

2023 INTERPRETATION AND EDUCATION IMPACT REPORT



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AN EXPERIENCE THAT CHANGES YOU

CRITICAL THINKING

96%

Reported their visit encouraged them to think more critically.

EMPATHY

100%

Reported their visit encouraged them to empathize with the lives of enslaved and free people.

CONVERSATIONS

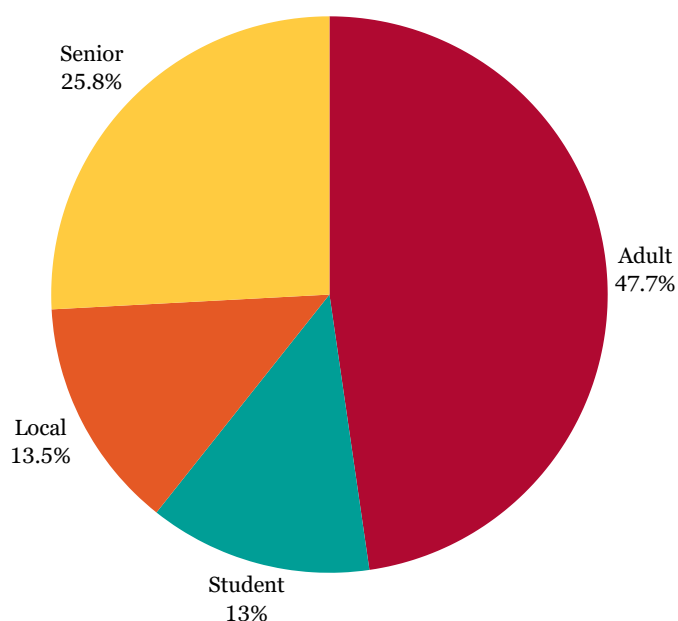
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Reported they participated in thoughtful conversations about race.

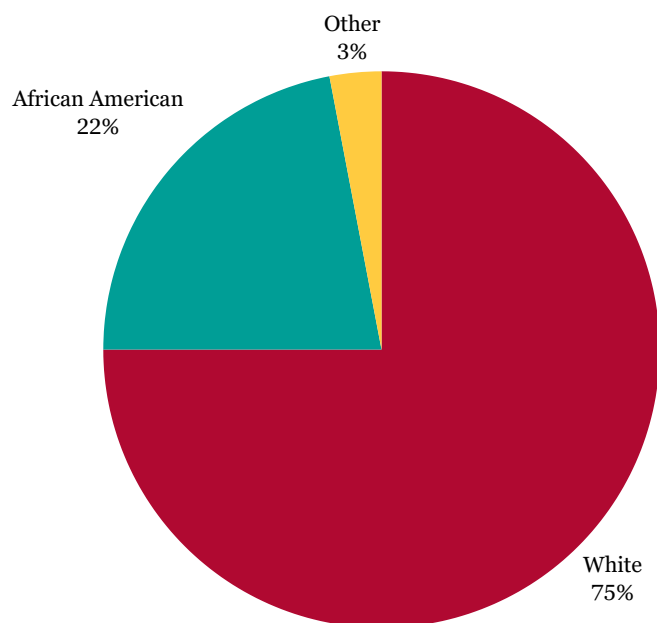
Based on visitor survey responses (2023)

BY THE NUMBERS

2023 VISITATION NUMBERS BY TICKET TYPE



2023 VISITOR DEMOGRAPHICS

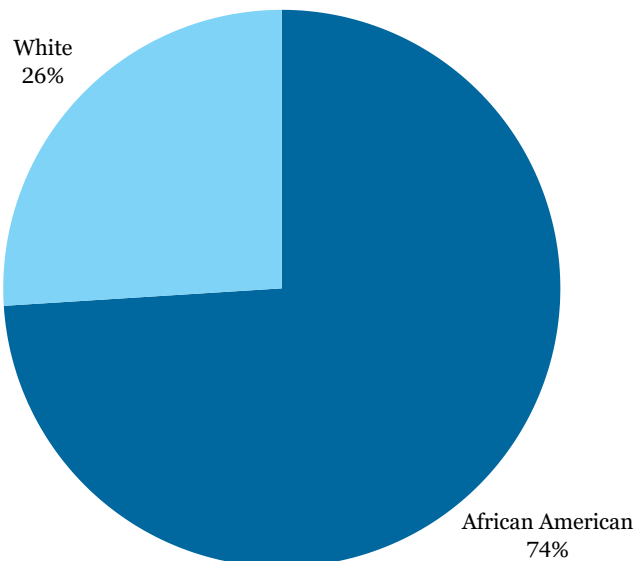


“The tour helps us understand how we arrived at where we are today.”
– Visitor Comment



2023 AT A GLANCE

IAAHS PARTNERSHIP EVENTS WITH 213 ATTENDANTS



Regional sugar farmers explore Jim Crow labor history.

REVENUE IMPACT: INTERPRETATION

\$122,000

- Hired Adam Foreman, Senior Manager of Interpretation and Education in March.
- Led 145 tours.
- 6 weeks of interpretive work to publish the *Shadows Interpretive Framework*, design, and install the new visitor experience.
- The *Shadows* reopened in May after a 6-month closure.
- Completed \$80,000 National Endowment for the Humanities grant for education programming.
- Launched *Our Bayou Home* middle/high school field trip.
- Launched *The Second Side: African American Life in Iberia Parish* education series on YouTube.
- Launched *Our Daily Life* elementary school field trip.
- Updated technology to enable livestream and filming of programs.
- Awarded \$15,000 Atchafalaya National Heritage Area Grant and \$15,000 National Trust I&E Grant for the design and production of 3 new exhibitions.
- Wrote and submitted a \$140,000 National Archives grant for the digitization of legacy media, archives, and stewardship collection.
- Incorporated nearly one-dozen new titles in the Museum Shop on slavery and African American history.
- Inventoried, rehoused, and updated collection records for a 25-year backlog including the Dauterive Collection, Reaux Collection, and LaBauve Collection with over 1,200 pieces of ephemera.
- Hired Dionne Johnson as Public Historian to lead the visitor experience.
- Installed *Louisiana Foodways* temporary display case December 2023-March 2024.

"Most meaningful was seeing the centering of black life over many generations alongside the history of the Weeks family. The tour confronted slavery and its legacies with skill and empathy."

