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SML DEMOCRATS INTRODUCED TO RAISING THE SHADE PROJECT



Glenna Moore, MUA, Ancestry Research Chair of the U.S. Colored Troops (USCT), addresses the Smith Mountain Lake Democrats at a meeting on July 22, 2024. Ms. Moore, a Franklin County native, introduced the Democrats to "Raising the Shade: 1850-1910." Raising the Shade, along with the Franklin County NAACP, will bring to life stories from before, during and after the Civil War by engaging the community in conversation and activity from June 2024 to December 2025. The project will culminate in the placement of a monument honoring the 70 USCT from Franklin County who fought for the Union and for the freedom of all Black enslaved people. The work of Raising the Shade is partially funded by a grant from the Mellon Foundation's Monuments Across Appalachian Virginia Project. For more information, go to raisingtheshade.org.

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