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## Black History Month: Celebrating art that captures Roanoke's Black neighborhoods

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ROANOKE, Va. (WDBJ) - More than 200 drawings and stories are on display at the Taubman Museum of Art, celebrating the glories and challenges of the past by putting a spotlight on Roanoke's historically Black neighborhoods.

The “David Ramey: Gainsboro Road and Beyond” exhibition is a partnership between the Harrison Museum of African American Culture and the Taubman Museum of Art.

The showcase is a tribute to the late Ramey. He created hundreds of drawings capturing Roanoke's thriving Gainsboro neighborhood, Henry Street and Northeast in the 1940s through the 1960s.

Ramey's work was done throughout the 1980s and early 2000s to show his perspective on the life and businesses lost to urban renewal programs.

Harrison Museum of African American Culture Board President Charles Price and Taubman Museum of Art Deputy Chief Curator Karl Willers joined Here @ Home to explain how the conversation surrounding Roanoke's history can continue beyond Black History Month.

There is an event to celebrate Ramey's work happening Sunday, Feb. 18 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Taubman titled “Celebrating Roanoke's Black History: Highlighting Community Members from the works of David Ramey.” The conversation will feature Dr. Carla Jackson with the Roanoke Higher Education Center and highlight the work of Jordan Bell who is working to preserve Roanoke's Black history through the Gainsboro History Project.

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