

PUBLIC WORKS

# African-American Heritage

Michelle Brown puts together a display of African-American heritage.



Story and photos by Brent Urban, Club Counselor

In honor of Black History Month/African American Heritage Month, Michelle Brown, Principal Clerk, Public Works/Sanitation, organized an African American Heritage exhibit for Public Works/Sanitation. More than 20 people within the Bureau of Sanitation contributed exhibits to display in the lobby at Media Center Drive. The exhibits ranged from a family tree, tracing all the way back to the early 1800s, to a social commentary of African-American contributions to popular music.

Next year, Michelle hopes to double the amount of participants and continue to donate the exhibits to local museums. The Club applauds the efforts of Michelle and those in her department who contributed to such an extraordinary exhibit. We look forward to attending the event again next year!



Diandra Ortiz, WESD, was able to answer the trivia question, "Name a Ray Charles song other than Georgia." She won a prize donated by the City Employees Club.



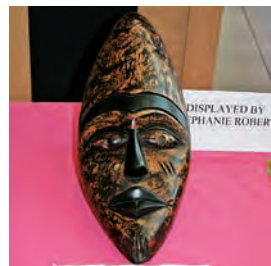
Myra Salazar, winner of the trivia question, "Where is the Los Angeles Central Library located?"



"The Higgins," by Theo Higgins, Club Member.



"Diana Ross," by Michelle Brown, Club Member.



"African Masks," by Stephanie Roberts.



"Dad's First Hair Cut," by Janet Wilson.



"The Tuskegee Singers," donated by Vancee Pleasants, great-grandfather of Michelle Brown.



Chari Curtis, Club Member, next to her exhibit, "Our Dear Barack Obama."



France Liu, winner of the trivia question, "In terms of numerical order, what number is president Barack Obama?"



Chari Curtis, Club Member, next to her exhibit, "Great African-American Contributions."



Michelle Brown, exhibit organizer, with the exhibit she helped to create.



Michelle Brown displaying cottonseed, part and parcel of the exhibit.



"Castles and Forts," by Stephanie Roberts.



"Jazz Greats," by Steven Boyd.

LAFD

Firefighter/Paramedic Glenn Allen

# A Hero Falls

Memorial service is held Feb. 24 for Glenn Allen.

Story and headshot courtesy LAFD; Photos by Michael Corral

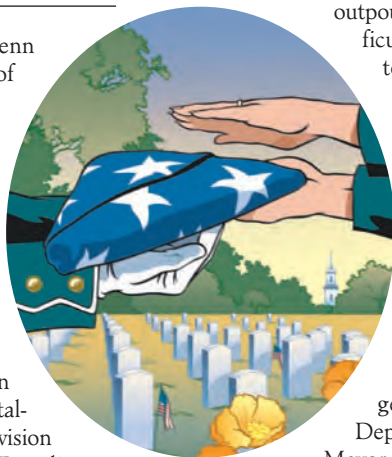
Firefighter/paramedic Glenn Allen, a 36-year veteran of the LAFD, died Feb. 18 from injuries suffered during a fire/rescue incident Feb. 16.

Memorial services were held for Firefighter Allen at his home Fire Station 97 on Feb. 24, and in downtown Los Angeles Feb. 25.

On Wednesday Feb. 16, ten fire companies, one heavy rescue, one USAR unit, seven rescue ambulances, seven battalion command teams, one division command team, three EMS Battalion Captains, and one arson unit responded to a reported structure fire in the Hollywood Hills.

While Firefighters were performing their sworn duties, a partial ceiling collapse occurred, causing injury to four Los Angeles Firefighters and two Los Angeles County Firefighters. One of the injured from the City, Glenn Allen, succumbed to his injuries Feb. 18.

As dictated by Fire Department policy, a formal and detailed investigation is under way to determine the exact nature of the cause of injuries sustained, as well as the precise cause and manner of the Firefighters death.



The Allen family and the Los Angeles Fire Department have received a tremendous outpouring of support during this difficult time. Your Firefighters wish to thank those who responded and express our deepest appreciation for all the kind words and gestures that have been provided.

Glenn L. Allen was a Firefighter/Paramedic for more than 36 years and last served at Fire Station 97. He is the 61st Los Angeles Firefighter to have died while directly involved in emergency operations during the Department's 125-year history. The Mayor of Los Angeles has ordered all City flags lowered to half-staff in Firefighter Allen's honor.