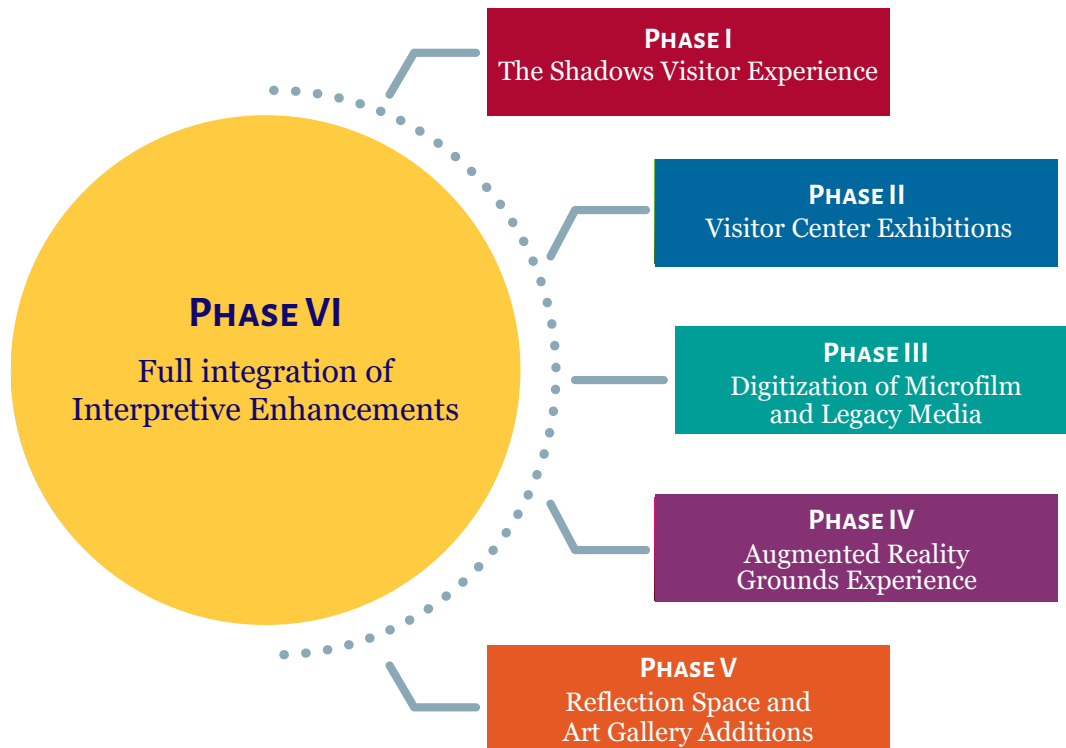
-Visitor Comment



1) Adam Foreman leads a group on the new visitor experience. 2) Students participating in a hands-on activity in Shadows gardens. 3) Breighlynn Polk during the filming of *The Second Side* education video series. 4) Student participating in education day for Farm Fest. 5) Samantha Schexnayder processing backlogged collections.

A LOOK AHEAD

INTERPRETIVE VISION



2024 EXHIBITION PLANNING

Phase II of the interpretive vision is the development of semi-permanent exhibitions at the Shadows Visitor Center. The Visitor Center will be divided into three primary exhibition spaces which are planned to open in July 2024.

A PICTURE, UNBROKEN

Will serve as the primary exhibition spanning the history of the Shadows from the establishment of the Weeks Island plantation to Jim Crow in Louisiana.

A LIGHTER SIDE TO LIFE

Explores the life of Weeks Hall through his art, eccentric personality, and bachelor lifestyle as a gay man in the first half of the 20th century.

HELPFUL HANDS

A biographical exploration of six of Weeks Hall's employees who worked to preserve the Shadows and complete Hall's vision for his gardens.

2024 PROGRAM PLANNING

Programming at the Shadows will feature a series of events centered on three themes throughout the year.

Louisiana Foodways

A Climate in Crisis

Louisiana Education

Memorial to the 1,146 people enslaved by the Weeks family featured in the exhibit: *A Picture, Unbroken* (2024)

