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From: Green, Laura [mailto:lgreen@arts.sc.gov]
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To: Tori Beth Black
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Hello Tori Beth,

Thanks for reaching out to us about this year's appointment for the Jean Laney Harris Folk Heritage Award Selection Committee.

Attached is information about the legislation that created this award; this document contains details about the Selection Committee appointment process and composition.

The Selection Committee currently consists of Lieutenant Governor Bryant's last-year appointee, Dr. Brooke Bauer, as well as one ongoing representative of McKissick Museum at the University of South Carolina and myself, representing the SC Arts Commission:

Dr. Brooke Bauer
Assistant Professor, U. S. History & Native American Studies
University of South Carolina Lancaster
Lancaster

Saddler Taylor
Chief Curator of Folklife and Fieldwork
McKissick Museum, University of South Carolina
Columbia

Dr. Laura Marcus Green
Folklife & Traditional Arts Program Director
South Carolina Arts Commission
& McKissick Museum, University of South Carolina
Columbia

We have recommended the following individuals as appointees by Speaker of the House Jay Lucas:
Recommended Member of the African-American Community:

Ron Daise, Author, Performing Artist

Ron Daise is an author, performing artist, and educator. He is best known as "Mr. Ron" from *Gullah Island*, the Nick Jr. TV's award-winning children's program of the 1990s. Since 2004, he has served as Vice President for Creative Education at Brookgreen Gardens in Murrells Inlet, SC. He also is a past chairman of the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission. A graduate of Hampton University in Hampton, Virginia, Daise is a recipient of The Order of the Palmetto, 1996; the SC Jean Lacy Harris Folk Heritage Award, 1997; the 1997 and 1998 IMAGE Award nominations; the 1998 Daytime Emmy nomination; and the SC African American Heritage Commission's Lifetime Achievement. He and his wife Natalie reside in Georgetown, SC.

Recommended Citizen:

Betty McDaniel

Betty McDaniel is a lifelong educator with degrees from the University of North Carolina, Clemson, and the University of South Carolina. Her teaching career ran from 1974 to 2012, and for more than 35 years, McDaniel has pursued her passion for cultural heritage and traditional music in the Upstate. From 1979-2012, she organized annual heritage festivals at Holly Springs Elementary School to celebrate local culture in Pickens County. In 2008, she established the Young Appalachian Musicians (YAM) program. Geared toward elementary school students, the program involves weekly traditional music classes taught by experienced bluegrass and old-time musicians. McDaniel also led the formation of YAM's parent organization, the nonprofit Preserving Our Southern Appalachian Music (POSAM). Under her leadership, the YAM program has grown from 32 students at one school to over 300 students at 10 schools in Pickens County. McDaniel has expanded this work by organizing a week-long summer camp and a YAM alumni band, the Sweet Potato Pie Kids, who perform regularly throughout the region. She has been recognized for her tireless advocacy on behalf of bluegrass and traditional music through numerous awards and honors, including the Jean Laney Harris Folk Heritage Award.

We are awaiting Speaker Lucas' response about his appointments this year.

Please let me know if you should have any other questions about the Selection Committee. We very much appreciate Lt. Governor Bryant's participation in this process and look forward to hearing from him about this year's appointment.

All the best,

Laura

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