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# Back In The Day Reunion

## Welcome out for third annual celebration

The community is invited to join the third annual "Back In The Day Reunion," hosted by members of Vancouver's earliest African American families, on Saturday, Aug. 9 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Marshall Park, just east of downtown Vancouver.

These original settlers arrived here in the 1940s seeking wartime jobs and stayed to make their homes in Vancouver. Former schoolmates from these families organized the first reunion after a book of family memories was published in March 2012 by the Vancouver branch of the NAACP.

"We wanted to gather together the people we grew up with, people who were born and raised in Vancouver," said Kay Swar Grant, who co-founded the celebration with Juanita Young. Both have worked on the reunion planning committee all three years, along with coordinator Ralph Griffin.

"The pioneering achievements of this group are an important part of Vancouver's story that has been long overlooked," said Jane Elder Wulff, interviewer and author of "First Families of Vancouver's African American Community: From World War Two to the Twenty-First Century."

"There are many more family memories waiting to be told," Wulff said. "The First Families Project celebrates the full scope of the Vancouver story, and the Back In The Day Reunion is a great way to do that."

Basic cookout fare, water and some supplies will be provided at the park's main shelter. You are asked to bring your own favorite dishes and non-alcoholic beverages, utensils and chairs. The celebration will feature music and entertainment, door prizes and games, as well as socializing with old and new friends.

Sponsoring businesses and organizations include Umpqua Bank, Kenneth L. Smith Financial Services, Clark County YWCA, and Vancouver NAACP.

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from elders in the community, many would rather make a beat on the computer.

Nonetheless as globalization becomes an ever-present reality, the people of Africa remain vibrant and diverse he says. In a country like Nigeria where many ethnic groups exist, Riedlinger says it is "hard to tell where one community begins and where it ends."

One thing was clear, however, the people thrived on coming together and celebrating life. On the days when rituals were being performed, not only does he recall the energy being powerful, but in presence alone he was in fact participating too.

Quite vividly Riedlinger recalls one where a man was being 'initiated' into the spirit of a weather deity, something the Orisa take seriously and study deeply. As the man swayed side to side, entranced by the priest,

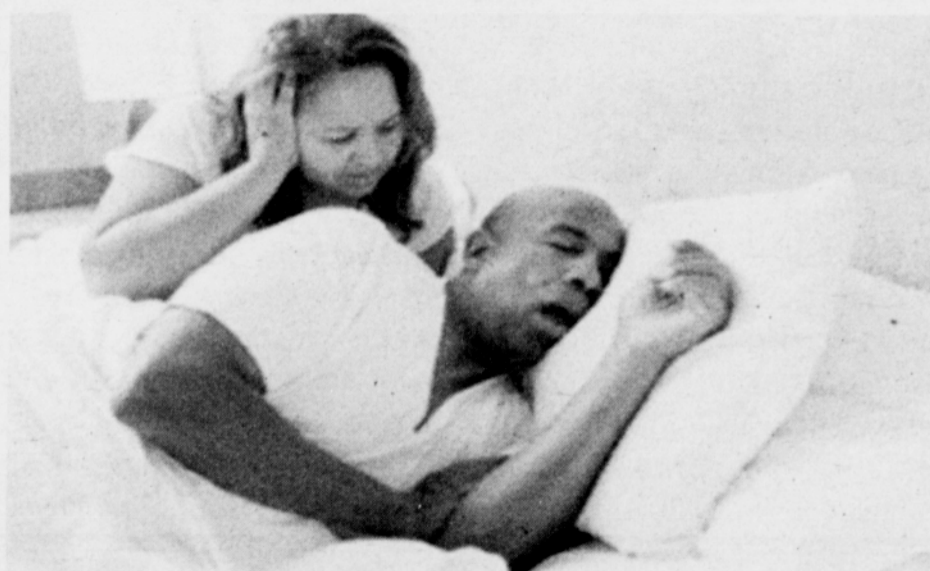
Riedlinger recalls feeling a single drop of rain drop on own face, and then seeing a drop hit the entranced man's face, a flash of lightning followed, and the man subsequently and abruptly broke his trance and started dancing belligerently in the way of his new spirit.

All in all, the art from the Nigerians he encountered was largely engrained into the culture in the way "a tailor sees himself as a tailor" he says, as opposed to a musician who sees himself as an artist.

As he explored life where he was, most of his photos were snapped as he was in the streets, capturing people in motion. In these images he categorizes the responses from people realizing they're being photographed to either defiant or stoic.

His favorite images are where the subjects are looking back at him. "It gives them more agency," he says. "[In that] I don't feel like I'm taking, because they're giving."

To support Riedlinger's campaign for Just Like That, visit [www.indiegogo.com/projects/just-like-that-photo-book](http://www.indiegogo.com/projects/just-like-that-photo-book).



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