

Azalea Terrace wins award

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The Housing Authority of the City of Winston-Salem (HAWS) is proud to announce that the Azalea Terrace independent living development for seniors has won a prestigious award.

Each year, the Community Affordable Housing Equity Corp. (CAHEC) selects one project it has funded as the "Outstanding Development of the Year." Standards for evaluation include the quality of the development and the ability of the developer to get the project built on time and within budget. CAHEC also considers design and location, giving the highest marks to developments that are attractive and located in unique settings and neighborhoods. While physical attributes of the property are important, supportive services for residents are considered crucial attributes for the award.

In announcing the award, CAHEC officials said that Azalea Terrace received the highest marks for every standard, describing the apartments as "a unique combination of spacious living and extraordinary amenities."

The 100-apartment community offers special features and services to help senior citizens continue to live independently, safely and in comfort.

The low-rise, three-story building has elevators, laundry and storage facilities on each floor, and common areas that provide space for socializing, entertaining and recreation. There is a comfortable lobby, a dining/activity room, a gazebo and a sunroom. A library, a craft center, a fitness center, and a technology learning center offer encouragement for lifelong learning.

A hair salon and a health clinic staffed by a full-time

nurse practitioner provide residents with important services on-site.

Security is augmented by a state-of-the-art closed circuit TV monitored entry system.

The one-bedroom apartments have private balconies or patios, fully equipped kitchens, cable wiring, carpet and tile.

A HAWS Hope VI senior service coordinator has launched many community activities, including daily luncheon bus trips, on-site health screenings, prescription evaluations and monthly community breakfasts.

Although the facility is new and very newly occupied, it has already received outstanding support from the Winston-Salem community. Winston-Salem State University is stocking and staffing the wellness center, and Forsyth Technical Community College supports the technology learning center.



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Azalea Terrace, a seniors facility, is the first completed HOPE VI project for HAWS.

The first and integral phase of a four-part HUD Hope VI revitalization project, Azalea

Terrace showcases the beginning of a partnership between Community Management

Corp., Eagan & Sons, the Housing Authority and the city of Winston-Salem.

Library to sponsor appraiser from PBS's 'Antiques Road Show'

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There may be hidden treasures in the closets and attic of your house worth a lot of money! The C.G. O'Kelly Friends of the Library will culminate their lecture series for the 2001-2002 academic year with Philip J. Merrill acclaimed in-house appraiser for PBS's "Antiques Road Show." Discovery Channel consultant, and author, on March 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in room 127 of C.G. O'Kelly Library, on the campus of Winston-Salem State University.

From 10 to 11 a.m. Merrill will lecture on the history and

importance of understanding African American memorabilia in the context of American culture. From 11:15 a.m. to 2 p.m. Merrill will be on hand to conduct free appraisals and answer questions on antiques and memorabilia collecting.

Merrill founded Nanny Jack & Co. to educate audiences about black history and culture through black memorabilia and material culture. The company is named after Merrill's great-grandmother, from whom he learned to value the artifacts that chronicle the struggles African Americans have faced throughout history.

Merrill has a B.A. degree

in sociology from Loyola College in Baltimore. His specialties include African-American historical research, oral history interviewing techniques, as well as collecting and interpreting artifacts.

Merrill coauthored the book "Baltimore," which documents the everyday life of the city's African-American citizens before and after desegregation. He has also written "The Art of Collecting Black Memorabilia," a guide to collecting African-American material culture.

The lecture and appraisal fair are free and open to the public.

Histories of black vets being sought

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The Veterans History Project is a project of the Library of Congress through its American Folklife Center to collect and preserve oral histories and documentary materials from veterans of World War I, World War II, and the Korean, Vietnam, and Persian Gulf wars. The project was created by Congress in legislation sponsored by Senators Max Cleland and Chuck Hagel, and Representatives Ron Kind, Amo Houghton, and Steny Hoyer. The legislation passed unanimously in both the House and the Senate. AARP is the founding private sector sponsor of the project.

To learn more about the project and to see a listing of more than 150 official partners and the members of the Five-Star Council, visit www.loc.gov/folklife/vets. Individuals, family members, veterans, civic groups and organizations are invited to interview African-American veterans by contacting the Veterans History Project, where staff will provide guidance to ensure that an audio or video interview be made and preserved at the Library of Congress as part of the permanent

record of the nation's history.

Noting that "the service and sacrifice of our war veterans is the bulwark of our freedoms," James H. Billington, librarian of Congress, said, "The record of their service must be preserved for future generations." The American

Folklife Center is asking that those who would like to participate call the toll-free message line (888-371-5848) to request a kit, leaving their names and mailing addresses, or contact the Veterans History Project by e-mail at vohp@loc.gov.



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