



July 2, 2023

Reflections on resistance: July 2 & July 4

The Fourth of July is nigh. Soon, our nation will celebrate the historic passage of the Declaration of Independence, which announced in 1776 the separation of the 13 North American colonies from Great Britain. The signing of the Declaration itself was an act of resistance. The colonists' dared to take on the great British empire. Though unlikely, they won the Revolution.

But there's a lesser-known act of defiance that we should mark - one that still doesn't garner as much popularity as other revolts. July 2 marks the 201st anniversary of the hanging of Denmark Vesey, a free Black man who was executed in Charleston for attempting to start a slave rebellion. Vesey's attempt at liberating the enslaved came less than 50 years after America passed the Declaration of Independence. The hypocrisy of American democracy has always been a thorn in the flesh of Black and Brown people. Though the United States successfully gained independence in the late 18th Century, many of its own inhabitants remained enslaved. It begs the question today: Who has the right to resist? And which events of people resisting oppression get celebrated? Which ones get condemned?

As we applaud the defiance of the Americans who stood up to an oppressive Empire to establish a new nation, may we also applaud those in this nation who have been marginalized and still found the courage to resist.

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Meeting with Councilwoman Caroline Parker

What: Meeting with Councilwoman Parker to discuss Gadsden Creek

When: July 20 @ 10 a.m. Pre-meeting @ 9 a.m

Where: Zoom

RSVP: email Treva at treva@thedartcenter.org



Meeting with Mayoral Candidate William Cogswell

When: July 20 @ 11 a.m. Pre-meeting @ 9 a.m.

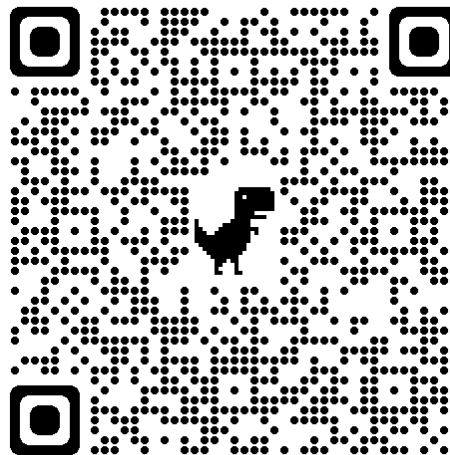
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