in chess classes (class size limited), and financial literacy education.

This program is offered free to the participants and supported by generous sponsorship and partnership from the community.

[See the Program Details & Register](#)



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Remembering Dr. King Monday, January 17th

An excerpt from Dr. King's "I've Been to the Mountaintop" speech that has just as much resonance today as it did in 1968:

"Strangely enough, I would turn to the Almighty, and say, 'If you allow me to live just a few years in the second half of the 20th century, I will be happy.'

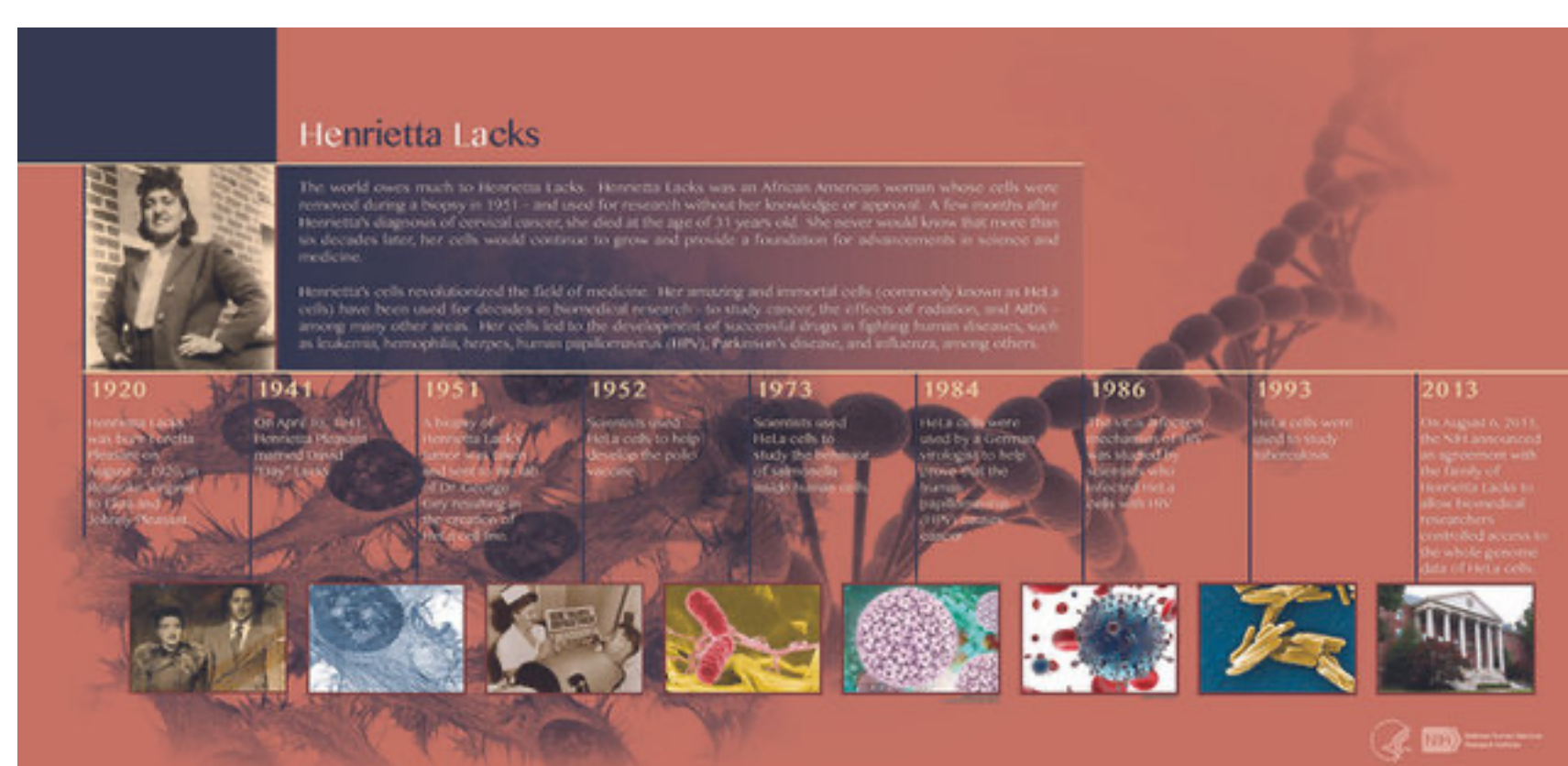


"Now that's a strange statement to make, because the world is all messed up. The nation is sick. Trouble is in the land; confusion all around. That's a strange statement. But I know, somehow, that only when it is dark enough can you see the stars. And I see God working in this period of the twentieth century in a way that men, in some strange way, are responding.

