Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Brenda Singletary

Singletary, Brenda, 1954-

Alternative Names: Brenda Singletary;

Life Dates: May 23, 1954-

Place of Birth: Detroit, Michigan, USA

Residence: Logan Ville, GA

Occupations: Mixed Media Artist

Biographical Note

Artist Brenda Singletary was born on May 23, 1954 in Detroit, Michigan. She received her B.A. degree in art education from Morris Brown College. Prior to becoming a fulltime visual artist, she worked several years in television broadcasting until 1985.

Singletary’s original pieces are done in oil, enamel, acrylic, gold leaf, and pastels; they range from figurative and abstract to floral and landscapes. Singletary’s experience in broadcasting, along with her
artistic dedication, created a unique artistic career that is centered on projects to help support community non-profits. She has raised funds for organizations such as The March of Dimes, 100 Black Women and 100 Black Men, United Negro College Fund, the Atlanta Day Shelter, the Senior Connection, and the National Black MBA Association.

Singletary served two years as a panel judge for the President’s Commission on White House Fellows. Her artwork is a part of the White House permanent art collection and hangs in the conference room of the White House Fellows Administration Office and the Georgia State Capital.

In 2001, Singletary was invited by the White House as the guest lecturer for a luncheon hosted by the President’s Commission on White House Fellows to speak on current events and express her views as an African American artist.

Collectors of Singletary’s work include Andrew Young, Hank Aaron, Terry McMillan, Thurbert Baker and Marion Wright Edelman. She has been presented with the American Express Cultural Arts Award, the Golden Sable Award from the United Negro College Fund, and the Daimler-Chrysler Motion through Expression Art Competition Award.

As an advocate of community arts, Singletary has worked with Atlanta-area high schools and facilitated seminars for students who wish to express themselves creatively.

Singletary lives in Stone Mountain, Georgia.

Singletary was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on January 16, 2007.

Related Entries
Hillger Elementary School [STUDENTOf] [from ? to ?]

Barbour Magnet Middle School [STUDENTOf] [from ? to ?]

Oakland University [STUDENTOf] [from ? to ?]

Morris Brown College [STUDENTOf] [from ? to ?]

Kettering High School [STUDENTOf] [from ? to ?]

WSB-TV Atlanta [EMPLOYEEOf] [from ? to ?]

11Alive Atlanta [EMPLOYEEOf] [from ? to ?]

Intern

WTVC Chattanooga [EMPLOYEEOf] [from ? to ?]

Community Affairs Director

WGCL Atlanta [EMPLOYEEOf] [from ? to ?]

Community Affairs/News Director

Independent Artist [EMPLOYEEOf] [from ? to ?]

White House Fellows [MEMBEROf] [from ? to ?]

Judging Committee

100 Black Women [MEMBEROf]
[from ? to ?]