

Tiny Tot Newsletter

Tiny Tots in Tiaras and Tuxedos



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Happy Juneteenth Freedom Month!

I'll admit I have mixed feelings about **Juneteenth**. While I appreciate a holiday honoring the freedom of enslaved people, it also reminds us that those in Galveston, TX waited 2½ years longer for theirs. It's a part of American history that shows freedom matters, no matter how long it takes.

In this issue:

- Speaking of history, I was honored to speak at my **Thompson Family Reunion**, held in Kansas City, MO, this month. The occasion was especially meaningful because my father, **Augustus Hill, Sr.**, founded the family gathering in 1979. Read more about this special event below.
- **Next stop?** Book reading at **MoCo Underground Writers' Showcase** 7:30 pm, June 18 at the Sandy Spring Museum. *See details below!*

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Latest News on *Tiny Tots in Tiaras and Tuxedos*

I've just returned from a wonderful long weekend in Kansas City, MO at our biannual **Thompson Family Reunion**. Having lost some relatives since our last gathering in Orlando 2 years ago, I'm reminded to cherish every day and that "tomorrow is not promised."

Looking back at last month, I can't believe how much fun I had sharing *Tiny Tots in Tiaras and Tuxedos* at the **Gaithersburg Book Festival** on May 16. Despite it being an 8-hour day, I was completely energized by everyone who stopped by to learn about my mother's story. Thanks to all who stopped by!

Moving forward, my next marketing focus is **bulk sales**. If you have contacts or suggestions at **colleges, libraries, or national organizations** that might want to add the book to their collections, please let me know. As **Kirkus Reviews** noted, it is "an accessible, valuable addition to the histories of Black businesswomen in America."

It's never too late to leave a review, share the book, or just say hi.

Thanks so much!

MoCo Underground Showcase Reading

Don't miss an entertaining evening of original stories, poetry, and essays this Thursday, June 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the **Sandy Spring Museum** in Maryland.

Join me and five fellow authors at the **MoCo Underground Showcase** as we share excerpts from our work and celebrate the power of the written word.

Bring a friend, and pick up a signed copy of ***Tiny Tots in Tiaras and Tuxedos***! *See you there!*

Sandy Spring Museum | Willow Grove Room, 17901 Bentley Rd, Sandy Spring, MD 20860



Thompson Family Reunion Gala

In the dedication of ***Tiny Tots in Tiaras and Tuxedos***, I describe how my father, **Augustus Hill, Sr.**'s love of family led him to organize the first **William A. Thompson Family Reunion** in St. Louis, MO, to reconnect relatives separated by the Great Migration.

Nearly five decades later, his legacy continues through biannual gatherings, this month under the theme, "Keeping the Legacy Alive and Enriched in 2026." As the guest speaker, I emphasized the importance of preserving our family history, documenting memories from our elders, and sharing our stories for future generations.

