

The Witness Series Part 2: March 22, 2025

"Bear Witness" – African American History and Connection to the Land

Place: [E.R. and Ann Taylor Park](#)

850 Reed Rd

Houston, TX 77051

Time: 9am to Noon

"Bear Witness" is held each year during the week of Ann Taylor's birthday. Ann Taylor was born March 20, 1845. This year marks the 180th anniversary of her birth. This participatory public art experience is designed to introduce the public to Ann Taylor's life and journey. An artist-led Ancestor Altar will be created by visitors to Ann Taylor's gravesite. Visitors will leave messages of love and goodwill in remembrance to their ancestors. Bird walks and walking meditations will be offered, as visitors explore the forested 26-acre park. A pop-up floral installation will invite attendees to enjoy the beauty of nature and boost their well-being. The Houston Public Library's (HPL) Gregory School will be onsite to collect the oral histories documenting the lives of African American women and their impact on their descendants that will go into the City of Houston's official archives.

The Houston Audubon will provide binoculars and nature interpretation along the trail if that is an opportunity.

Thank you to our partners at **Gregory School and Houston Parks Department.**

PARTICIPATING ARTISTS & PARTNERS

[April M. Frazier](#)

[Brittany Mayfield](#)

[Houston Audubon](#)

[Houston Parks & Recreation Department](#)

[Houston Public Library \(HPL\)](#)

[Nature Heritage Society- Houston](#)

[Kristi Rangel](#)

[Sheila Savannah](#)

**Artist [April M. Frazier](#) and her camera will bear witness to this event. Through her art, we will be able to experience the power of community building and creating art in green spaces.*

***[Houston Public Library \(HPL\)](#) is provide a book list on the theme of *Black Women Narratives and Histories**