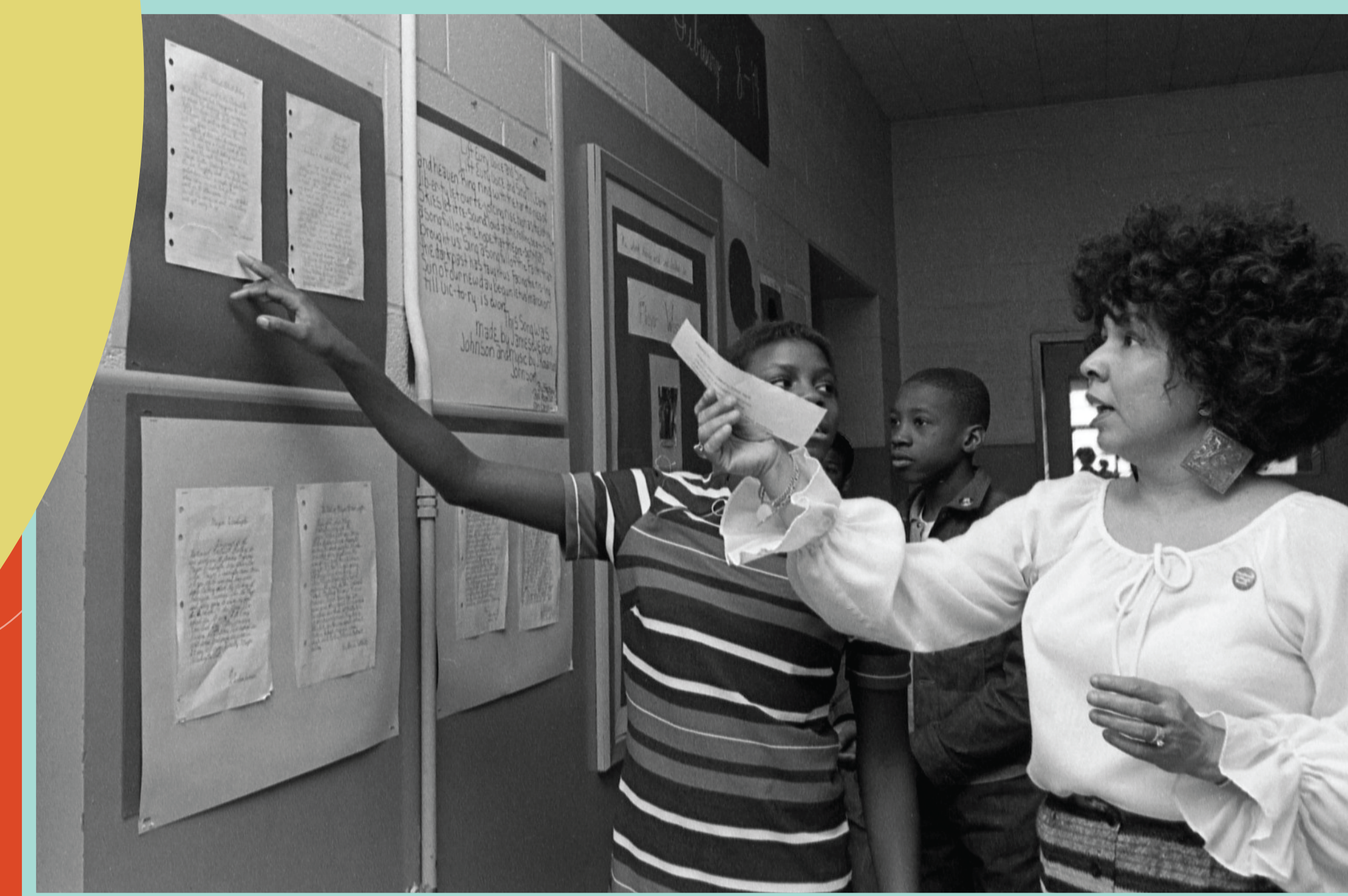




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Anacostia Community Museum

ABOUT THE ANACOSTIA COMMUNITY MUSEUM

Founded in 1967, the Anacostia Community Museum is a museum of, for, and by the people. It promotes the coming together of diverse people and perspectives to learn from, empower, and uplift one another to create a more tolerant, unified metropolitan community. Discover more at anacostia.si.edu.



Right:
In 2017, the museum celebrated its 50th anniversary with a community block party.
Anacostia Community Museum Archives, Smithsonian Institution

Left: Anacostia Community Museum historian Louise Daniel Hutchinson leads a class at an Anacostia elementary school in 1971.
Anacostia Community Museum Archives, Smithsonian Institution



A Museum Without Walls

For more than 50 years, the Anacostia Community Museum has reached beyond its walls to serve its community: *you*.

Inside the museum, you will find engaging exhibits and public programs created by and for members of the community.

Outside, you will find a living exhibit, created by Smithsonian Gardens, which connects the museum to the surrounding neighborhoods and environment.

Explore this outdoor exhibit to discover more about the people, places, and plants that make this area unique.

Left: Gardeners tend to their plants on the grounds of the Anacostia Community Museum.