8 individuals enslaved by William Weeks in West Feliciana Parish • America Kate • Bacco • Mary • Jacob • Ann Maria Curtis • Edmund • Mary Anne • William • **24 individuals enslaved by David Weeks in West Feliciana Parish** • Shadrick • Charles • Cezar • Hannah • Child of Hannah • Casey • Child of Casey • Child of Casey • Jack • John • Polly • Fanny • Vinney • Genny • Child of Genny • Child of Genny • Child of Genny • Esther • Victoria • Child of Victoria • Child of Victoria • Jacob • Hannah • James • **332 individuals enslaved William Frederick Weeks in St. Mary and West Feliciana Parishes** • Virgil • Ben • Maria • Big Nancy • Crealy • Child of Crealy • Child of Crealy • Alick • Ambrose • Catherine • Matte • Henry • Sam Boy • Caesar • Hector • Dick • Leah Savage • Hana • Mahalia • James • Bristo • Rachal • Southey • Jim • Harry • Ebben • Ehilm • Congo Cate • Milly • Orante • Cudge • Aimy • Ann Marie Curtis • Edward Wilson • Mary Ann • William • Wellington • Peter Congo • Casey • George Mulatto • Jenny • Amanda • George • Abraham • Lewis • Martin • Isaac • Nancy • Bridget • Suddy • Nelly • Martha • Rose • Sally • Moses • Abraham • Viney • Henry • Katy • Amalo • Hamilton • Lucy • Susan • Daniel • Sally Ward Levi • Rachel • Dennis • George • Somerset • Peggy • Minerva • Spencer • Minty • Eliza • Ian • Child of Peggy • Jake Highland • Nancy • Child of Nancy • Sissy • Phillis • Littleton • Mathilda • Anna • Edmund • Priscilla • Miah • Mary • David • Peggy • Esther • Aaron • Letty • Hannah • Mahala • Theorick • Maria • Charity • Leven • Judy • Carter • Rachel • Grace • Pamela • Leah • Israel • Shepherd • Rebecca • Stephen • Sarah • Sterling • Sam • Charlotte • Bob • Hannah • Old Stephen • Milly • Mathilda • Cintia • Violet • Milly • Stephen • Orange • Hetty • Jenny Bang • Henry • Alleck • Selina • John • Washington • William • Clara • Johnson • Child of Clara • John Little • Ephraim • Phibi • Sangry • Amy • Abraham • Little Seven • Sam Rock • Bristoe • Lotty • Sidney • Joshua • Fanny • Little Sam • George Martha • John Paine • Little Isaac • Betsy • Little Aimy • Dick Towles • Dick Crocker • Tamer • Lizy • Cyrus • David Blue • Sampson • Candis • Jim • John O'Conner • Harry • Hector • Elija • Dick Kelly • Frederick • Linzy • Sarah • Margaret • Alfred • Netty • Elsy • Arnold • Frank • Martha • Manuel • Sarah • Charlotte • Thereza • David • Isaac • Louisa • Caroline • Perry • Nathan • Little Issac • Riley • Granville • Ann • Child of Louisa • Patty • Amos • Philippe • Henry • Caleb • Susan • Dennis • Israel • Zederick • Spencer • Levi • Caleb • Henry • Arnold • Aaron • Bob • Daniel Blue • George Sally • Jake • Dave • Denard • Joshua • Virgil • Miah • Aimy • William • Nilly • Harry • Mihaly • Sissy • Zebedy • Tamen • Pamela • Hanna • Nimrod • Sarah • Margaret • Helen • Caroline • Jane • Rose • Nathan • Lidy • William • Vina • Caroline • John • Rilda • Alfred • Anna • Baker • Milly • Hetty • Martha • Betty • Sally • Amanda • Sylvia • Mary Ann • Sina • Prissy • Silly • Edward • Shanton • Tally • Kay • Preson • Brigit • Nancy • Isaac • Patsy • Louisa • Sophia • Mary • Phoebe • Willis • Elsy • Serena • Ketty • Katy • Charlotte • Henry • Isiah • Ritty • Henny • Jenny Bang • Welington • Maria • Peter • Ketty • Netty • Abram • Letty • Lotty • Elgy • Lotty • Peggy • Creasy • Mary • Leah • Angela • Peggy • Creasy • Mathilda • Peggy • Eliza • Minthy • Mathilda • Dianah • Rachel • Cinithia • Rebecca • Lucy • Celina • Ann • Jane • Peggy • Clara • Susane • Vera • Shedrick • Kerry • Child of Betsey • Sally • Child of Sally • Preston • Child of Ester • Marcellus • Maria • Isabel • Daniel • Milton • Charles • Sidney • Matilda • Grace • Pamela • Lucinda • Harry • John O'Connor • **76 individuals enslaved by Rachel O'Conner in West Feliciana Parish** • Harriet • Rose • Little Minter • Rixum • Little Harriet • Eben • Fanny • Ben • Luther • Arthur • Little Milly • Mush • Pleasant • Bob • Caroline • Rhonda • Milly • Eli • Frank • Sangy • Kitty • Little Ann • Dave • Big Ann • Katherine • Patience • John • Sampson • Bridget • Celeste • Little Patience • Celia • Susan • Maria • Silvia • Louise • Delphine • Nellie • Little Caroline • Nanny • Jenny • Little Bets • Lewis • Emily • Little Hettie • Leah • Winny • Ritta • Daniel • Julia • Henry • Little John • Epex • Biddy • Little Joe • Charity • Nancy • Margaret • Frances • Little Mary • Lizzie • Sarah • Ephraim • Little Arthur • Matilda • Eliza • Nanny • Jane • Alfred • Dinah • Lydia • Martha • Big Joe • Big Harry • Amos • Minta • **103 individuals enslaved by Francis Weeks Magill in St. Marin Parish** • Stephen • Caleb • Miola • Henry King • Katy • Sophy • Edmond • Charlote • Child of Charlote • Child of Charlote • Henry • Philiss • Martha • Nancy • Richard • Betsey • Maria • Isaac • Lina • Shadric • Kady • Lotty • Eliza • Little Lotty • Suzana • Eliza • Simmet • Granville • Lizzy • Dave • Biggorm • Catherine • George • Jordin • Hetty • Frank • Charles • Essex • Jack • Biddy • Henry • Abram • Old Jack • Esther • Preston • Catty • John • Hannah • Peter • Child of Catty • Linzy • Haly • West • Hector • Sandy • Child of Linzy • Harry • William • Nelly • Benville • Old Evans • William • Jacob • Dave • Bill White • Peter • Bob Handy • Jim Chesel • Jack Jones • Patrick • Armstead • Archer • Zinon • Bartlett • Issac • Andre • Little Evans • Jim Anderson • Wiley • Little Jim • Austin • Little Lise • Child of Little Lise • Sarah • Peg • Sarah • Emily • Patsey • Lucinda • Mary • Clementine • Lily • Charles • Margaret • Augustine • Melissa • Charlotte • Temp • Caroline • Misnah • Hortense • Rachel • Polly • **210 individuals enslaved by John Moore in St. Landry Parish** • Daddy Manuel • Mammy Phyllis • Jeff • Dick • Phyllis • Anderson • Hampton • Octavia • Hampton • Emily • Polly • Jeffery • Child of Octavia • Sam • Hester • Child of Octavia • Winny • Celeste • Child of Octavia • Cupid • Sam • Hannah • Mary • Tom • Washington • Celia • Emma • Eliza • Bill • Sinah • Pinta Ailsey • Maria • Patsy • Mary Jane • Sinah • Sarah • Fanny • James • Frances • James • Alice • Vina • Brown • John • Jack • Hannah • Betsey • Robert • Eliza • Letty • Cecile • Tilphagged • Polly • David • Milly • Sarah • Archy • Willoby • Mary Lemmon • Shem • Adam • Fad • Harry • Elizabeth • Dorsey • Dimas • Charlotte • Loudon • Dennis • Nelson • Pienot • John Jones • Ralph • Ursin • Captain • Harriet • Briscoe • William • James • Major • Henry • John • Solomon • Isaac • Cyprien • Tom • Harry Johnson • Maggy • Malinda • Salina • Serina • Joe • Ellen • Darb • Charles Skinner • Betsey • Manual • Doctor • Isaac • Big Ben • Abram • Daniel • Big Louisa • Pricilla • Patsy • Little Ben • Betsey • Delia • Frank • Julia • Molly • Amanda • Jim • Big Susan • Lotty • Arthur • Lewis • Martha • Biddy • Washington • Sylvia • Jinny • Clara • Ephraim • Kitt • John Baptist • Lizzie • Winny • Jane • Chance • Ned • Spencer • Cynthia • Little Susan • Harriett • Solomon • Betty • Tamar • George • Allan • Albert • Victoria • Rebecca • Rose • Julia Ann • Nancy • Bartlet • Judith • Frances • David • Mary • Lucy • Lidia • Alfred • Henry • Milton • Anthony • Sally • Georgiana • Stewart • Charolette • Wade • Jacob • Merrick • Nicholas • Jack • William Berry • Ann • Charity Christian • Louisa • Dennis • Eliza • Nelson • William • Lucy • Carter • Winny • Matilda • Harriett • Handy • Lucy Ann • Robin • Edmond • Green • George • Nancy • Morris • John • Letty • Dick • Dinah • Tony • Ned • Harmon Cooper • Ben Carter • John Phillips • Daniel • Judy • Ben • Harry Elzy • Peter • Sharper • Sey • Caroline • Mere Madelaine • Rose • Lea • Patrick • Dick Davenport

Individuals enslaved by members of the Weeks family whose names are not yet known:

127 individuals enslaved by John Moore in St. Mary Parish • **28** individuals enslaved by John Moore in St. Martin Parish • **96** individuals enslaved by Alfred Weeks in St. Mary Parish • **74** individuals enslaved by Charles Weeks in St. Mary Parish • **68** individuals enslaved by Harriet Weeks Meade in St. Mary Parish

Colorized image of Charity, enslaved by the Weeks family. *Shadows-on-the-Teche Archive*