

## The Witness Series Part 3: April 26, 2025

### Blooming into History

Place: Keegan Bayou Trail and Riceville Cemetery

Starting at 9022 Willow Meadow Drive

Houston, TX 77031

Time: 8:30am – Noon

This event begins with a wildflower and nature walk starting at the Keegans Bayou Wildlife Bridge.

Attendees will experience the beauty of the blooming wildflowers planted by the Friends of Keegans

Bayou and discover the birds that are seen along the bayou's trail. Historians will share the history of

Riceville, TX a [Freedom Colony](#), founded as a black farming community by Leonard Rice in the 1850s.

Like Bordersville and other Houston black neighborhoods, Riceville was annexed to the city in the late

1960s. The Riceville Cemetery still remains along Keegans Bayou Trail. A hands-on wildflower bouquet

workshop will be conducted on the bayou near the Riceville Cemetery.

#### **PARTICIPATING ARTISTS & PARTNERS**

[April M. Frazier](#)

[Brittany Mayfield](#)

Friends of Keegans Bayou

[Houston Audubon](#)

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

[Kristi Rangel](#)

*\*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 \(HPL\)](#) provides a book list on the themes of works of wild flowers, Texas Freedom Colonies and the importance/protection of wetlands*