Courtesy of Anacostia Community Museum, Smithsonian Institution

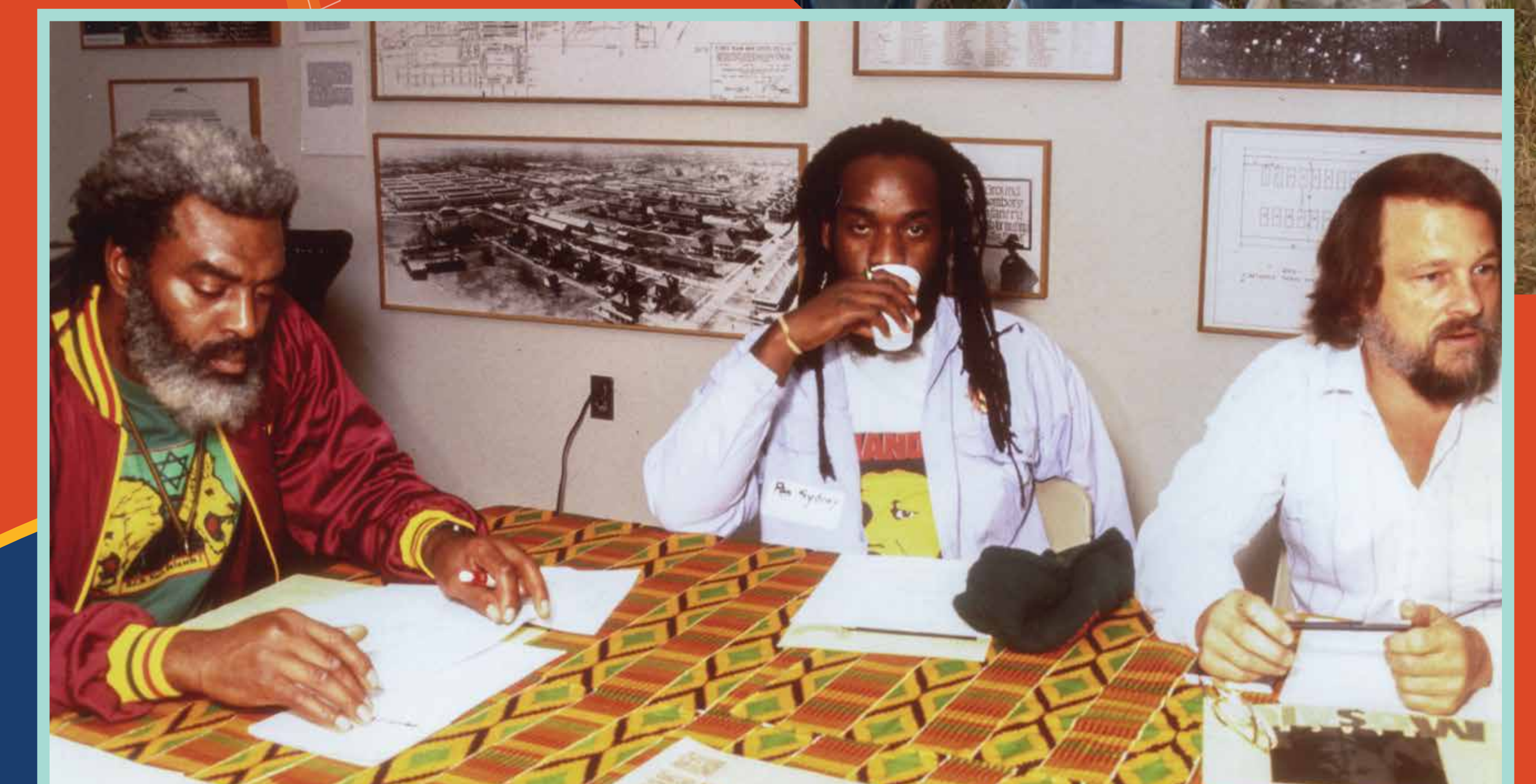


Smithsonian Gardens

ABOUT SMITHSONIAN GARDENS

As a vital and vibrant part of the Smithsonian experience, Smithsonian Gardens engages people with plants and gardens, informs on the roles both play in our cultural and natural worlds, and inspires appreciation and stewardship. Smithsonian Gardens is an American Alliance of Museums–accredited museum with a living collection of thousands of plants. Discover more at gardens.si.edu.

Right: Members of Washington, DC's Jamaican community meet with museum staff to develop the exhibition, *Black Mosaic: Community, Race, and Ethnicity among Black Immigrants in Washington, DC*, in 1994.
Anacostia Community Museum Archives, Smithsonian Institution



CONVENING CONVERSATIONS

The Anacostia Community Museum brings together diverse voices to celebrate our past and discuss important issues facing our community today. The museum seeks to answer critical questions, such as:

- *Where do we come from?*
- *Who are we as a people?*
- *What is our heritage?*
- *On whose shoulders do we stand?*
- *How can we enrich our community?*

Background illustration: The swamp white oak (*Quercus bicolor*) supports hundreds of native animal species, including more than 500 species of caterpillar.