

Sylvester “Syl” Woolford



Syl Woolford is a native Delawarean who currently resides in Newark, Delaware. He has two adult sons and two grandsons who live in Charlotte, NC. Mr. Woolford is a graduate of William Penn High School, Delaware State University where he received a BS Degree in Business Administration/Accounting, and Rutgers University where he received an MBA in Marketing.

In 2008, Mr. Woolford began researching his family history and expanded that research into a total revisiting of African-American history. He has been lecturing on African-American history since 2010.

Syl serves on several historical preservation boards, commissions, and committees, including:

- Delaware Heritage Commission - Commissioner
- Historical and Cultural Affairs – Collections Committee
- Delaware Preservation Fund
- Wilmington University - History Committee
- University of Delaware Library – DE Digital Newspaper Project
- Friends of the Delaware Public Archives – Past Member
- Delaware Chapter of the Afro-American Genealogical Society – Founding Member

Syl has received many awards and tributes for his work, including from:

- State of Delaware – House of Representatives, 2012 - Tribute: Black History Month Presenter
- Delaware State Education Association (DSEA) –2014 - Human and Civil Rights Award
- Howard High School Alumni Association – 2014 - P.A.Y. Tribute Award
- U.S. Airforce – 436th Air Lift Wing – Dover, Delaware - 2015 – Black History Month program.
- NAACP – Wilmington Chapter, 2016 - Historian Extraordinary
- NAACP – Newark Chapter, 2018 – Community Service
- The LINKS Inc. – Dover Chapter, 2018 – “Annual Chocolate Hour” Celebration

Syl currently lectures monthly for the New Castle County Library System, is a guest lecturer at the University of Delaware, and consults for the State of Delaware – Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs.