



The Lucy Craft Laney
MUSEUM OF BLACK HISTORY
 And Conference Center

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To: Whom It May Concern

From: The Lucy Craft Laney Museum of Black History

Date: November 7, 2024

RE: Craig Berube-Gray and the Frank Yerby Author's Bench

In 2024 the Lucy Craft Laney Museum of Black History and Conference Center received a Porter-Fleming grant to have an author's bench placed in the garden of the museum. The inspiration for the bench came from one that is already located on the Riverwalk in Augusta. We were so impressed by the uniqueness of the bench we wanted to have one commissioned that would have a singular focus on Augusta native and internationally-renowned author Frank Garvin Yerby.

We contacted artist Craig Berube-Gray to inform him that we were applying for the grant and what we were looking to do. Once we received the grant we began working with Craig to determine which ones of Yerby's writings would be included on the bench.

It was a pleasure working with Craig throughout the entire process. The quality of the bench is such that it withstood the winds and rain of Hurricane Helene. The aesthetics of the bench is such that it catches the attention of everyone that comes to the museum. It has become the centerpiece of our garden area.

Craig informed us that it would take a day to install and he stuck to his schedule. It is my hope that I have the opportunity to work with him again.

Sincerely,

Corey Rogers, Executive Director



The Mission of the Lucy Craft Laney Museum of Black History is to promote the legacy of Miss Lucy Craft Laney through art, history, and the presentation of her home.