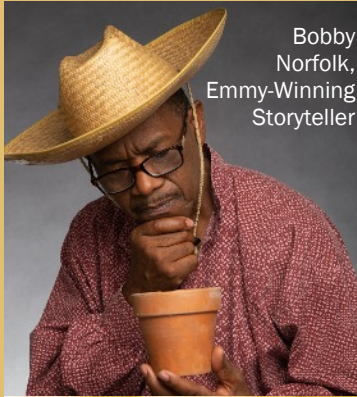


BOBBY NORFOLK PRESENTS

GEORGE WASHINGTON Carver

SCIENTIST, EDUCATOR & HUMANITARIAN



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“No individual has any right to come into this world and go out of it without leaving behind him distinct and legitimate reasons for having passed through it.”
- George Washington Carver



Carver & Franklin D. Roosevelt

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Born into slavery

in Diamond, Missouri, George Washington Carver (ca. 1864-1943) rose to national and international fame, meeting with Presidents and world leaders, and becoming the first African-American to be have a national monument dedicated to him.

An amazingly “Creative Chemist,” who devised hundreds of uses for peanuts, soybeans, and sweet potatoes, he spent much of his career educating farmers on the benefits of crop rotation and sustainable farming, helping to revitalize the American South’s post Civil War economy. Despite offers of employment, including those by Henry Ford and Thomas Edison, he chose to stay at Tuskegee Institute, continuing Booker T. Washington’s quest to help ex-slaves and their descendants build new lives. Among the first black men to be respected by white America, his shy but inspiring presence touched many lives.

Once popularly known as “The Peanut Man,” Dr. Carver’s name is still widely recognized. He has become a type of folk hero, one of our country’s most well known success stories!

In this living history presentation, Bobby brings to life some of the highlights of this humble man’s fascinating life, including his:

- Kidnapping as a baby by slave raiders
- Childhood discoveries of the wonders of nature
- Encounters with racism
- Lifelong pursuit of education
- Trials and triumphs at the Tuskegee Institute
- Creative agricultural discoveries
- Eventual climb to fame and glory

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