"Something is happening in our world. The masses of people are rising up. And wherever they are assembled today, whether they are in Johannesburg, South Africa; Nairobi, Kenya; Accra, Ghana; New York City; Atlanta, Georgia; Jackson, Mississippi; or Memphis, Tennessee -- the cry is always the same: 'We want to be free.'

"And another reason that I'm happy to live in this period is that we have been forced to a point where we are going to have to grapple with the problems that men have been trying to grapple with through history, but the demands didn't force them to do it. Survival demands that we grapple with them. Men, for years now, have been talking about war and peace. But now, no longer can they just talk about it. It is no longer a choice between violence and nonviolence in this world; it's nonviolence or nonexistence. That is where we are today."

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We Continue to Owe Henrietta Lacks Our Thanks

On October 13, 2021, The World Health Organization (WHO) has bestowed a posthumous award on the late Henrietta Lacks recognizing her life, legacy, and contribution to medical science. ...

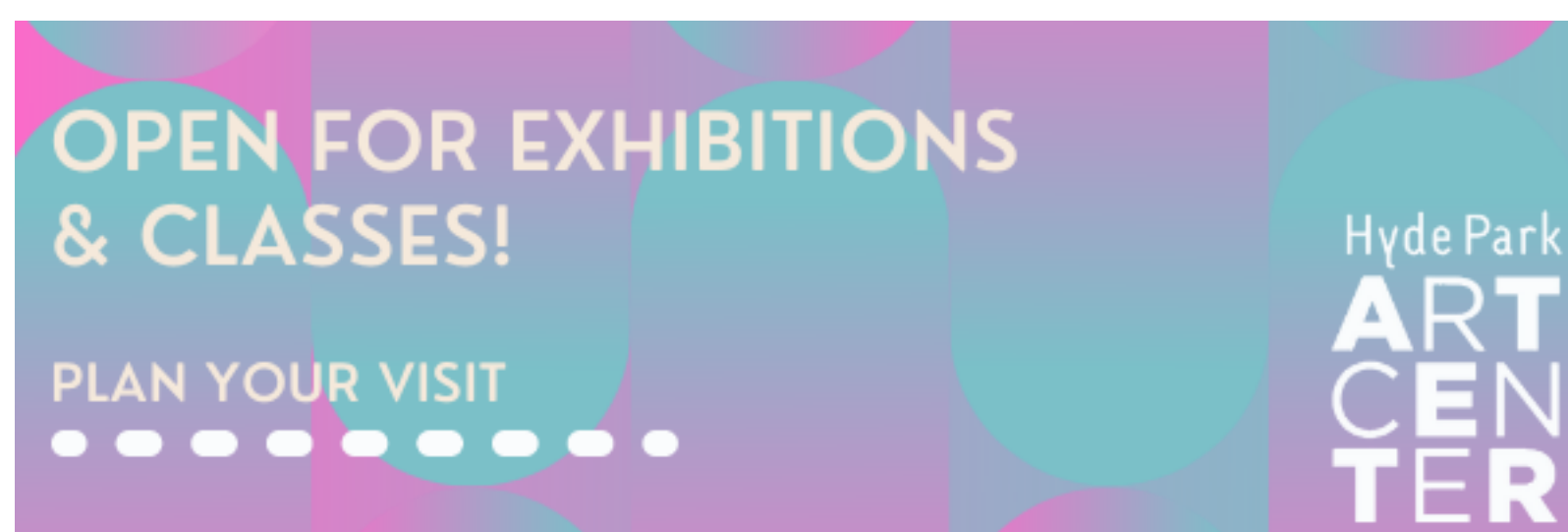
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Scholarship Opportunity for 2022

AIGA Worldstudio Scholarships benefit underrepresented and economically disadvantaged students who are studying photography, illustration, and design disciplines in colleges and universities in the United States. Scholarships are awarded annually to encourage social and environmental responsibility and cultural awareness in the next generation of artists and designers. A new application cycle opens in February 2022 and closes in April 2022.



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