

THE TENNESSEAN Weekend

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Sculptor serves as timely topic for Black History Month

Cheekwood (1200 Forrest Park Drive) offers an ideal opportunity to observe Black History Month on Saturday at 2 p.m., when Tennessee State University professor Dr. Bobby Lovett leads a program about Nashville sculptor William Edmondson.

In addition to talking about his singular

body of work, Lovett will also discuss the artist's unique career arc.

A child of former slaves born in 1874, Edmondson encountered unexpected success late in life after his hand-carved stone sculptures began to receive acclaim in the art world — including a 1937 exhibit at the Museum of Modern Art.

What makes this program even more rewarding is that visitors can see Edmondson's work for themselves at Cheekwood's Museum of Art, where it is on view in a long-term installation.

Cost for the lecture is free, but visitors must pay a gate fee of \$10 for adults, \$8 for ages 65 and older and \$5 for ages 6-17, college students and active military.

Reservations are suggested by calling 353-9827 or by e-mailing hsteinwinder@cheekwood.org.

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Cheekwood visitors can find more about William Edmondson's limestone sculptures — among them *Bess and Joe*, above — at a lecture program this weekend.