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Hello friends,

Some of you may be aware of the **Americans Who Tell the Truth** exhibit that came to Asheville two years ago â€" a powerful collection of portraits by Robert Shetterly, **www.americanswhotellthetruth.org**. We are fortunate to have this exhibit in our midst once again at the YMI Cultural Center, **Sept 30 - Nov 19**. Brought to Asheville by Ellie Richard of **Education for Engaged Citizens**, the exhibit will include over 50 of Shetterly's images, each 30â€x36". From the past and present, these portraits are of Americans who model courageous and engaged citizenship, representing issues of civil & human rights, and economic & environmental justice. They are incredibly inspirational and serve to ignite our moral imaginations. Also on display will be images of local community activists, plus a truly amazing youth exhibit.

There are two opening events:

â€" **Friday, Sept 29, 5:30-7:00 PM** at AB Tech is a **conversation with Bree Newsome**. Bree is a NC resident and civil rights activist. She is best known for her act of civil disobedience in 2015, when she was arrested for removing the Confederate flag from the South Carolina state house grounds. This event is free to the public and there will be light refreshments. Located in Ferguson Hall at AB Tech. **Doors open at 5 PM**

â€" **Saturday, Sept 30, 4:30-6:30 PM** at the YMI Cultural Center is the **Opening Reception** for the exhibit. There will be a diverse offering of music and spoken word, as well as the unveiling of the new Shetterly portrait of Bree Newsome. Shetterly and Newsome will both be present at the opening. There will be appetizers sponsored by HomeGrown of Asheville. This is a ticketed event at $25/person. Purchase available at: awtt2017.eventbee.com or www.engaged-citizens.com or at the door. YMI, 39 S Market Street, downtown Asheville.

Attached is info for both events. Iâ€™ll be moderating the conversation with Bree on Friday evening and also involved with the Opening Reception. It has truly been an honor to be a part of this powerful project. I hope youâ€™ll consider coming to one or both events. Please spread the word â€" thank you!

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